



Walsall Council

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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FORWARD PLAN

The forward plan sets out decisions that are termed as “key decisions” at least 28 calendar days before they are due to be taken by the Executive (Cabinet). Also included on the plan are other decisions to be taken by the Cabinet (“non-key decisions”). Preparation of the forward plan helps the Council to programme its work. The purpose of the forward plan is to give plenty of notice and an opportunity for consultation on the issues to be discussed. The plan is updated each month with the period of the plan being rolled forward by one month and republished. Copies of the plan can be obtained from Democratic Services, Walsall MBC, Council House, Walsall, WS1 1TW helen.owen@walsall.gov.uk and can also be accessed from the Council’s website at www.walsall.gov.uk. The Cabinet is allowed to make urgent decisions which do not appear in the forward plan, however, a notice will be included on the agenda for the relevant Cabinet meeting which explains the reasons why.

Please note that the decision dates are indicative and are subject to change. Please contact the above addressee if you wish to check the date for a particular item.

Cabinet responsibilities are as follows

- Leader of the Council – Councillor Bird
- Deputy Leader, Regeneration – Councillor Andrew
- Deputy Leader, Resilient Communities – Councillor Perry
- Adult social care – Councillor Martin
- Children’s – Councillor Wilson
- Clean and green – Councillor Butler
- Education and skills – Councillor Towe
- Health and wellbeing – Councillor Craddock
- Personnel and business support – Councillor Chattha

The Cabinet agenda and reports are available for inspection by the public 7 days prior to the meeting of the Cabinet on the Council’s website. Background papers are listed on each report submitted to the Cabinet and members of the public are entitled to see these documents unless they are confidential. The report also contains the name and telephone number of a contact officer. These details can also be found in the forward plan.

Meetings of the Cabinet are open to the public. Occasionally there are items included on the agenda which are confidential and for those items the public will be asked to leave the meeting. The forward plan will show where this is intended and the reason why the reports are confidential. Enquiries regarding these reasons should be directed to Democratic Services (helen.owen@walsall.gov.uk).

“Key decisions” are those decisions which have a significant effect within the community or which involve considerable expenditure or savings. With regard to key decisions the Council’s Constitution states:

- (1) A key decision is:
 - (i) any decision in relation to an executive function which results in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant, having regard to the Council’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates or
 - (ii) any decision that is likely to have significant impact on two or more wards within the borough.
- (2) The threshold for “significant” expenditure/savings is £250,000.
- (3) A decision taker may only make a key decision in accordance with the requirements of the Executive Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

Dates of meetings

2020 28 October
9 December

2021 10 February
17 March
21 April

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DECEMBER 2020 TO MARCH 2021 (2.11.20)

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Reference No./ Date first entered in Plan	Decision to be considered (to provide adequate details for those both in and outside the Council)	Decision maker	Background papers (if any) and Contact Officer	Main consultees	Contact Member (All Members can be written to at Civic Centre, Walsall)	Date item to be considered
43/20 (7.9.20)	Corporate Financial Performance and Covid-19 update – To report the financial position and impact on Covid-19	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	9 December 2020
44/20 (7.9.20)	Draft Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21 – 2023/24 – To provide an updated outline budget plan and options for further consultation, and update on consultation to date	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Council tax payers, Business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations	Councillor Bird	9 December 2020
32/20 (3.8.20)	Treasury Management mid-year position statement: To note and forward to Council the mid-year position statement for treasury management activities 2020/21, including prudential and local indicators	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Richard Walley 07500 819796 richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	9 December 2020
36/20 (7.9.20)	Corporate Plan delivery Quarter 2: To report performance monitoring information relating to the priorities and outcomes included in the Corporate Plan	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Helen Dudson helen.dudson@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	9 December 2020
33/20 (7.9.20)	Black Country Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement: To enter into the Supplementary Deed of Variation to the BCJC Collaboration Agreement	Cabinet (Key decision)	Kelly Valente 07768 387580 kelly.valente@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	9 December 2020
52/20 (2.11.20)	IT goods and services: To award a 4 year contract to a single supplier for the supply of IT goods and services	Cabinet	Sharon Worrall 07944 530920	Internal	Councillor Bird	9 December 2020

		(Key decision)	sharon.worrall@walsall.gov.uk			
60/20 (2.11.20)	Walsall Council's Apprenticeship programme: To agree proposed approach to the programme from February 2021 to January 2024 and delegate authority to the Executive Director for the approval and signing of the subsequent framework agreement	Cabinet (Key decision)	Lisa Koc lisa.koc@walsall.gov.uk Helena Baxter helena.baxter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	9 December 2020
8/20 (3.2.20)	Black Country Transport Team Collaboration Agreement: To approve the agreement to facilitate the delivery of a strategic transportation function across the four Black Country local authorities	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Matt Crowton 01922 654358 matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Andrew	9 December 2020
27/19 (8.7.9)	A34 Walsall to Birmingham SPRINT (Bus Rapid Transit) scheme – Phase 1: To approve the sprint scheme	Cabinet (Key decision)	Matt Crowton 01922 654358 matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Andrew	9 December 2020
68/19 (2.12.19)	West Midlands Enhanced Partnership Scheme: To approve a plan to improve bus travel in the A34 Walsall to Birmingham corridor through delivery of a new SPRINT service.	Cabinet (Key decision)	Matt Crowton 01922 654358 matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Andrew	9 December 2020
43/18 (8.10.18)	Lighting Invest to Save: To consider proposals for a major investment in the highway lighting infrastructure by replacing all existing lighting with energy efficient LED lighting	Cabinet (Key decision)	Paul Leighton 07831 120871 paul.leighton@walsall.gov.uk	Public, Walsall Public Lighting Ltd., industry companies, internal	Councillor Andrew	9 December 2020
30/20 (3.8.20)	Bloxwich and Walsall Town Deal Acceleration Programmes: To update Cabinet on the successful application and approve the necessary delegation to finalise and submit the Town Deal Investment Plans to the government on or before the deadline of 29 January 2021	Cabinet (Key decision)	Mark Lavender 07951 620333 mark.lavender@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Andrew	9 December 2020

