



Walsall Council

Economy and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on: **6 July 2023 AT 6.00PM**

Meeting to be held at: Council Chamber

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MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor M. Follows (Chair)
Councillor M. Ward (Vice-Chair)
Councillor B. Allen
Councillor P. Bott
Councillor S. Cheema
Councillor S. Cooper
Councillor P. Gill
Councillor P. Kaur
Councillor R. Larden
Councillor F. Mazhar
Councillor J. Whitehouse

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:

Councillor A. Andrew – Deputy Leader and Regeneration
Councillor G. Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities
Councillor K. Murphy – Street Pride
Councillor M. Statham – Education and Skills
Councillor G. Flint – Wellbeing, Leisure and Public Spaces

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1.	Apologies To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Committee.	
2.	Substitutions To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Committee for the duration of the meeting.	
3.	Declarations of interest and party whip To receive declarations of interest or the party whip from Members in respect of items on the agenda.	
4.	Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended) 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.	
5.	Minutes of the previous meeting To approve the minutes of the meeting on 13 April 2023.	Enclosed
ITEMS FOR OVERVIEW		
6.	Areas of focus – 2023/24 To consider the areas of focus for the Committee during 2023/24. Presentations will be received from the Deputy Leader (Regeneration), Portfolio Holder for Street Pride and Portfolio Holder for Wellbeing, Leisure and Public Spaces on their priorities for the forthcoming year. The Executive Director will also provide a presentation on services within the remit of the Committee.	Enclosed
7.	Forward Plans To receive the latest Forward Plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet • Black Country Joint Executive Committee • West Midlands Combined Authority Board 	Enclosed
8.	Recommendation Tracker To consider progress on recommendations from the previous meeting.	Enclosed
9.	Date of next meeting To note the date of the next meeting will be 12 September 2023.	

The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

Specified pecuniary interests

The pecuniary interests which are specified for the purposes of Chapter 7 of Part 1 of the Localism Act 2011 are the interests specified in the second column of the following:

Subject	Prescribed description
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>
Contracts	<p>Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority:</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to a member's knowledge):</p> <p>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority;</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</p>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:</p> <p>(a) that body (to a member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) either:</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(ii) if the share capital of that body is more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>

Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)

Access to information: Exempt information

Part 1

Descriptions of exempt information: England

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:
 - (a) to give any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.
8. Information being disclosed during a meeting of a Scrutiny and Performance Panel when considering flood risk management functions which:
 - (a) Constitutes a trades secret;
 - (b) Its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the risk management authority);
 - (c) It was obtained by a risk management authority from any other person and its disclosure to the public by the risk management authority would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that other person.

ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
13 April 2023 at 6.00pm held at Walsall Council House, Lichfield Street, Walsall,
WS1 1TW.

Committee Members	Councillor M. Follows (Chair) Councillor B. Allen Councillor P. Bott Councillor A. Garcha Councillor P. Kaur Councillor R. Larden Councillor A. Nazir Councillor J. Whitehouse Councillor R. Worrall	
Portfolio Holders	Councillor M. Bird Councillor A. Andrew Councillor K. Murphy Councillor G. Flint	Leader of the Council Deputy Leader and Regeneration Clean and Green Health and Wellbeing
Officers Present:	Dave Brown Kathryn Moreton Simon Tranter Alan Bowley Sian Lloyd	Interim Executive Director, Economy, Environment and Communities Head of Highways, Transport and Operations Head of Regeneration, Housing and Economy Head of Environment, Leisure and Commercial Democratic Services Officer
Invited Attendees:	Liam Brooker Hayley Bradbury	West Midlands Rail Executive West Midlands Rail Executive

64/22 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor I. Hussain.

65/22 Substitutions

There were no substitutions.

66/22 Declarations of Interest and Party Whip

There were no declarations of interest or party whip.

67/22 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)

There were no items to consider in private session.

68/22 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2023, copies having previously been circulated, be approved as a true and accurate record.

