



# Walsall Council

## Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on: **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 6.00 p.m.**

Meeting at: Council Chamber, Walsall Council House.

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### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Chair:	Councillor A. Hicken
Vice Chair:	Councillor F. Mazhar
	Councillor H. Bashir
	Councillor G. Flint
	Councillor A. Hussain
	Councillor P. Kaur
	Councillor K. Murphy
	Councillor A. Nawaz
	Councillor A. Nazir
	Councillor L. Rattigan
	Councillor C. Statham

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER:** Councillor T. Wilson.

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## AGENDA

1.	<b>Apologies</b> To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Committee.	
2.	<b>Substitutions</b> To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Committee for the duration of the meeting.	
3.	<b>Declarations of interest and party whip</b> To receive declarations of interest or the party whip from Members in respect of items on the agenda.	
4.	<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)</b> To agree that the public be excluded from the private session during consideration of the agenda items indicated for the reasons shown on the agenda (if applicable).	
5.	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting that took place on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b><u>Scrutiny</u></b>		
6.	<b>CAMHS</b> To receive an overview of the service.	<u>Presentation</u>
7.	<b>Holiday Activities and food Programme (HAF)</b> To receive information on the impact of the HAF.	<u>Enclosed</u>
8.	<b>Areas of Focus</b> To review the Committees Work Programme and the Forward Plans for Walsall Council and the Black Country Executive Committee.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b><u>Overview</u></b>		
9.	<b>Date of next meeting</b> To note that the date of the next meeting will be 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2021.	

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Prescribed description</b>
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	<p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by a member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of a member.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Regulations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>
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#### **Part 1**

#### **Descriptions of exempt information: England**

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2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
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  - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
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  - (b) Its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the risk management authority);
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## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 at 6.00 p.m.**

### **Committee Members Present:**

Councillor A. Hicken (Chair)  
Councillor H. Bashir  
Councillor G. Flint  
Councillor A. Hussain  
Councillor P. Kaur  
Councillor K. Murphy  
Councillor A. Nawaz  
Councillor L. Rattigan  
Councillor C. Statham

### **Portfolio Holder**

Councillor T. Wilson

### **Officers**

Colleen Male Director - Children's Social Work  
Andrea Potts Director - Early Help and Partnerships  
Nikki Gough – Democratic Services Officer

*Note: This meeting was held in the Town Hall in accordance with s.102 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Council's Constitution. In order to comply with social distancing requirements as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders for Remote Meetings.*

1/21      **Apologies**

There were no apologies received for the duration of this meeting.

2/21      **Substitutions**

There were no substitutions for the duration of the meeting.

3/21      **Declarations of Interest and party whip**

There were no declarations of interest for the duration of the meeting

4/21      **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

5/21      **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were considered by the Committee.

**Resolved**

**The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record.**

6/21      **Areas of Focus 2021/22**

The Portfolio Holder addressed the meeting to welcome new committee members and emphasised the Authorities commitment to the children of Walsall.

The Director of Children's Social Work gave a presentation that provided an overview of the service and highlighted specific issues that the Committee may consider scrutinising.

A Member asked for further detail on the localities model, Officers informed the Committee that providing a consistent approach across all localities was a priority for the service. For a number of years, early help had been provided to families to try to prevent the need for statutory intervention. Within localities social work teams would work alongside early help colleagues, however the physical move of these teams had been delayed by the pandemic. The West locality team were in operation as a pilot and were developing local relationships. Locality meetings had taken place through the pandemic, with relationships being built with Partners in the area. The Director stated that the need at a locality basis was being examined to make the offer and resources specifically to each locality. A Member asked if buildings were ready for services to move

into, and the Director stated that the West Locality building was, however other buildings would be developed, based on lessons learnt from the pilot.

A member asked how many social workers were employed by the Council, Officers agreed to circulate this outside of the meeting. The number of Looked after Children in the borough was currently at 665, although this figure fluctuated. The Committee were advised that significant work had been done to reduce reliance on agency social workers and to strengthen the workforce. The average caseload in Walsall was '16' and this was one of the lowest in the West Midlands, which assisted with recruitment.

A Member asked if the Authority were prepared for an increase of families needing additional support. Officers confirmed that the Authority was prepared for increased demand, however to-date demand had been steady. Although there had been an increase in complexity, and a change in the areas of need, for example, young people experiencing mental health challenges had placed pressure on the system and health colleagues. The Portfolio Holder stated that the anticipated surge had not happened however the authorities were ready should it happen.

A discussion on the use of buildings ensued, and the method of allocating resources to each locality. It was suggested that the Committee may wish to receive performance information to allow members to understand the key measures for the service and how improvement was measured. This would assist Members to understand what a good service looked like.

In response to a question in relation to mental health of young people, a Member asked how children's services and CAMHS worked together. The Director stated that the services worked effectively together, met regularly and held discussions in relation to different groups of children. It was acknowledged that there was a waiting list for CAMHS and there was high demand. A Member asked if this could be added to the work programme of the Committee.

A Member asked for further information, at a future meeting, on the link between deprivation and the demand for social care and need for intervention. It was questioned what could be done to lower these statistics.

Officers were asked how refugee families would be supported, and if staff had been trained to assist them for their specific needs. Children's Services were working closely with Partners including the Refugee and Migrant Council (RMC). The Service was seeking to understand the needs of the families and the services needed. The RMC was proving support and help, and this was being complimented by subject matter experts. The Chair applauded the Cabinet for extending the number of refugee families that the Authority could support. The Portfolio Holder stated that this was a great partnership effort, although this issue was not directly in the remit of the committee, children's services would be utilised by families. A Member stressed that national government should provide funding to ensure that families could be supported to overcome the trauma that they have experienced.

The Democratic Services Officer highlighted the remit of the Committee and carry over items recommended from the previous municipal year. Members reviewed the information presented to them and agreed their areas of focus.

**Resolved:**

**That the following areas of focus for 2021/22 be agreed:**

- **Safeguarding young people with disabilities.**
- **Overview of CAMHS.**
- **Effectiveness of partnership working (strategic level).**
- **Impact of deprivation on demand for social care services.**
- **Transition into adult services.**
- **Holiday Activity Fund (Impact).**
- **Child Exploitation (Partnership).**
- **Youth Justice Peer review.**
- **Safeguarding Partnership Annual report.**
- **Finance and performance reporting.**

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**Forward Plans**

The forward plans were noted.

The date of the next meeting was 12<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm.

**Termination of Meeting**

The meeting terminated at 7.25pm.



