



## **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

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## FORWARD PLAN

The forward plan sets out decisions that are termed as “key decisions” at least 28 calendar days before they are due to be taken by the Executive (Cabinet). Also included on the plan are other decisions to be taken by the Cabinet (“non-key decisions”). Preparation of the forward plan helps the Council to programme its work. The purpose of the forward plan is to give plenty of notice and an opportunity for consultation on the issues to be discussed. The plan is updated each month with the period of the plan being rolled forward by one month and republished. Copies of the plan can be obtained from Democratic Services, Walsall MBC, Council House, Walsall, WS1 1TW [craig.goodall@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:craig.goodall@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 ([craig.goodall@walsall.gov.uk](mailto: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.

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JANUARY 2023 TO APRIL 2023 (5.12.22)**

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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
110/22 (6.6.22)	<p><b>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2026/27:</b></p> <p>To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2023/24 to 2026/27, including savings proposals, and to set out the process and timescales for setting a legally balanced budget for 2023/24.</p>	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public  Internal Services	Cllr Bird	14 December 2022
121/22 (8.8.22)	<p><b>Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23:</b></p> <p>To report the financial position based on 7 months to October 2022, including the impact of Covid-19.</p>	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	14 December 2022
123/22 (8.8.22)	<p><b>Treasury Management Mid Year Position Statement 2022/23:</b></p> <p>The council is required through regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce a mid-year position statement reviewing</p>	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Lloyd Haynes  <a href="mailto:Lloyd.Haynes@walsall.gov.uk">Lloyd.Haynes@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	14 December 2022

	treasury management activities and prudential and treasury indicator performance.					
135/22 (10.10.22)	<p><b>Renewal of the Council's insurance arrangements from 1st April 2023:</b></p> <p>To seek delegated authority to renew the Council's insurance arrangements from 1 April 2023</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	<p>Cabinet Report 14 February 2018 - Renewal of the Council's Insurance Arrangements from 1 April 2018</p> <p>Marc Cox <a href="mailto:Marc.Cox@walsall.gov.uk">Marc.Cox@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	14 December 2022
157/22 (7.11.22)	<p><b>Streamlining Black Country Ways of Working – Black Country Consortium:</b></p> <p>To provide an update on finalising an agreed way forward for streamlining ways of working across the Black Country, many of which have historically been coordinated through and by Black Country Consortium Ltd (BCC Ltd). The report builds from the agreements to date on the transition of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership and the collaborative Black Country based approach for the future accountability of LEP legacy funds utilising Association of Black Country Authorities as a mechanism if and when required.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet Key Decision	<p>Sarah Middleton (Chief Executive, Black Country Consortium Ltd.)</p> <p><a href="mailto:Sarah.Middleton@blackcountryconsortium.co.uk">Sarah.Middleton@blackcountryconsortium.co.uk</a></p>	Association of Black Country Authority Leaders	Cllr Bird	14 December 2022

136/22 (10.10.22 )	<p><b>Black Country Enterprise Zone-Gasholders Site:</b></p> <p>To update on the direction of travel and seek approvals in relation to the preferred delivery approach, project funding and next steps to bring forward the site for employment generating uses.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet  Key decision	Caroline Harper  <a href="mailto:Caroline.Harper@walsall.gov.uk">Caroline.Harper@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	14 December 2022
137/22 (10.10.22 )	<p><b>Willenhall Framework Plan: Phase 1 Developer Partner Procurement Approach and Funding Update:</b></p> <p>To provide an update on the preferred developer partner procurement approach and funding position.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Kauser Agha  <a href="mailto:Kauser.Agha@walsall.gov.uk">Kauser.Agha@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	14 December 2022
144/22 (7.11.22)	<p><b>UK Shared Prosperity Fund:</b></p> <p>To authorise officers to accept a funding allocation for UK Shared Prosperity Fund to utilise for project activity aligned with the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Philippa Venables  <a href="mailto:Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk">Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Cllr Andrew	14 December 2022
158/22 (07.11.22 )	<p><b>Walsall Economic Strategy</b></p> <p>To approve an economic strategy for the borough.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Philippa Venables  <a href="mailto:Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk">Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Cllr Andrew	14 December 2022