69/22 **Willenhall, Darlaston and Aldridge Railway Stations**

Representatives of the West Midlands Rail Executive presented the Committee with the latest information in regards to Willenhall, Darlaston and Aldridge railway stations, noting that the Planning Inspectorate felt there was a very strong public case for the works going ahead as planned. They informed the Committee that there had been challenges throughout the process including concerns around land contamination and plans of the land not identifying any underground installations. The Head of Highways, Transport and Operations confirmed that the council were working very closely with the West Midlands Rail Executive on these matters with monthly meetings taking place in which council officers offered their local knowledge and visited the sites of the stations.

The representatives of the West Midlands Rail Executive highlighted that the station planned for Aldridge was at a much earlier stage of its development and that consultation with residents over the scope and design was still required and would take place alongside the planning process.

Following questions from Members of the Committee the West Midlands Rail Executive confirmed that the lines would initially be serviced by diesel fuelled trains and it was Network Rail who was responsible for the electrification of the lines moving forwards. They also stated that 1-2 trains per hour were planned initially and the line capacity would have to be reviewed before any further services could be added in the future.

Resolved:

That:

- 1. The contents of the report be noted; and**
- 2. A further written update be considered by the Committee in due course.**

70/22 **Phoenix 10**

The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration introduced the item on Phoenix 10, firstly drawing the Committee's attention to the fact that the project had been rebranded as Spark. It was acknowledged that there had been a great deal of progress since the last report to the Committee in March 2022 with site remediation having begun in April 2022 and expected to be completed in mid-2024.

The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration re-emphasised the importance of the roughly 1000 jobs that would be created for the local economy

and advised that it was vital that the right end users were selected who would provide jobs for local residents and also offer apprenticeship opportunities.

Resolved:

That:

- 1. The contents of the report be noted; and**
- 2. A further report be considered by the Committee in due course following the site remediation phase.**

71/22 Waste Management Strategy

The Portfolio Holder for Clean and Green introduced the report in relation to the Waste Management Strategy, particularly as it pertained to the new household waste recycling centre and transfer station that, at the time of writing the report, was in the process of tender evaluation. She highlighted that it was expected that construction would begin in October 2023 and take roughly a year to complete.

The Interim Executive Director of Economy, Environment and Communities added that the outline plan for the current transfer station at Friars Road would need to be considered by Cabinet and Council, although it was thought that this may include the demolition of the current building and creation of a new bigger facility with more parking available.

Following questions from the Committee the Head of Environment, Leisure and Commercial advised that decisions still needed to be made in relation to the planned re-use shop and its model of operation but it was important that the materials and products available were of a good quality. He also advised that food waste collections would be re-introduced with a more unified approach across local authorities following new legislation, but this was unlikely to happen until at least 2025.

Resolved:

That the Committee notes the contents of the report.

72/22 Areas of focus – 2022/23

The Committee noted the proposed areas of focus which had not been completed during the municipal year.

Resolved:

That:

- 1. The outstanding areas of focus 2022/23 and forward plans be noted; and**
- 2. Any outstanding items to be recommended to the Committee next municipal year for their consideration.**

73/22 Recommendation Tracker

The Democratic Services Officer updated the Committee on the recommendations from previous meetings of the Committee. It was noted that all items had been completed.

Resolved:

That the progress on recommendations from the previous meeting be noted.

74/22 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be determined at Annual Council.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated 7.05pm.

Signed:

Date:

**Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Agenda
Committee Item No. 6**

6 July 2023

Areas of focus for 2023/24

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: Cllr A. Andrew – Deputy Leader and Regeneration
Cllr G. Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities
Cllr K. Murphy – Street Pride
Cllr M. Statham – Education and Skills
Cllr G. Flint – Wellbeing, Leisure and Public Spaces

Report

The purpose of this item is to provide relevant background information for Members so that the Committee's areas of focus can be agreed for 2023/24.

It is important for Members to consider the wide range of potential issues within their remit and which of these they could consider during the year.