# Supporting children and young people's mental health in Walsall

Sarah Hogan, Deputy Divisional Director Children, Young People and Families

Jackie Alexander, CAMHS Service Manager, Dudley and Walsall locality



# About our service

- Our child and adolescent (CAMHS) services work with children and young people who are experiencing moderate to severe difficulties with their mental health
- We have CAMHS services in each of the boroughs of the Black Country with our Walsall team based at Canalside, Bloxwich
- Our service consists of a range of professionals from community psychiatric nurses, family therapists, occupational therapists, psychiatrists, psychologists and psychotherapists
- We work closely with a range of agencies including social workers, schools and healthcare agencies



# Impact of the pandemic

- Pandemic has impacted on all our lives – including children and young people
- School provision has been affected
- Children have spent more time at home, in some cases in unstable environments
- Increase in referrals
- Increase in acuity of patients and an increase in children and young people requiring autism spectrum disorder assessments
- Changes to isolation and lockdown have affected the continuity and attendance of appointments

# Impact of the pandemic

- Some young people will have experienced loss for the first time – impacting on their wellbeing
- Increase in safeguarding concerns
- Increase in complexity of cases
- National and local increases in waiting times
- Have had to adapt how we deliver services – hybrid of face to face and virtual – dependent on need

However, it has presented us with an opportunity to transform how we support children, young people and families

mind over matter

next episode:  
Eating disorders, habits  
and behaviours during  
lockdown'

#mindovermatter

UKAS  
Quality Standard for Excellence  
ISO 9001:2015

**Children & Young People, Service Users & Staff**

**PERSON CENTRED**  
 If you could design a mental health service for children and young people what would it look and feel like?  
 Tailored to the young person  
 Safe to talk in a different way  
 People are involved from the START  
 Families & Carers having a say about SERVICES  
 Presentation - Don't wait for the crisis  
 Range of spaces are used to support people  
 All staff have enough and appropriate mental health training

**CO-PRODUCTION**  
 Safe to talk in a different way  
 People are involved from the START  
 Families & Carers having a say about SERVICES  
 Presentation - Don't wait for the crisis  
 Range of spaces are used to support people  
 All staff have enough and appropriate mental health training

**SAFE**  
 Safe to talk in a different way  
 People are involved from the START  
 Families & Carers having a say about SERVICES  
 Presentation - Don't wait for the crisis  
 Range of spaces are used to support people  
 All staff have enough and appropriate mental health training

**EMBODIED**  
 Safe to talk in a different way  
 People are involved from the START  
 Families & Carers having a say about SERVICES  
 Presentation - Don't wait for the crisis  
 Range of spaces are used to support people  
 All staff have enough and appropriate mental health training

**EARLY INTERVENTION**  
 Safe to talk in a different way  
 People are involved from the START  
 Families & Carers having a say about SERVICES  
 Presentation - Don't wait for the crisis  
 Range of spaces are used to support people  
 All staff have enough and appropriate mental health training

**QUIET PLACE**  
 Safe to talk in a different way  
 People are involved from the START  
 Families & Carers having a say about SERVICES  
 Presentation - Don't wait for the crisis  
 Range of spaces are used to support people  
 All staff have enough and appropriate mental health training

**NEW**  
 Safe to talk in a different way  
 People are involved from the START  
 Families & Carers having a say about SERVICES  
 Presentation - Don't wait for the crisis  
 Range of spaces are used to support people  
 All staff have enough and appropriate mental health training

**CAREERS**  
 Safe to talk in a different way  
 People are involved from the START  
 Families & Carers having a say about SERVICES  
 Presentation - Don't wait for the crisis  
 Range of spaces are used to support people  
 All staff have enough and appropriate mental health training

**Red Tape PROTECTS**  
 Not prohibited  
 Not making the person feel safe and secure

**What if you could change mental health services?**

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# CAMHS transformation – crisis support

Significant investment in crisis support. We have created a crisis service (iCAMHS) with the aim of keeping young people out of hospital and supported to manage crisis in the community.

The service runs 7 days a week, 8am – 8pm and service users can also access the 24/7 crisis helpline out of hours.

We have invested in our workforce to be able to support the service.

The service works across a range of agencies.



# CAMHS transformation – core service

- Service now works with young people up to the age of 18 years
- Blended approach to service delivery using a mixture of face to face and virtual support. This is discussed with the young person and families to ensure the best approach that works for them
- Closer working with school and educational settings





# CAMHS transformation – out of area placements

Part of the West Midlands Provider Collaborative.

Aim to:

- Reduce out of area placements
- Reduce unnecessary admissions
- Improve continuity of care
- Increase investment into community services

**Help us to create a vision for future CAMHS services that works for all young people**

Join the West Midlands CAMHS Provider Collaborative and contribute to making a change

Meet with the people that lead your services

**Help us understand what needs to change**  
What works well?  
Do you have any new ideas?

**Parent & Carer Engagement Event**  
28th September 2021  
6.30 - 8.30pm  
To join us, scan the QR code or follow this link:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/west-midlands-camhs-parent-care-engagement-event>  
tickets-166299304697

**Children & Young People Engagement Event**  
29th September 2021  
4.00 - 6.00pm  
To join us, scan the QR code or follow this link:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/west-midlands-camhs-children-young-people-engagement-event-tickets-166298321757>





# CAMHS transformation – other developments

- All age eating disorder provision will be developed in Walsall offering services for all with eating disorders.
- The service will interface with CAMHS services to offer provision out of hours when required.
- Other transformation includes the development of dedicated transition workers for patients requiring transition to adult mental health services and peer support workers to support during a more flexible transition.

