



**Walsall Council**

## **Economy and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Meeting to be held on: **7 July 2022 AT 6.00PM**

Meeting to be held at: **Town Hall**

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**MEMBERSHIP:**

Councillor M. Follows (Chair)  
Councillor B. Allen (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor P. Bott  
Councillor C. Creaney  
Councillor A. Garcha  
Councillor I. Hussain  
Councillor P. Kaur  
Councillor R. Larden  
Councillor A. Nazir  
Councillor J. Whitehouse  
Councillor R. Worrall

**PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:**

Councillor A. Andrew – Deputy Leader and Regeneration  
Councillor G. Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities  
Councillor O. Butler – Clean and Green  
Councillor C. Towe – Education and Skills

## ITEMS OF BUSINESS

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Committee.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Substitutions</b> To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Committee for the duration of the meeting.	
<b>3.</b>	<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.	
<b>4.</b>	<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.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> To approve the minutes of the meeting on 14 April 2022.	Enclosed
<b>ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY</b>		
<b>6.</b>	<b>Response to petition: ‘Pedestrian Crossing for Birmingham Road, Aldridge, enabling the safety of school children’</b> To receive a response to the petition requesting a pedestrian crossing for Birmingham Road, Aldridge.	Enclosed
<b>ITEMS FOR OVERVIEW</b>		
<b>7.</b>	<b>Areas of focus – 2021/22</b> To consider the areas of focus for the Committee during 2022/23.  Presentations will be received from the Leader, Deputy Leader (Resilient Communities) and the Portfolio Holder for Clean and Green on their priorities for the forthcoming year. The Executive Director will also provide a presentation on services within the remit of the Committee.	Enclosed
<b>8.</b>	<b>Forward Plans</b> To receive the latest Forward Plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabinet</li> <li>• Black Country Joint Executive Committee</li> <li>• West Midlands Combined Authority Board</li> </ul>	Enclosed

<b>9.</b>	<b>Recommendation Tracker</b> To consider progress on recommendations from the previous meeting.	Enclosed
<b>10.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> To note the date of the next meeting will be 13 September 2022.	

## 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:

<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>
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

14 April 2022 at 6.00pm held at Walsall Council House, Lichfield Street, Walsall, WS1 1TW.

### **Committee Members Present:**

Councillor M. Follows (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor B. Allen  
Councillor P. Bott  
Councillor E. Lee  
Councillor P. Kaur  
Councillor J. Whitehouse  
Councillor A. Hicken  
Councillor G. Flint

### **Portfolio Holders:**

Councillor M. Bird	Leader of the Council
Councillor A. Andrew	Deputy Leader and Regeneration
Councillor G. Perry	Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities

### **Officers Present:**

Simon Neilson	Executive Director of Economy, Environment and Communities
Philippa Venables	Director of Regeneration and Economy
Matt Crowton	Transportation Major Projects & Strategy Manager
Orla Duffey	Graduate Management Trainee
Jaki Brunton-Douglas	PHP Marketing & Funding Manager
Sian Lloyd	Democratic Services Officer

**Other Members Present:** Councillor C. Creaney Willenhall South Ward

### 51/21 **Apologies**

There were apologies received from Councillors Harrison and Singh Sohal.

### 52/21 **Substitution**

Councillor Flint substituted for Councillor Harrison and Councillor Hicken substituted for Councillor Singh Sohal.

### 53/21 **Declarations of Interest and Party Whip**

Councillor Hicken declared an interest as he was the Council's Climate Change Champion.

### 54/21 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items to consider in private session.

## 55/21 Minutes of the previous meeting

At this point a Member of the Committee raised a query regarding progress of the School Gate Parking Working Group. The Executive Director of Economy, Environment and Communities responded that there had been 2 meetings of the working group thus far.

### **Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2022, copies having previously been circulated, be approved as a true and accurate record.**

## 56/21 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

The Committee received an update on progress on electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the borough since its last discussion at this Committee in October 2021. The Transportation Major Projects & Strategy Manager advised the Committee that the Council, alongside Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council and City of Wolverhampton Council was successfully awarded funding of £254,040 from the ORCS fund in October 2021.

He stated that this would cover 75% of the costs of the 35 proposed chargepoints which had been through consultation with council officers and ward councillors before being subjected to public consultation with residents which began in February. It was noted that 142 responses had been received and were in the process of being reviewed but so far there had been 2 sites that had received some objections.