When agreeing items, it is important that consideration is given to the level of value the Committee could add taking into account the tools and performance measures available to support them in their work.

Remit

Following Annual Council, the remit of the Committee has been agreed as follows:

All aspects and general services related to:

- *The Economy and Environment;*

Scrutiny of the exercise of flood risk management functions which may affect the local authority's area as required by the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 within the functions set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (as amended).

The scrutinising of performance in relation to the relevant priority in the Council Plan:

- *Enable greater local opportunities for all people, communities and businesses.*

Presentations from Leader and Portfolio Holders on their priorities

The Scrutiny-Cabinet Protocol encourages dialogue and communication between Scrutiny Committees and the Cabinet at all times; but especially with selecting items to scrutinise during the ensuing year. To assist with this presentations on priorities within their respective portfolios will be received at this meeting from:

Cllr A. Andrew – Deputy Leader and Regeneration
Cllr K. Murphy – Street Pride
Cllr G. Flint – Wellbeing, Leisure and Public Spaces

Presentation on services within the remit of the Committee

A presentation will be provided at the meeting providing more detail about the Committee's services that fall within the committee's remit.

Items recommended from previous year

The following items were recommended for consideration by the committee in the last municipal year:

- District Town Centres Update;
- Partnership working with West Midlands Police on traffic speed enforcement;
- West Midlands Local Transport Plan;
- An update on Walsall's Heritage strategy;
- Geoparks;
- CCTV Provision in housing estates;
- E-scooters;
- Derelict Properties Taskforce;
- Issues surrounding town centre car parking;
- Willenhall, Darlaston and Aldridge railway stations;
- Spark (formerly known as Phoenix 10)

Budget scrutiny

Monitoring the financial performance of the Council is a valuable and important task that Scrutiny Committees are ideally placed to perform. It assists Members in identifying areas of operation that are underperforming that may require scrutiny.

It is suggested that all Scrutiny Committees consider the quarter 2 updates at a formal meeting. It is also suggested that the financial outturn for the previous year, quarter 1 and quarter 3 updates be circulated to Members outside of a formal meeting for information. Subject to the caveat that Members can request the reports to come to a Committee meeting if they wish, and that any significant budget pressures or changes will be raised with the Chair, to discuss the issue being formally reported to a Committee meeting.

Council performance

The Council Plan, as agreed by the Council, sets the strategic direction for the authority by reference to five priorities. Each priority has a number of measures allocated to it. Scrutiny committees may wish to consider monitoring progress against the measures that sit within their remit. It is the role of the Scrutiny Overview Committee to take an overarching view of performance against all measures included in the Council Plan.

Pre-scrutiny

A copy of the Forward Plans of key decisions from Walsall Council's Cabinet and the Black Country Joint Executive Committee are attached at Appendix 2 to this report. Updates of these will be provided to Committees at subsequent meetings. Members should consider the forthcoming decisions and consider if there are any issues that they may wish to review and seek to influence prior to the Cabinet making a decision on these matters.

Working Groups

A working group is an effective method for Members of Scrutiny Committees to consider an issue in depth over a number of months and to produce a final report and recommendations to the Committee. In due course the report and recommendations can be considered by the Cabinet and/or Council. The challenge for Members is selecting the right topic at the right time and to provide the working group with an achievable brief.

In terms of resourcing working groups Democratic Services are expected to continue to have reduced capacity during the municipal year. Due to these challenges it has been agreed to establish a single working group this municipal year.

Prioritisation

The remit of the Committee is very broad and the range of issues that could be considered during the year is vast. The challenge that Members face is in prioritising those issues that are the most important whilst still leaving sufficient capacity to address other issues that may arise during the year. To assist Members to manage the broad topics available, it is important that alternative methods of being informed and updated, away from Committee meetings, are used effectively. For example, Members could request briefing notes on particular topics thereby helping to create additional capacity for more substantial items at Committee meetings.

In terms of scheduling items, it is important that an agenda includes a manageable amount of business to enable the Committee to focus on topics in depth rather than to carry out superficial treatment that may require the Committee to revisit the topic at a later date.