49/20 (5.10.20)	Council tax reduction or discount exemption penalties: To introduce financial penalties for failure/late notification of changes of circumstances that would affect a resident's entitlement	Cabinet (Non key)	Mark Fearn mark.fearn@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Andrew	9 December 2020
53/20 (2.11.20)	Additional Licensing Scheme for Houses in Multiple Occupation: To approve public consultation exercise in line with the prescribed process for additional licensing in Paddock, Palfrey, Pleck and St. Matthews Wards, including proposed licensing conditions and associated fee levels	Cabinet (Non key decision)	David Lockwood david.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk	Internal, Walsall Neighbourhood Police Unit, West Midlands Migration Compliance and Enforcement Team, West Midlands Fire Service	Councillor Andrew	9 December 2020
57/20 (2.11.20)	York's Bridge, Pelsall: To approve commencement of application to deregister parts of Pelsall North Common, offer of replacement land for the common land and approve recommendations at Planning Committee following the introduction of the road bridge	Cabinet (Key decision)	Kathryn Moreton kathryn.moreton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Andrew	9 December 2020
58/20 (2.11.20)	Citizens advice Walsall: To approve variation of grant agreement	Cabinet (Key decision)	Elise Hopkins elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk Michelle Dudson michelle.dudson@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Andrew/ Councillor Perry	9 December 2020
35/20 (7.9.20)	Preparing for Adulthood policy: To approve a new policy to deliver timely and robust plans for young people preparing for adulthood	Cabinet (Key decision)	Jeanette Knapper jeanette/knapper@walsall.gov.uk	Internal, SEND Improvement Board, Health operational partners and CCG	Councillor Martin	9 December 2020
54/20 (2.11.20)	Social Care Market uplifts: to approve the social care market uplifts and rates for 2021/22	Cabinet (Key decision)	Margaret Liburd 07557 608043 margaret.liburd@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Martin	9 December 2020

55/20 (2.11.20)	Adult Social Care providers during Covid-19: To approve an extension to flexible arrangements during Covid-19 pandemic	Cabinet (Key decision)	Tracy Simcox 07983611418 tracy.simcox@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Martin	9 December 2020
61/20 (2.11.20)	Walsall Allotments Boundary review: To consider providing capital funding to improve boundaries and consider the disposal of a derelict allotment garden Private session: Report contains commercially sensitive information	Cabinet (Key decision)	Jaki Brunton-Douglas 07768 290788 Jaki.brunton-douglas@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Butler	9 December 2020
48/20 (5.10.20)	Access and Inclusion: Response to report and recommendations of Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Sharon Kelly 01922 652895 sharon.kelly@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Towe	9 December 2020
50/20 (5.10.20)	Public Health contracts: To approve extension of existing public health core contracts and commence consultation to reconfigure lifestyle services	Cabinet (Key decision)	Stephen Gunther stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk Adrian Roche adrian.roche@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Craddock	9 December 2020
26/20 (3.8.20)	Information Governance Framework policy: To approve the framework policy which has been updated throughout the Covid-19 lockdown to include the changes required for mobile working alongside the Council's technology changes.	Cabinet (Key decision)	Paul Withers paul.withers@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Chattha	9 December 2020
56/20 (2.11.20)	Social Value Policy and Social Value Charter: To approve a revised policy and charter	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Sharon Wright sharon.wright@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Chattha	9 December 2020
59/20 (2.11.20)	Equalities: To provide an update on the Council's approach to Equalities and to strengthen certain initiatives and adopt the Walsall for All Pledge	Cabinet (Key decision)	Irena Hergottova irena.hergottova@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Chattha/ Councillor Perry	9 December 2020

62/20 (2.11.20)	Appointment of Major works technical advisor: To provide services such as architects, quantity surveyors, engineers, etc. for a period of 2 + 1 + 1 years for corporate landlord	Cabinet (Key decision)	Derwyn Owen 01922 650747 derwyn.owen@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Chattha	9 December 2020
45/20 (7.9.20)	Corporate Financial Performance and Covid-19 update – To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2020 and impact on Covid-19	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	10 February 2021
46/20 (7.9.20)	Corporate Budget Plan 2020/21 – 2023/24, and Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2021/2022: To approve the final budget and Council tax for approval by Council	Cabinet (Key decision)	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Council tax payers, Business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations	Councillor Bird	10 February 2021 25 February 2021
47/20 (7.9.20)	Corporate Plan delivery – Quarter 3 monitoring: To report performance monitoring information relating to the priorities and outcomes included in the Corporate Plan	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Helen Dudson helen.dudson@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	10 February 2021
3/20 (6.1.20)	Strategic development at Moxley Road, Darlaston Private session: Report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person	Cabinet (Key decision)	Joanne Nugent 01922 654752 joanne.nugent@walsall.gov.uk Joel Maybury 01922 654748	Internal	Councillor Andrew	10 February 2021
51/20 (5.10.20)	High Needs Funding Formula: To approve changes to the formula to be used for the allocation of High Needs Dedicated Schools Grant funding for the 2021/22 academic year	Cabinet (Key decision)	Andy Crabtree Mohammed Irfan 01922 652330	Schools Forum	Councillor Towe	10 February 2020