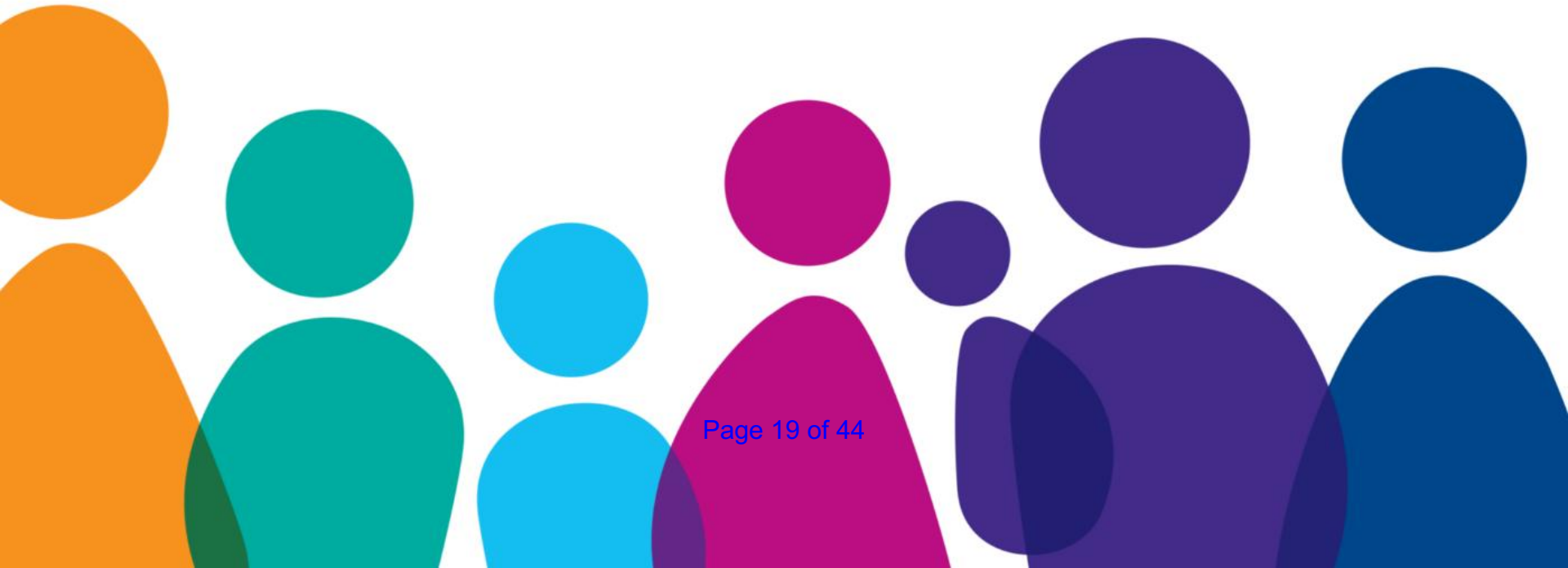


# Other developments

- Working with the voluntary sector to increase capacity
- Weekly monitoring of waiting list with wellbeing check in's
- Developing a merged single point of access and initial assessment team across the Black Country
- Extra capacity through reviewing job roles
- Developing online group work packages



# Thank You Any Questions?



## **Holiday Activities and food Programme**

**Ward(s)** All

**Portfolios:** Cllr Tim Wilson. Children's

### **Executive Summary:**

Walsall Council received investment of £1,799,290 from the Department for Education (DfE) to develop and co-ordinate the Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF). This programme is aiming to provide healthy food and enriching activities during key school holidays to children who receive benefits-related free school meals.

It offers valuable support to families on lower incomes, giving them the opportunity to access rewarding and active activities alongside healthy meals over the school holidays and enhances the holiday provision that has already taken place over the last years.

National research tells us that;

- School holidays can be pressure points for some families because of increased costs and reduced incomes.
- Some children are more likely to experience 'unhealthy holidays' in terms of nutrition and physical health and
- Some children from lower-income families are less likely to access fun activities

To date Walsall has delivered an activity programme over Easter and Summer and is in the progress of planning a further programme for Christmas holidays in 2021. The programme is aimed all children and young people ages 5 – 16 years who are entitled to free school meals in the local authority (DfE Requirement). In Walsall we have also included young carers and children on an Early Help or Social Care plan as eligible to the programme.

The HAF programme has provided us with a vital opportunity to respond to a range of issues including those relating to poverty, the education gap, exacerbated by the impact of the pandemic as well as the impact that social distancing has had on children's development, mental and emotional health and wellbeing. Strategically we have aligned the HAF programme to our Walsall Right for Children transformation programme and our corporate resilient communities work stream. This has enabled us to strengthen capacity and capability across the voluntary sector locally to better meet the needs of Walsall's diverse community more proactively, redirect demand appropriately and ensure community 'scaffolding' is available to sustain the change achieved for vulnerable families which is crucial to a successful transformation journey and improving outcomes for children and families.

By allowing children to build a relationship with local providers over the summer, we have ensured that many of the 3,000 children engaged with the programme have not only made a positive transition back into education in September but will also remain connected to local support, which will make a significant contribution to improving the lived experiences of children in Walsall.

**Reason for scrutiny:**

To provide committee members with an overview of the programme to date and the benefits achieved to date.

**Recommendations:**

For progress and achievements to be endorsed

For the direction of travel for Christmas HAF delivery to be supported

**Background papers:****Resource and legal considerations:**

The Local Authority is allocated £ 1,799,290 in grant funding from the Department of Education for the delivery of the HAF programme for 20/21. We are not sure whether there will be further funding beyond March 2021.

**Council Corporate Plan Priorities:**

The HAF is part of our 'Right for Children' Transformation and Resilient Communities Programme and contributes to a number of our Council Corporate Plan priorities:

1. People: throughout the programme we have and will continue to work with children, young people and their families to ensure they have increased independence, improved health and can positively contribute to their communities.
2. Internal Focus: The programme is focussed on a whole system approach with support from colleagues in Public Health, ICT and Economy and Environment.
3. Children: The primary objective of the programme is to ensure that children attending the programme
  - Eat more healthily
  - Be more active
  - Take part in engaging and enriching activities
  - Be safe and not isolated
  - Have greater knowledge of health and nutrition
  - Be more engaged with school and other services
  - Have greater knowledge and awareness of holiday club provision
4. Communities: This programme has enabled us to strengthen capacity and capability across the voluntary/community sector locally to better meet the needs of Walsall's diverse community proactively, redirect demand appropriately and ensure community 'scaffolding' is available to sustain the change achieved for vulnerable families which is crucial to a successful transformation journey.

**Citizen impact:**

**HAF programme evaluation** showed a satisfaction rate of:

- Out of the 1006 children who completed the programme evaluation, 99% said they liked the activities they took part in
- Out of the 102 parents who completed the programme evaluations, 78% said the programme had been a big help, with a further 18% saying it helped a bit.

More detail about the benefits of the programme for children and their families are covered in the main body of this report.

**Environmental impact:**

Not applicable for this report

**Performance management:**

A HAF multi-agency steering group was established in January 2021 comprising Children Services (Early Help, Social Care, Access and Inclusion), Voluntary Sector, WHG, One Walsall, Money Home Job, Black Country Active, Police, Leisure Services, Public Health, Resilient Communities and Economy and Environment.