Recommendations:

That Members consider the range of issues within this report and formulate and agree a work programme for the year.

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FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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5 June 2023

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 craig.goodall@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.

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 (craig.goodall@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.

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
JULY 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023 (05.06.2023)**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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
17/23 (3.4.23)	<p>Pre-Audit Outturn 2022/23:</p> <p>To receive the pre-audit revenue and capital financial outturn position for 2022/23 and approve recommended carry-forwards, and financial and treasury indicators for 2022/23.</p>	Cabinet Key decision	Vicky Buckley Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	21 June 2023
18/23 (3.4.23)	<p>Treasury Management Annual Report 2022/23:</p> <p>To note and forward to Council, for consideration and noting (and in line with the requirements of the Treasury Management Code of Practice (2017), the annual report for treasury management activities 2022/23 including prudential and local indicators.</p>	Council Non-key decision	Treasury Management Code of Practice. Richard Walley Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Ferguson	21 June 2023
21/23 (5.6.23)	<p>Surrender of existing lease and grant of new lease to the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Midlands of offices within the Civic Centre.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet Key Decision	John Kirwan John.Kirwan@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Ferguson	21 June 2023

20/23 (3.4.23)	Temporary Workers (Agency) Provision: To appoint the Council's temporary agency provider. <i>This will be a private session report containing exempt information.</i>	Cabinet Key Decision	Michelle Leith Michelle.Leith@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Ferguson	21 June 2023
22/23 (5.6.23)	Temporary Accommodation Building Repair and Maintenance Contract To delegate authority to award the Temporary Accommodation Contract	Cabinet Key Decision	Nick Ford Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Ferguson	21 June 2023
23/23 (5.6.23)	We Are Walsall 2040 Strategy Consultation Consider the We are Walsall 2040 consultation feedback and approve the final strategy.	Cabinet Key Decision	Karen Griffiths Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	21 June 2023
19/23 (3.4.23)	Corporate Financial Performance 2023/24, approach to Budget Setting for 2024/25, and changes to the council's Tax Strategy: To report the financial position based on 3 months to June 2023, and to set out our approach and timeline for the 2024/25 budget process and amendments to the Tax Strategy.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	19 July 2023
24/23 (5.6.23)	Willenhall Framework Plan: Phase 1 Moat Street and Villiers Street project update and strategic land acquisition (use of the Council's compulsory purchase powers):	Cabinet Key Decision	Kauser Agha Kauser.Agha@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services	Cllr Andrew	19 July 2023

	<p>To provide an update on project progress and seek approval to the use of the Council's compulsory purchase powers to acquire the outstanding land interests required to facilitate the delivery of the Phase 1 scheme.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing exempt information.</i></p>					
25/23 (5.6.23)	<p>Household Support Fund 4</p> <p>Approval of proposals for distribution of funds through the Household Support Fund 4.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Mark Fearn</p> <p>Mark.Fearn@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Previous recipients, External partners, Internal services</p>	<p>Cllr Ali</p>	<p>19 July 2023</p>
6/23 (9.1.23)	<p>Borough Playing Pitch Strategy:</p> <p>To adopt and publish the Walsall Playing pitches strategy and the Black Country strategic framework</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Liz Stuffins</p> <p>Liz.Stuffins@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Flint</p>	<p>19 July 2023</p>
28/23 (5.6.23)	<p>Walsall Wellbeing Service Contract Award:</p> <p>To award the contract for provision of Walsall Wellbeing Service to the successful tenderer. This will be for an initial term of 5 years (with an option to a extend).</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Paulette Myers</p> <p>Paulette.Myers@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Flint</p>	<p>19 July 2023</p>
129/22 (5.9.22)	<p>Update on Resilient Communities Safer Streets Programme:</p> <p>To report back on Safer Streets activity and recommend any</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Non-key Decision</p>	<p>Paul Gordon</p> <p>Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Perry</p>	<p>19 July 2023</p>