126/22 (8.8.22)	<p><b>Strategic acquisition of a freehold heritage building in Walsall Town Centre:</b></p> <p>To seek approval to the freehold acquisition of a heritage property in Walsall Town Centre to support the preservation of the property.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	<p>Nick Ford <a href="mailto:Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Bryte Legister <a href="mailto:Bryte.Legister@walsall.gov.uk">Bryte.Legister@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	14 December 2022
161/22 (5.12.22)	<p><b>Responses to Local Plan Consultations:</b></p> <p>To agree responses to Local Plan consultations from Birmingham City Council, Stafford Borough Council and South Staffordshire District Council.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	<p>Neville Ball <a href="mailto:Neville.Ball@walsall.gov.uk">Neville.Ball@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	14 December 2022
125/22 (8.8.22)	<p><b>Housing First contract award:</b></p> <p>To approve the contract award enabling the continuation of flexible support to former rough sleepers housed through the Housing First initiative.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet  Key decision	<p>Neil Hollyhead <a href="mailto:Neil.Hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.Hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal services, service users, external stakeholders	Cllr Ali	14 December 2022
146/22 (7.11.22)	<p><b>Home Upgrade Grant (HUGs) Round 2 Procurement and Update:</b></p> <p>To approve the use of a Framework to appoint contractors to deliver government funds to help residents with</p>	Cabinet  Key decision	<p>David Lockwood <a href="mailto:David.Lockwood@walsall.gov.uk">David.Lockwood@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Public, Internal Services	Councillor Ali	14 December 2022

	retro-fit works where they are not on the gas network.					
138/22 (10.10.22)	<p><b>Food for Life Contract:</b></p> <p>Cabinet is asked to delegate authority to the Director of Public Health to enter into appropriate contractual arrangements from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, and subsequently authorize the sealing or signing of associated contracts, deeds or other related documents for the Food for Life contract.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Esther Higdon</p> <p><a href="mailto:Esther.Higdon@walsall.gov.uk">Esther.Higdon@walsall.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Paul Nelson</p> <p><a href="mailto:Paul.Nelson@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.Nelson@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal services	Cllr Flint	14 December 2022
130/22 (6.9.22)	<p><b>Sexual Health and 0-19 Contracts:</b></p> <p>To approve the extension of the integrated sexual health service, contract delivered by Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.</p> <p>To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care, Public Health and Hub in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing to extend contracts on behalf of the Council and to subsequently authorise the variations to the contractual arrangements for the services should this be required at any time during the term, in line with Public Contract Regulations and the Council's Contract Rules to 31 March 2024.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Tony Meadows</p> <p><a href="mailto:Tony.Meadows@walsall.gov.uk">Tony.Meadows@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	14 December 2022

147/22 (7.11.22)	<b>We Are Walsall 2040: Consultation Feedback:</b>  To note the key findings from the consultation activities carried out over summer/autumn 2022, which will inform the We Are Walsall 2040 strategic borough plan.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Karen Griffiths  <a href="mailto:Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk">Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Policy & Strategy Unit  ( <a href="mailto:policyandstrategy@walsall.gov.uk">policyandstrategy@walsall.gov.uk</a> )	Internal Services, Local partners/ stakeholders	Cllr Perry Cllr Wilson	14 December 2022
148/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Food Law Service Plan:</b>  The Food Standards Agency (FSA) requires all local authorities to prepare an annual service delivery plan to reflect the work required of food authorities by the FSA, under the requirements of the Food Standards Act 1999 and the framework agreement on local authority enforcement. In accordance with this requirement a Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2022/23 has been prepared. Cabinet are asked to forward the Plan to Council for approval.	Cabinet  Council  Non-key decision	Paul Rooney  <a href="mailto:Paul.Rooney@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.Rooney@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	14 December 2022  Council 9 January 2023
149/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Electronic Calls Monitoring Contract Extension:</b>  To approve the extension of the ECM contract with Access UK Ltd.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Tracy Simcox  <a href="mailto:Tracy.Simcox@walsall.gov.uk">Tracy.Simcox@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Pedley	14 December 2022
124/22 (8.8.22)	<b>Schools Mainstream Local Funding Formula 2023/24:</b>  That Cabinet approves the Mainstream Local Funding Formula, to be used for	Cabinet  Key Decision	ESFA – Schools revenue funding operation guide.  Richard Walley  <a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services  Schools Forum	Cllr M. Statham	14 December 2022