The role and responsibility of the steering group is to oversee the effective implementation of the programme, find solutions for any issues or barriers, identify and mitigate against any risks, identify resources & links, add value to the programme, monitor and report on impact. The steering group meets monthly.

The impact of the HAF programme has been reported through to Children's Service Leadership Group, Walsall Together and the Early Help Steering group to ensure that the learning influences future services, service delivery, partnership dynamics and sustainability of key impactful components of the programme beyond the DfE funding period.

**Reducing inequalities:**

Every individual, family and community has been affected by the pandemic. In Walsall we have been working across our strategic partnerships to understand the disproportionate impact Covid-19 has had on particular groups of children and families in order to inform how we can best target resources as part of our broader reset agenda.


The HAF programme has provided us with a vital opportunity to respond to a range of issues including those relating to poverty, the education gap, exacerbated by the impact of the pandemic as well as the impact that social distancing has had on children's development and their mental and emotional health and wellbeing.

**Consultation:**

In the development of the HAF programme there has been consultation with children, young people and their families and partners.

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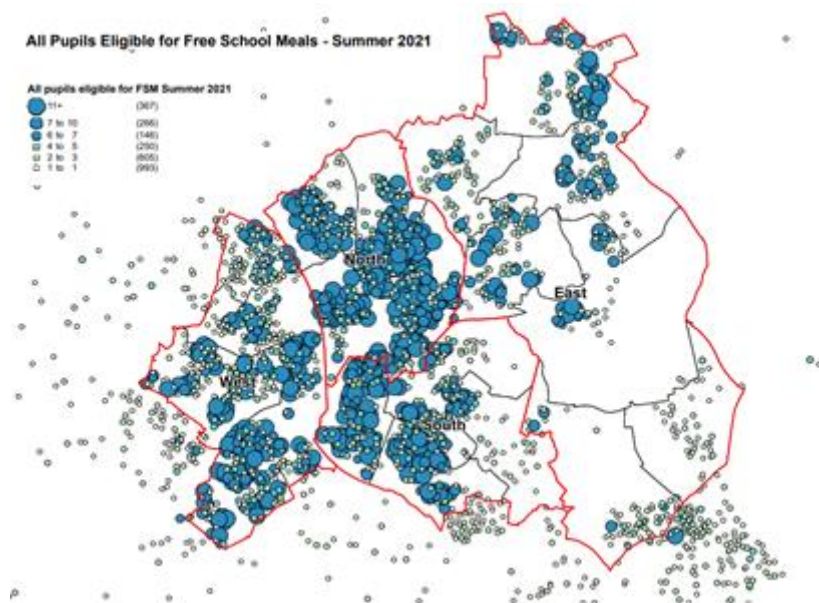
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# Report

## 1. What do we know about Walsall children and Free School meals

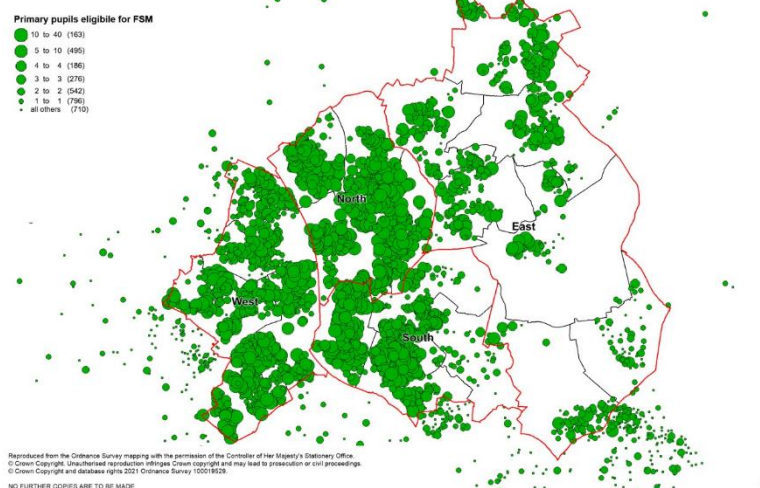
In Walsall we have 14,197 children who are on roll in Walsall schools, whose parents claim free school meals. Of these 13,592 live in Walsall.

We have undertaken a mapping exercise to understand where children entitled to FSM live to ensure we have sufficient provision based on need.



## Primary aged Children signed up for FSM on roll in a Walsall School

Pupils Eligible for Free School Meals - School Census Autumn 2020

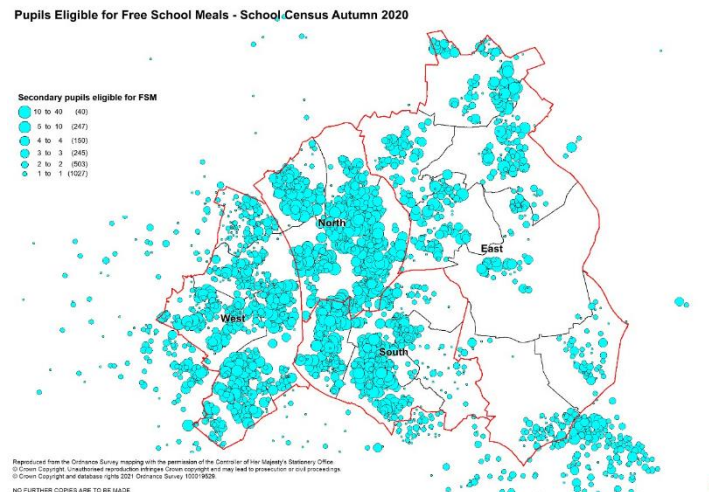


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## Secondary aged Children signed up for FSM on roll in a Walsall School



## 2. COLLABORATION DRIVING FORWARD EFFECTIVE AND TIMELY DELIVERY OF THE PROGRAMME

### 2.1 Our HAF partnership steering group

The HAF programme has provided us with a vital opportunity to respond to a range of issues including those relating to poverty, the education gap, exacerbated by the impact of the pandemic as well as the impact that social distancing has had on children's development and their mental and emotional health and wellbeing.

Strategically we have aligned the HAF programme to our Walsall Right for Children transformation programme and our corporate resilient communities work stream. This has enabled us to strengthen capacity and capability across the voluntary sector locally to better meet the needs of Walsall's diverse community proactively, redirect demand appropriately and ensure community 'scaffolding' is available to sustain the change achieved for vulnerable families which is crucial to a successful transformation journey.. This mature partnership provided the right foundations to develop the HAF steering group from.