	adjustments/additions to the programme.					
14/23 (6.2.23)	<p>Growth Funding for Schools:</p> <p>To enable the Local Authority to fulfil its duty to secure sufficient primary and secondary school places, through the adoption of a policy for the application of revenue funding for school growth.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Alex Groom</p> <p>Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal services, Schools Forum</p>	<p>Cllr Statham</p>	<p>19 July 2023</p>
26/23 (5.6.23)	<p>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2027/28</p> <p>To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2024/25 to 2027/28, including savings proposals, and to set out the process and timescales for setting a legally balanced budget for 2024/25.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Non-key decision</p>	<p>Vicky Buckley</p> <p>Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Rate payers, voluntary and community organisations, Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Bird</p>	<p>18 October 2023</p>
27/23 (5.6.23)	<p>Corporate Financial Performance 2023/24</p> <p>To report the financial position based on 6 months to September 2023.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Non-key decision</p>	<p>Vicky Buckley</p> <p>Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Bird</p>	<p>18 October 2023</p>

Black Country Executive Joint Committee Forward Plan of Key Decisions

Published up to October 2023

Date Created	Key Decision	Contact Officer	Main consultee	Date of meeting
	Black Country Executive Joint Committee Governance			
05/12/2022	<p>Black Country Executive Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement</p> <p>Note the revised Black Country Executive Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement, attached as Appendix A and previously approved via the Cabinet process of Dudley MBC, Sandwell MBC, Walsall MBC and City of Wolverhampton Council.</p>	<p>Philippa Venables Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk</p> <p>Kelly Valente Kelly.Valente@walsall.gov.uk</p>	Walsall Council	21/06/2023
06/03/2023	<p>Constitution and Timetable of meetings</p> <p>Approve the timetable of meetings for 2023/24.</p> <p>Note the BCJC Forward Plan publication dates 2023/24.</p> <p>Note the amendments to the BCJC Constitution and Terms of Reference.</p> <p>Note the amendments to the BCJC Working Protocols</p>	<p>Deborah Hindson ChiefExecutive@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Dudley Council Sandwell Council Walsall Council City of Wolverhampton Council</p>	21/06/2023

Date Created	Key Decision	Contact Officer	Main consultee	Date of meeting
	Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF)			
09/05/2023	<p>Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF) Programme changes</p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the funding profile with Globe Asset Management Limited, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund funded elements of the Globe House, Walsall with delivery to start in the 2023/24 financial year.</p>	<p>Philippa Venables Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk</p>	Walsall Council	21/06/2023
09/05/2023	<p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the funding profile with GreenSquareAccord Limited, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund funded elements of the Swan Lane, West Bromwich with delivery to start in the 2023/24 financial year.</p>	<p>Tony McGovern Tony.McGovern@sandwell.gov.uk</p>	Sandwell Council	21/06/2023

Date Created	Key Decision	Contact Officer	Main consultee	Date of meeting
09/05/2023	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the funding profile as stated within the grant agreement with Wolverhampton City Council, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund funded elements of the Wolverhampton Stowheath Redevelopment for Housing with delivery to start in the 2023/24 financial year.	Richard Lawrence Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk	City of Wolverhampton Council	21/06/2023
09/05/2023	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the funding profile as stated within the grant agreement with KMN Investments Ltd, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund funded elements of the Spring Road Wolverhampton project with delivery to continue in the 2023/24 financial year.	Richard Lawrence Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk	City of Wolverhampton Council	21/06/2023

Date Created	Key Decision	Contact Officer	Main consultee	Date of meeting
09/05/2023	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the grant profile as stated within grant agreement with Sandwell Council, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund funded elements of the Sandwell Housing Gap Funding project with delivery to continue in the 2023/24 financial year.	Tony McGovern Tony.McGovern@sandwell.gov.uk	Sandwell Council	21/06/2023