Members of the Committee asked questions regarding the number of respondents who had an electric vehicle themselves and raised concerns that some of the locations were already busy parking areas and without a TRO it would be incredibly difficult to stop people with petrol or diesel vehicles parking there and therefore stopping electric vehicle users from having access to the charger. The Transportation Major Projects & Strategy Manager responded that they were aware that there was a balance to be struck between not reducing on street parking available but ensuring that the chargepoints are accessible to electric vehicle users but that initial plans did not include Traffic Regulation Orders on these sites.

Further questions were raised in relation to the likelihood of there being further opportunities to submit bids for funding of electric vehicle chargepoints and whether the chargepoints would be universal and employ idle fees. The Transportation Major Projects & Strategy Manager responded that there would potentially be further funding opportunities that the council can benefit from and that the supplier of the chargepoints had not yet been chosen but idle fees and universality of the chargers would be considered as part of this.

The Leader of the Council asked what consultation had been conducted with ward councillors and the residents who live in the properties immediately next to the proposed chargepoints as he was aware no planning permission was required and once the chargepoints were in place it would be very difficult and expensive for these to be relocated. It was explained by the Transportation Major Projects &

Strategy Manager that all ward councillors had been informed and letters had been sent to residents.

The Committee also praised the proposals to install several of these sites near flats and terraced houses and queried whether owners of electric vehicles who could install charging points on their own properties had been informed of the grants they could apply for. They were advised that any private owners who had contacted had been advised of the potential funding opportunities for this.

**Resolved:**

**That:**

- 1. The report and progress so far be noted; and**
- 2. The Committee be provided with details on number of electric vehicle owners who responded to consultation and the universality of the electric vehicle chargers.**

**57/21 Walsall Borough Bonfire Night – Future Proposals**

The PHP Marketing & Funding Manager presented a report on the Council's plans for bonfire events in 2022 as approved by Cabinet on 16 March 2022. It was highlighted that the site at Holland Park had been dropped as part of this year's plans but that this meant that an extra event could be added at the Arboretum to celebrate Diwali in October. The approved plans restricted all 3 events to the weekend of Bonfire Night (4-6 November inclusive) and it was noted that this would be beneficial to the public to limit disturbance for individuals or pets who found loud noises unsettling.

Following questions from Members of the Committee the PHP Marketing & Funding Manager advised that the numbers given for site capacity took into consideration the need for a safety cordon around the bonfire and firework staging areas and that conversations had not been conducted with residents to understand their desire for a large event but that it was hoped that having an organised event would make residents less likely to hold gatherings at their own properties which would be less safe. A Member of the Committee suggested that restrictions should be placed on the selling of fireworks in the run up to Bonfire Night to dissuade private events.

A Member of the Committee raised concerns about the price of tickets for the events and asked whether it could livestreams of the events could be considered for those who were unable to afford entry. The PHP Marketing & Funding Manager responded that the ticket prices were only designed to cover the costs of the events and would not generate lots of income for the Council. She advised that all ticket sales would be online in advance and no cash would be accepted on the day of the event as that was no security. The Executive Director of Economy, Environment and Communities explained that due to the long lead-in times for fireworks events this decision needed to be made now but assured Members that options for livestreams would be explored.

Further questions were raised regarding the consideration of a private sector provider of the events, whether silent bonfires had been considered and if the Council could consider asking for more money in sponsorship from local



businesses. The PHP Marketing & Funding Manager confirmed that silent bonfires had been considered but not yet pursued as an option and that due to time pressures private sector provision could not be considered this year but this could be reviewed as an option in future years. She added that the Council would attempt to secure as much funding as possible from sponsorship but given the tough economic climate she considered it unlikely they would receive much more funding in this way. The Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities highlighted the opportunity to learn from this year's plans when considering future plans and whether bonfire events would continue to be provided by the Council.

**Resolved:**

**That:**

- 1. The report be noted; and**
- 2. Livestream options for the bonfire and firework events be explored.**

**58/21 Willenhall Framework Plan**

The Deputy Leader and Regeneration introduced a report on the Willenhall Framework Plan as supported by Cabinet on 9 February 2022. He highlighted that the key aim of the plan was to tackle long-standing derelict sites and bring them back into use over an area stretching much further than just the town centre. He explained that the landowners who had left their land derelict would be taken to account and that a policy of compulsory purchase orders had been agreed to facilitate this work. The Deputy Leader and Regeneration went on to express that once the Willenhall Framework Plan had been completed the ambition was to move on to other areas of the borough which were also in need of attention.

The Director of Regeneration and Economy added that the plan was centred around quality placemaking and invited Members of the Committee to read through the appended Masterplan which would provide detailed information to bring the plan to life.