The steering group, established in January 2021 comprised Children Services (Early Help, Social Care, Access and Inclusion), Voluntary Sector, WHG, One Walsall, Money Home Job, Black Country Active, Police, Leisure Services, Public Health, Resilient Communities and Economy and Environment,

The role and responsibility of the steering group is to oversee the effective implementation of the programme, find solutions for any issues or barriers, identify and mitigate against any risks, identify resources & links, add value to the programme, monitor and report on impact. The steering group meets monthly.

The impact of the HAF programme has been reported through to the Children's Service Leadership Group, Walsall Together and the Early Help Steering group to ensure that the learning influences future services, service delivery, partnership dynamics and sustainability of key impactful components of the programme beyond the DfE funding period.

### 2.2 Our HAF project team

A HAF project team with responsibility for taking forward the operational actions as part of the delivery plan was established. This project team is made up of 'in kind' resources from across the partnership as well as a dedicated project coordinator and two apprentices funded through the DfE grant.

The project team has met weekly to ensure the implementation plan was kept on track.



## 2.3 Effective communication

We worked with the corporate communication and ICT team to create a central HAF website to provide access to information for everyone - providers, professionals and children, young people and families.

We also facilitated a number of workshops and briefings about the programme to a range of key stakeholders including head teachers, social workers and early help professionals, elected members and providers to keep them up to date with the programme, communication with children and parents. We published the Frequently Asked Questions and answers from these onto our website

We organised regular 'check ins' with all of the delivery partners to ensure preparations were going as planned, identify any issues that needed support and to update on the take up and booking part of the programme. In the evaluation of the programme, all providers valued this ongoing dialogue and reported this made them feel part of a wider HAF delivery team.

"I have very much enjoyed being involved. The entire HAF team have been very friendly and easy to deal with. Also, incredibly organised and supportive to the providers."

"Walsall Council HAF team have been a pleasure and refreshing to work with. We would love to help you develop this scheme into a national flagship programme."

Because of the pandemic and the pressure on schools new arrangements as part of all children returning to school, we decided to communicate directly with eligible children as much as possible, while keeping schools informed so they could support the update.

All children eligible for the programme received a postcard in the post with information about the programme and how they could register, using their unique reference number. This provided us with the ability to track children's uptake and engagement.

We also created a central portal for schools to enable them to support children registration on the programme and see who in their school had taken up the offer.

## 3. Our Summer Programme Delivery

We are proud to have increased our delivery partners from 27 in Easter to 47 in the Summer to develop an exciting, engaging and enriching programme of activities to meet a range of children and young people needs during summer. Young people were able to access a range of activities from 52 sites across Walsall

Map of provision in Walsall over the summer;



Our delivery of HAF shifted from a focus on virtual activities, due to COVID restrictions in place during Easter 2021, to a face to face provision over the Summer 2021. The HAF programme provided children with a wide range of opportunities within **3 miles of where they lived** and activities which were **inclusive and non-stigmatising**.

Children and young people were able to access:

- **A choice of 140 different holiday face-to-face provision** providing a range of activities throughout the day for children to engage with, mainly targeted at primary school children (aged 5 to 11) for at least four hours, four days per week per child, for four weeks in the summer.
- **36 different courses** to provide children with **specific skills** including, dance, music, swimming, sports coaching, youth work training, fishing, mentoring
- **117 different pick and mix offer** targeted at young people aged 13 + providing a daily offer of activities they could engage with
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The provision was targeted at communities with high need and provided by local providers to ensure we develop relationships and opportunities that sustain beyond the holiday period.

By allowing children to build a relationship with local providers over the summer we are confident that many of the 3,000 children engaged with the programme will not only make a positive transition back into education in September but will also remain connected to local support, which will make a significant contribution to improving the lived experiences of children in Walsall. We are currently tracking children attendance to be able to evidence this.

#### **4. MAKING EVERY CONTACT COUNT APPROACH**

The DfE guidelines set out that organisations delivering HAF must be able to provide information, signposting or referrals to other services and support that would benefit the children who attend their provision and their families.

This provided a key opportunity to develop our locality offer and to build capacity across our delivery partners to meet preventative and early help demand from children and young people across each locality without the need for statutory Children's Services involvement:

We built in signposting opportunities through:

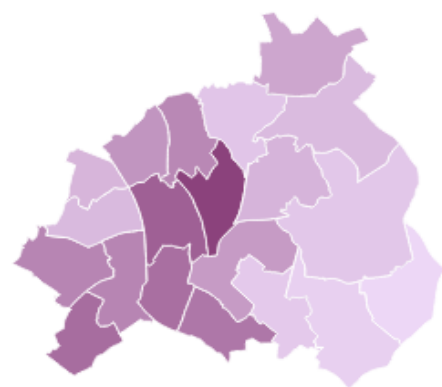
1. Registration process – all parent carers were asked if they would like to receive information about free services which may help them including parenting courses, finance information, nutrition information. 795 families indicated that they wanted to receive more information and as a result they will all receive an email with information on
  - Early Help Parenting information - free range of online parenting courses targeted at different stages of your child's age. Courses can be completed in your own time.
  - Free Family Learning - Walsall College -
  - Citizens Advice
  - Healthy Start
  - Kooth
  - Walsall School nurses provide support and advice on a range of health issues, They work with children and young people in full time school up to the age of 19 years old
  - COVID-19 - supporting children and families
  - Walsall Families Information Service (FIS)
2. Information linked to the HAF booking website
3. We have also delivered a signposting training session to all providers. This included:
  - Intro to Right Help Right Time
  - Intro to Early Help locality and partnership managers
  - Intro to neglect
  - Overview of helpful resources to promote with families
4. School Nurses and Street Teams visited sites across the HAF programme to provide drop in services for families.

## 5. Uptake

We increased the uptake from 1866 (13.5% of FSM) children during Easter to 2995 in Summer (21% of FSM). 77% of these were primary school aged children and 23% secondary school aged children. 16% were children with Special Educational need or Disability (SEND).