West Midlands Combined Authority

Forward Plan

Forthcoming key decisions

Title of key decision:	Decision to be taken by and date:	Open or Exempt:	Portfolio Lead	Employee to contact:
Appointment of WMCA Boards and Committees 2023/24 To approve consider the appointments to boards, chairs and meetings dates for 2023/24.	WMCA Board 9 June 2023	Open	Andy Street Mayor	Helen Edwards Director of Law and Governance
Transport Governance Review To consider the recommendations arising out of the review of the WMCA's transport governance.	WMCA Board 9 June 2023	Open	Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor	Helen Edwards Director of Law and Governance
Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report To consider a report setting out the activity of overview & scrutiny during 2022/23.	WMCA Board 9 June 2023	Open	Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor	Helen Edwards Director of Law and Governance
Financial Monitoring 2022/23 To outline the latest financial position of WMCA and provide an update on any current financial matters affecting WMCA.	WMCA Board 9 June 2023	Open	Councillor Bob Sleigh Finance Portfolio Lead	Linda Horne Executive Director of Finance & Business Hub
City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement Annual Report A report setting out the progress over the first year of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement programme and key matters and decisions arising for the remainder of the programme.	WMCA Board 9 June 2023	Open	Councillor Ian Ward Transport Portfolio Lead	Mike Waters Director of Policy, Strategy and Innovation - TfWM

<p>Wednesbury - Brierley Hill Metro Extension Funding Mitigation Measures To consider the latest progress in securing the mitigation measures for addressing the funding gap identified for phase 1 of the project and to close the funding gap for the full scheme.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 9 June 2023</p>	<p>Part exempt</p>	<p>Councillor Ian Ward Transport Portfolio Lead</p>	<p>Anne Shaw Executive Director of Transport for West Midlands</p>
<p>Deeper Devolution Deal: Implementation and Next Steps Trailblazer Devolution Deal</p>	<p>WMCA Board 9 June 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Andy Street Mayor</p>	<p>Ed Cox, Executive Director of Strategy, Integration & Net Zero,</p>
<p>Investment Zone To formalise Priority Sector and Investment Zone Criteria</p>	<p>WMCA Board 9 June 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Ian Brookfield Economy & Innovation Portfolio Lead</p>	<p>Gareth Bradford Executive Director of Housing, Property & Regeneration</p>
<p>Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel To consider the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel</p>	<p>WMCA Board 9 June 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Bob Sleight Finance Portfolio Lead</p>	<p>Julia Cleary Head of Corporate Support & Governance</p>
<p>Supported Travel Policies Review A report setting out the WMCA's existing policies for directly supporting public transport and other sustainable travel options, including recommendations for options to refine these in the context of wider policy considerations.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 21 July 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Ian Ward Transport Portfolio Lead</p>	<p>Mike Waters, Director of Policy, Strategy and Innovation</p>

The Forward Plan

This document sets out known ‘key decisions’ that will be taken by the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) over the coming months.

Forthcoming key decisions are published online to meet the statutory 28 day notification rule for each meeting where a key decision will be taken. Where it has not been possible to meet the 28 day rule for publication of notice of a key decision or an intention to meet in private, the relevant notices will be published as required by legislation as soon as possible.

Page 22 What is a key decision?

A ‘key decision’ means a decision of the Mayor, WMCA or officer which is likely:

- (a) to result in the WMCA incurring expenditure, making savings or generating income amounting to £1m or more; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the WMCA

The report relating to a decision, together with any other documents being considered, will be available five clear working days before the decision is to be taken (unless the documentation contains exempt information).

The forward plan also provides notice of when the WMCA may decide to exclude the press and public during consideration of a particular matter due to the potential for disclosure of confidential or exempt

information. The grounds upon which local authorities can exclude the press and public are specified by law and details of the exempt categories are available on request from the Governance Services team (governance.services@wmca.org.uk).

Councillors or members of the public wishing to:

- make a representation about why a matter should be heard in public, or
- submit information to the decision-making body about an item in the forward plan, or
- request details of relevant documents, or
- seek advice about the WMCA's decision-making arrangements,

should contact the Governance Services team: governance.services@wmca.org.uk

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