	the allocation of mainstream funding to schools in Walsall					
159/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Secondary School Sufficiency</b> To approve funds for the creation of an additional 150 places in three Secondary Schools.	Key Decision	Alex Groom <a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services  Local partners/stake holders	Cllr. M. Statham	14 December 2022
160/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Special School Sufficiency</b> To begin feasibility works to create to additional places in SEN Schools to meet additional demands.	Key Decision	Alex Groom <a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services  Local partners/stake holders	Cllr. M. Statham	14 December 2022
141/22 (10.10.22)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23:</b> To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2022, including the impact of Covid-19.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Corporate Management Team and Internal Services	Cllr Bird	8 February 2023
142/22 (10.10.22)	<b>Corporate Budget Plan 2023/24 – 2026/27, incorporating the Capital Strategy and the Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2023/24:</b> To recommend the final budget and council tax for approval by Council.	Cabinet Key decision	Vicky Buckley <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	Cllr Bird	8 February 2022  Council 23 February 2023
150/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Payments Project Contract Award:</b> To award a contract to Capita/Pay360 Ltd (soon to be Access Group Ltd) for	Cabinet	Janice Freeman-Phillips	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	8 February 2023

	the provision of Pay 360 Licences and Capita/Pay360 Ltd services.	Key Decision	<a href="mailto:Janice.Freeman-Phillips@walsall.gov.uk">Janice.Freeman-Phillips@walsall.gov.uk</a>			
155/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Council Plan: Review of Achievements 2021/22:</b>  To note the Review of Achievements for 2021/22, highlighting successes and progress towards achieving our Council priorities.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Meresh Kumari  ( <a href="mailto:meresh.kumari@walsall.gov.uk">meresh.kumari@walsall.gov.uk</a> )  Elizabeth Connolly  ( <a href="mailto:elizabeth.connolly@walsall.gov.uk">elizabeth.connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a> )	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	8 February 2023
107/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Procurement of Corporate Landlord Strategic Partner:</b>  To seek approval to the appointment of a strategic partner to support the programme of capital schemes related to the council's property portfolio.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Nick Ford  <a href="mailto:Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	8 February 2023
145/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Town Centre Theatre Project:</b>  To agree next steps for the Town Deal Theatre project, setting out funding implications and options.  <i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Philippa Venables  <a href="mailto:Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk">Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Cllr Andrew	8 February 2022
129/22 (5.9.22)	<b>Update on Resilient Communities Safer Streets Programme:</b>  To report back on Safer Streets activity and recommend any adjustments/additions to the programme.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Paul Gordon  <a href="mailto:Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	8 February 2023

151/22 (7.11.22)	<p><b>Introduction of Council Tax Premium on unoccupied but furnished properties:</b></p> <p>Levy the premium on properties that are unoccupied and unfurnished for more than 12 months. Effective from 1 April 24</p>	Cabinet to make recommen dation to Council	Mark Fearn <a href="mailto:Mark.Fearn@walsall.gov.uk">Mark.Fearn@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Part of budget consultation	Cllr Ali	8 February 2023
156/22 (7.11.22)	<p><b>Healthy Lifestyles Contract and Smoking Cessation Contract Extensions:</b></p> <p>To delegate authority to the Director of Public Health and the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing. This will allow them to extend contracts on behalf of the Council and to subsequently authorise the variations to the contractual arrangements for the services should this be required at any time during the term, in line with Public Contract Regulations and the Council's Contract Rules.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Joe Holding <a href="mailto:Joe.Holding@walsall.gov.uk">Joe.Holding@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	8 February 2023
140/22 (10.10.22 )	<p><b>High Needs Funding Formula:</b></p> <p>To approve changes to the High Needs Funding Formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used for the allocation of Dedicated Schools Grant – High Needs Block to schools in Walsall for the 2023/24 financial year</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Richard Walley <a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services, Schools Forum	Cllr M. Statham	8 February 2023
152/22 (7.11.22)	<p><b>Renewal of the Council's Oracle Cloud Licenses:</b></p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Ian Tuft <a href="mailto:Ian.Tuft@walsall.gov.uk">Ian.Tuft@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird Cllr Ferguson	22 March 2023

	To renew the Council's Oracle cloud Licenses required for the operation of the Council's One Source system for HR, Payroll, Finance and Procurement from May 2023					
162/22 (5.12.22)	<b>Approval of the Black Country Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement:</b>  Delegate authority to the Executive Director for Resources and transformation to enter into legal agreements with WMCA relating to BC LEP Legacy funds.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Kelly Valente  <a href="mailto:Kelly.Valente@walsall.gov.uk">Kelly.Valente@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Cllr Bird	22 March 2023
153/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Walsall's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2022 to 2027:</b>  To approve Walsall's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, 2022 to 2027.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Neil Hollyhead  <a href="mailto:Neil.HollyHead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.HollyHead@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services, service users, external stakeholders	Cllr Ali	22 March 2023
154/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Early Years Funding Formula:</b>  That Cabinet approves the Early Years Formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used for the allocation of funding to early years providers in Walsall	Cabinet  Key Decision	Richard Walley  <a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Schools Forum  Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	22 March 2023