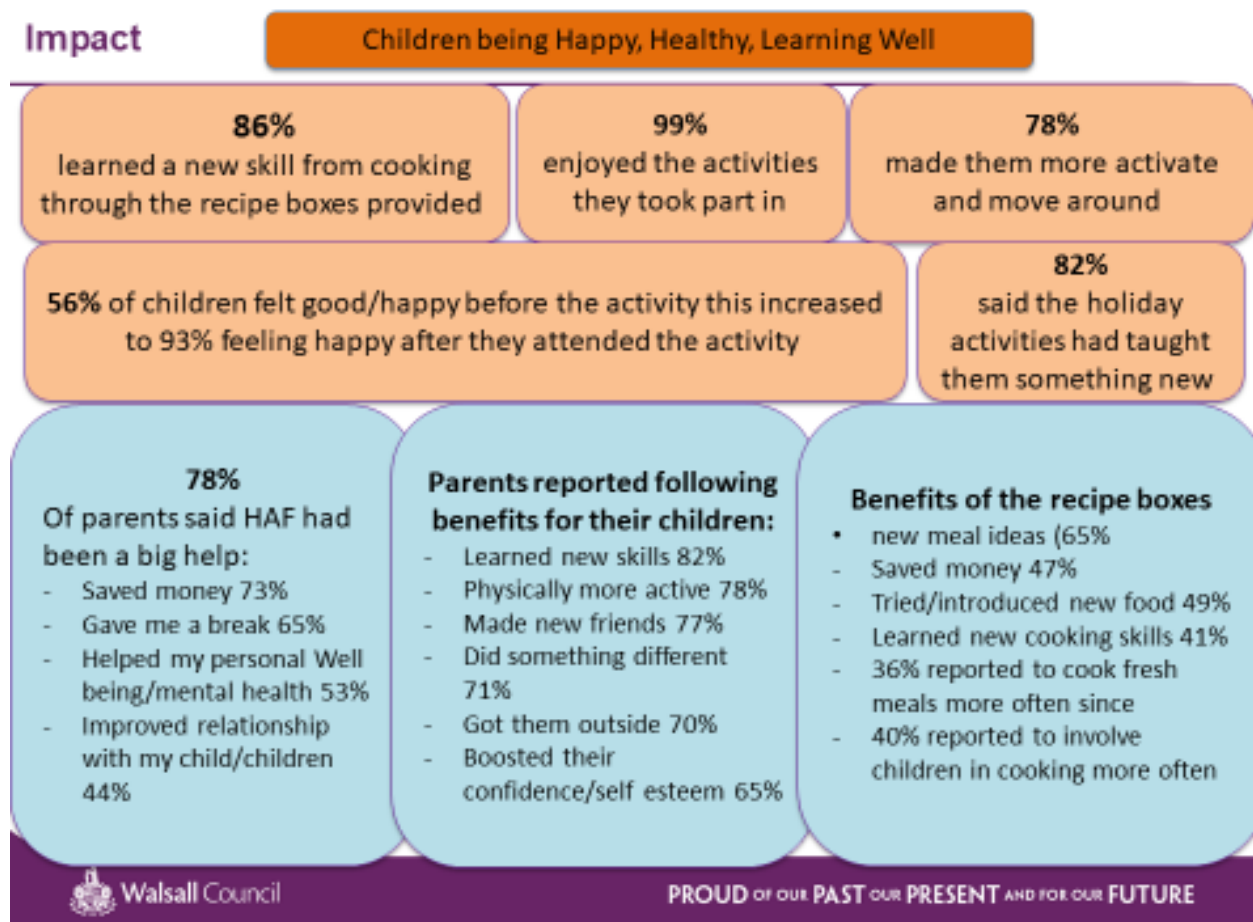
<u>Ward</u>	<u>Eligible</u>	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Percentage Registered by Eligibility</u>
Paddock	255	69	27.06%
Palfrey	1102	189	17.15%
Pleck	1174	220	18.74%
St. Matthews	700	151	21.57%
Aldridge Central and South	270	53	19.63%
Aldridge North and Walsall Wood	397	80	20.15%
Brownhills	615	100	16.26%
Pelsall	292	66	22.60%
Pheasey Park Farm	178	46	25.84%
Rushall-Shelfield	471	87	18.47%
Streetly	106	25	23.58%
Birchills Leamore	1330	228	17.14%
Blakenall	1662	334	20.10%
Bloxwich East	924	151	16.34%
Bloxwich West	790	152	19.24%
Bentley and Darlaston North	955	176	18.43%
Darlaston South	1210	221	18.26%
Short Heath	406	73	17.98%
Willenhall North	447	81	18.12%
Willenhall South	953	185	19.41%

Registration by Locality/Ward



## 6. Impact

We received 1010 completed evaluations from children and young people who attended holiday clubs, pick n mix sessions, activity packs, virtual sessions, courses. 102 parents completed the post evaluation programme. We are also tracking childrens attendance and will be able to report on this at the end of December 2021, the end of the first term following engagement of the programme.



## 7. Lessons learned and planning for Christmas:

### Success of summer delivery:

- We will continue the collaborative approach between a wide range of partners to ensure we bring variety to the programme, are able to build sustainable local relationships for children and families and develop capacity for further preventative locality work.
- The range of activities over summer delivery for children and young people.
- Relationship of children and young people within the community
- Central website which includes a central registration and booking system and gives providers direct access so they can manage their own bookings.
- Additional expert support to providers through pulling on our short break buddying pool so they can deliver more inclusively to children and young people with complex special educational needs and medical needs.
- Complimentary healthy recipe boxes and the activity packs into the provision to encourage family time and healthy eating beyond the activity programme.

### New developments we want to implement in summer

- Christmas we would want to build on to the programme and include more holiday clubs, family activities, courses, virtual sessions and activity packs
- We will seek to recruit more volunteers from within the community to help us with uptake and engagement of children
- To improve Special Education needs and Disability (SEND) provision, we will work with our local groups and parents / carers and children to develop a larger offer for children and young people with SEND.

We are keen to provide an offer, which is inclusive of children with special educational needs, and extra funding continues to be available to support providers to build an inclusive offer.

- We will be very clear in the booklet and when families book, to show them which is SEND specific / inclusive or neither.
- In addition to building inclusivity, we are also keen to build our specialist offer for children with more complex learning needs or disabilities to enable us to meet all children's needs
- We are also developing the registration form when a parents 'click yes' to additional needs where we will ask more in-depth questions
- We are consulting with families and collaborating with parents to do produce the offer – we started to meet in September to develop this offer

We are working in a collaborative approach with parents to develop our inclusive programme

We consulted to date with 80+ parents who have children with SEND and this is what they told us so far that they would like to see following support in place to meet the needs of their children:

Smaller group

Same buddy as we have for school

Online sessions

Music volume

Sensory toy availability

Activities adapted

Trips outside mostly.

SEN provision kids playgroup or 1:1 worker allocation

Close to home

Wheelchair availability

Family activities

The type of activities they would like to see are:



Christmas HAF provision on following dates: **Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd December and 29th, 30th and 31st December 2021**

We would like to provide a wide range of opportunities for children and young people to engage in a Christmas offer that is within walking distance of where they live, and is a combination of:

**Week 1 Monday 20 December to Thursday 23 December 2021**

- A traditional holiday face-to-face provision (a holiday club) providing a range of activities throughout the day for children to engage with – mainly targeted at primary school children (aged 5 to 11) for at least four hours for four days a week per child with a healthy meal. We are also asking if you are delivering cooking activity to budget in your application for children to also take home ingredients or a activity pack
- Virtual sessions and activity packs aimed at children who find face to face provision difficult to access
- A pick and mix offer targeted at young people aged 13 + to provide them with a choice of activities they can engage with opportunities to provide children with specific skills. These could be courses in, for example, dance, music, swimming, sports coaching, youth work training, fishing, mentoring
- Complimentary healthy recipe boxes will be delivered to children and young people's homes for Christmas delivery

**Week 2 - Wednesday 29 December - Friday 31 December**

- Pick and Mix Family Activities / sessions

## Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22

<b>Committee date</b>	<b>2nd Sept</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>31st January</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Report Deadline</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Safeguarding young people with disabilities						
Family Safeguarding						
CAMHS						
Effectiveness of partnership working (strategic level)						
Understanding the impact of deprivation						
Children's services Performance						
Transition into adult services						
Holiday Activity Fund – impact						
Child Exploitation						
Youth Justice peer review						
Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report						
Finance			Q2 Finance report			



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Date first entered into the plan	Project Name	Key Decision to be considered (to provide adequate details for those both in and outside of the Council)	Background papers (if any) and Contact Officer	Main consultees	Date Item to be considered
05/07/2021	Local Growth Fund – Growth Deal Programme  Approval of the 2020/21 Programme Spend	Approval of the year end position of the Growth Deal Projects, reflecting all changes to the Programme (Funding and Outputs) throughout the year and, to maximise the 2020/21 Growth Deal allocation expenditure, requests approval for various changes detailed in Attachment 1 of the report.	Papers TBC – Simon Neilson <a href="mailto:Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Walsall Council	03/11/2021
05/07/2021	Ruskin Mill Land Trust - Glasshouse Development Phase 3	Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Ruskin Mill Land Trust, to complete the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Ruskin Mill Land Trust - Glasshouse Development Phase 3 project to conclude the delivery of the project outputs.  Note that change request relates to the reduction in the Learner Assist output target.			
05/07/2021	Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre	Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Incomm, to complete the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded			



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05/07/2021	Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – Test Track 1 Project	<p>elements of the Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.</p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – Test Track 1 project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.</p>			
06/09/2021	Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills	<p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with the University of Wolverhampton, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills (ECMS) project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p>			

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		Note that change request relates to a change in match funding and milestones.			
06/09/2021	Growing Places Fund (GPF)				
	Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – Test Track 1 Project	Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – Test Track 1 Project from the Growing Places Fund (previously used for LGF over programming) to support the delivery into 2021/22 financial year.	Papers TBC – Helen Martin <a href="mailto:Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk">Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</a>	Dudley Council	03/11/2021
06/09/2021	Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – National Innovation Centre	Note that change request relates to a change in programme funding streams.  Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – National Innovation Centre project from the Growing Places Fund (previously used for LGF over			

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		programming) to support the delivery into 2021/22 financial year.  Note that change request relates to a change in programme funding streams.			
02/08/2021	Black Country Executive Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement  Deed of Variation	Approval of the proposed amendments, as highlighted, to the Collaboration Agreement covering the removal of the Advisory Board and revised Black Country Executive Joint Committee governance, and Governance Principles: Enterprise Zones, included as Appendix 1 to this report.	Papers TBC – Simon Neilson <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Walsall Council	03/11/2021
06/04/2021	Local Growth Fund (LGF) Programme changes	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Dudley College, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Dudley Advanced Construction Centre project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.  Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with the University of Wolverhampton, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Elite Centre for Manufacturing	Papers TBC – Simon Neilson <a href="mailto:Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Walsall Council	01/12/2021
06/04/2021	Dudley Advanced Construction Centre				
06/09/2021	Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills				

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05/07/2021	Bilston Urban Village	<p>Skills (ECMS) project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.</p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Bilston Urban Village project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Note that change request relates to a change in match funding.</p>			



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**6 September 2021**

## 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](mailto:helen.owen@walsall.gov.uk) and can also be accessed from the Council’s website at [www.walsall.gov.uk](http://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.

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](mailto: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 £500,000.
- (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.

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OCTOBER 2021 TO JANUARY 2022 (6.9.21)**

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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
50/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2024/25</b> – To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2022/23 to 2024/25, savings proposals and update on consultation, and set out the process and timescales for setting a legally balanced budget for 2022/23.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 <a href="mailto:Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations, Internal Services	Councillor Bird	20 October 2021
51/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2021/22 and Covid-19 update</b> – To report the financial position based on 5 months to August 2021 and impact of Covid-19.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 <a href="mailto:Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	20 October 2021
52/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Approving amendments to the Black Country Executive Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement:</b> To approve all proposed amendments to the Collaboration Agreement covering the Joint Committee Advisory Board removal.	Cabinet  Key decision	Mark lavender, Head of Programme Management  <a href="mailto:Mark.lavender@walsall.gov.uk">Mark.lavender@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services and parties to the agreement  Association of Black Country Authorities Chief Executives and Leaders	Councillor Bird	20 October 2021

37/21 (7.6.21)	<b>Sale of Council land in Blakenall:</b> To seek approval to the freehold disposal of Council land in Blakenall  <i>Contains commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet  Key decision  Private	Nick Ford, Team Leader – Asset Management  <a href="mailto:Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	20 October 2021
47/21 (2.8.21)	<b>Walsall's Customer Experience Strategy 2021 to 2026:</b>  To approve the Strategy which sets out the Council's service transformation to meet customers' priorities and needs	Cabinet  Key decision	Elise Hopkins <a href="mailto:elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk">elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Rashida Hussain <a href="mailto:Rashida.Hussain@walsall.gov.uk">Rashida.Hussain@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public, partner organisations, elected members, internal staff	Councillor Andrew	20 October 2021
53/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Additional Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO's):</b> To receive the results of Statutory consultation and to designate the Wards of Paddock, Palfrey, Pleck and St. Matthew's as subject to Additional Licensing for HMO's	Cabinet  Key decision	David Lockwood <a href="mailto:David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk">David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:Apollonaris.Fonka@walsall.gov.uk">Apollonaris.Fonka@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	20 October 2021
54/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Heritage Strategy:</b> To approve the new Heritage Strategy and Action Plan for the Borough of Walsall	Cabinet  Key decision	Kaye Davies, External funding manager <a href="mailto:Kaye.davies@walsall.gov.uk">Kaye.davies@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Benjamin parker, Heritage Programme Officer <a href="mailto:Benjamin.parker@walsall.gov.uk">Benjamin.parker@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Councillor Andrew	20 October 2021
55/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Phoenix 10 Project</b> To seek approval for modified project funding arrangements.  <i>Contains commercially sensitive information</i>	Cabinet  Key decision  Private	Joel Maybury (Development Team Leader) <a href="mailto:Joel.maybury@walsall.gov.uk">Joel.maybury@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	20 October 2021



56/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Crisis Provision for families in financial hardship during the Covid 19 Pandemic:</b> Progress report for noting as requested at the February 2021 Cabinet meeting.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Elise Hopkins <a href="mailto:Elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk">Elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Paul Gordon <a href="mailto:Paul.gordon@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.gordon@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Perry	20 October 2021
39/21 (7.6.21)	<b>Walsall Domestic Abuse Strategy:</b> To agree the Strategy 2021 to comply with the new domestic Abuse Act 2020	Cabinet  Key decision	Domestic Abuse Strategy 2021 Domestic Abuse Need Assessment 2021 Domestic Abuse Act 2020  Simon Neilson <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Safer Walsall Partnership  Internal Services	Councillor Perry	20 October 2021
57/21 (6.9.21)	<b>All Age Exploitation Strategy:</b> To approve the Council's Strategy.	Cabinet  Key decision	Paul Gordon, Director of Resilient communities <a href="mailto:Paul.gordon@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.gordon@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Police, appropriate community based groups. Internal Services.	Councillor Perry	20 October 2021
58/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Walsall Street Safe:</b> To support a resilient communities initiative – Walsall Street Safe – together with associated investment and prioritisation of CCTV and other preventative measures	Cabinet  Key Decision	Cabinet report 18 December 2019.  Paul Gordon, Director of Resilient Communities <a href="mailto:Paul.gordon@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.gordon@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Children's Services Adult Social Care Resilient Communities, Clean & Green, Highways and Transportation WM Police	Councillor Perry	20 October 2021

46/21 (2.8.21)	<b>Emotional Wellbeing and Therapeutic Support for Children and Young People in need:</b> To approve entering into an appropriate agreement with the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to provide therapeutic services for children and young people in need, including those who are looked after.	Cabinet  Key Decision	David DeMay  <a href="mailto:David.demay@walsall.gov.uk">David.demay@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services, Walsall CCG and Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Councillor Wilson	20 October 2021
59/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Schools Mainstream Local funding Formula 2022/23:</b> To approve the formula to be used for the allocation of mainstream funding to schools in Walsall.	Cabinet  Key decision	Walsall Schools Forum report October 2021- proposed Schools Local Funding Formula 2021/22; ESFA – Schools Revenue funding operation guide  <b>Contact:</b> Richard Walley, Education Finance Manager <a href="mailto:Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Schools Forum  Internal Services	Councillor Towe	20 October
41/21 (7.6.21)	<b>Intermediate Care Service (ICS) Review:</b> to receive the outcome of the review and approve the Extension of the existing Transitional Bed contract	Cabinet  Key decision	Tracy Simcox  <a href="mailto:Tracy.simcox@walsall.gov.uk">Tracy.simcox@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Martin	20 October 2021
60/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Mental Health Funding:</b> To approve a plan and spend for non-recurrent funding for mental wellbeing	Cabinet  Key decision	Paulette Myers <a href="mailto:Paulette.myers@walsall.gov.uk">Paulette.myers@walsall.gov.uk</a> Angela Aitken <a href="mailto:Angela.aitken@walsall.gov.uk">Angela.aitken@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Craddock	20 October 2021

14/21 (8.3.21)	<b>Willenhall Masterplan: Strategic Land Acquisitions</b> – in principle approval for the use of Compulsory Purchase Order powers.  <i>Contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person</i>	Cabinet  Key decision  Private Session	Willenhall Masterplan: Strategic Land Acquisitions.  <a href="mailto:Joel.maybury@walsall.gov.uk">Joel.maybury@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
48/21 (2.8.21)	<b>Affordable Housing commuted sums spend policy:</b> To approve the use of affordable housing commuted sums (which are contributions secured through the planning process) to fund the provision of affordable housing to be used as temporary accommodation.	Cabinet  Key decision	Neil Hollyhead <a href="mailto:Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
49/21 (2.8.21)	<b>Domestic Abuse services contract award:</b> To approve the contract awards for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the provision of Domestic Abuse emergency accommodation and support</li> <li>support to Domestic Abuse victims and their children</li> </ul> <i>Note: there may be some commercially sensitive information which will need to be considered in private session</i>	Cabinet  Key decision	Neil Hollyhead <a href="mailto:Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Isabel Vanderheeren <a href="mailto:Isabel.vanderheeren@walsall.gov.uk">Isabel.vanderheeren@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services, service users, external stakeholders	Councillor Andrew Councillor Wilson	15 December 2021
44/21 (5.7.21)	<b>Day care/day opportunities:</b> To approve recommendations for the delivery of a menu of options for vulnerable people who require support to engage in meaningful community based	Cabinet  Key Decision	Cabinet report and the lessons learned from COVID report  Jeanette Knapper 07500028537	Existing end uses of traditional day services in house; Existing users and	Councillor Martin	15 December 2021

	activities as a result of ongoing needs around social care and inclusion,			carers/parents of people accessing building based day opportunities; Carers Hub FACE; Frontline internal staff; External marketplace for day care .		
61/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2021/22 and Covid-19 update</b> – To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2021 and impact of Covid-19.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326  <a href="mailto:Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Councillor Bird	9 February 2022
62/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Corporate Budget Plan 2022/23 – 2024/25, incorporating the Capital Strategy; and the Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2022/23:</b> To recommend the final budget and Council tax for approval by Council	Cabinet Key decision  Council	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 <a href="mailto:Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations	Councillor Bird	Cabinet -9 February 2022  Council – 24 February 2022
22/21 (8.3.21)	<b>Walsall Council Housing Allocations Policy:</b> To update the policy which sets the principles for the allocation of affordable housing	Cabinet  Key Decision	Neil Hollyhead <a href="mailto:Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public, Housing Associations, Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	9 February 2022