Members of the Committee commented that there was also council-owned land in Willenhall that was in need of regeneration and the Deputy Leader and Regeneration advised that he had had conversations regarding this with the relevant officers and it would be addressed as part of the overall works.

On invitation by the Chair a Councillor from Willenhall South Ward stated he welcomed the enforcement in the area as it was needed and asked a question regarding the inclusion of ward councillors in the consultation process. He also enquired about sites that were known to have Japanese Knotweed. The Deputy Leader and Regeneration assured the Committee that all Willenhall Councillors would be included in the consultation process and kept up to date on developments and that whilst Japanese Knotweed may indeed reduce the amount of providers that would wish to be involved in the process the Council would ensure it was dealt with correctly.

Further questions were raised by Members of the Committee regarding the inclusion of a part of Small Heath in the plans and whether it would be possible that more new housing could be created than the figure quoted in the masterplan. The

Deputy Leader and Regeneration responded that the section of Small Heath had been included due to having a concentration of derelict sites and that he did not want to commit to a higher number of houses as there would need to be a mix of housing including some more aspirational properties.

The Committee discussed whether outline planning permission would be considered on some of the sites. The Director of Regeneration and Economy confirmed that this would be part of the compulsory purchase order process.

**Resolved:**

**That:**

- 1. The report be noted; and**
- 2. A further report be presented to the Committee in the next municipal year at a time to be agreed.**

**59/21 Areas of focus – 2021/22**

The Committee considered the items remaining on their work programme for 2021/22 and asked Members for their suggestions regarding items to be recommended for consideration in the following municipal year.

The following items were identified for recommendation for the 22/23 municipal year:

- Bonfires
- Town Deal
- Phoenix 10
- West Midlands Local Transport Plan
- Black Country Plan
- Petition for Pedestrian Crossing for Birmingham Road as presented to Council by Councillor Murray

**Resolved:**

**That the Areas of Focus and Forward Plans be noted.**

**60/21 Recommendation Tracker**

The Committee reviewed its Recommendation Tracker. There were 3 actions on the tracker; 2 from the previous meeting which had been completed and 1 from the meeting on 18 January which was ongoing.

The Democratic Services Officer advised that she had been in contact with the Head of Clean & Green & Leisure regarding the outstanding action on recycling rates by ward and had been advised that this information was unfortunately not available as the collection routes did not directly correspond with the wards. The Head of Clean & Green & Leisure had provided assurance that year end recycling performance data would instead be distributed to the Committee when available.

**Resolved:**

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

**61/21 Date of next meeting**

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

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 7.08pm.

Signed: .....

Date: .....

7 July 2022

**Response to the Petition: 'Pedestrian Crossing for Birmingham Road, Aldridge, enabling the safety of school children'.**

**Ward(s):** Aldridge Central and South

**Portfolios:** Councillor Andrew – Deputy Leader of the Council and Regeneration

**1. Aim**

- 1.1 A petition was presented to Walsall Council containing 1,052 signatures, calling on the council to install a pedestrian crossing facility on Birmingham Road by the junction of Tynings Lane, Aldridge to ensure the safe travel to and from school for many children.
- 1.2 The council's petitions scheme states that *'if a petition contains at least 500 signatories the relevant senior officer will give evidence at a public meeting of one of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The authority has determined that the response to such petitions must be given by either the Chief Executive, Executive Directors, Assistant Directors or Heads of Service. The Committee may also decide to call the relevant Portfolio Holder to attend the meeting'*.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 This report recommends that the scrutiny committee:
  - a) Note that the requested pedestrian crossing is currently ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the list of reserve schemes on the council's measures to encourage walking for 2022/23, and that the request will again be considered as part of the annual borough-wide road safety review for 2023/24.
  - b) Note that there will be a renewed effort to recruit to the vacant school crossing patrol post on Birmingham Road, Aldridge close to Tynings Lane as this would offer short term assistance at this location.

**3. Report detail – know**

- 3.1 Birmingham Road in Aldridge is a local distributor road that runs between the A454 Walsall Road and the B4154 and is approximately 0.47miles (0.75km) in length. A 30mph speed limit extends along the full length of the road. There is also footway provision along the full length. Aldridge School, Whetstone Field Primary School and St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School are nearby.

3.2 The petition submitted makes the following request: -

*'There is an urgent need for a pedestrian crossing to be installed by the junction of Tynings Lane, ensuring the safe travel to and from school for many children.'*

3.3. Traffic Signs Regulation and General Directions (TSRGD), Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 6 – Traffic Control, gives guidance regarding the assessment of pedestrian crossing facilities.

3.4 A school crossing patrol site is situated on Birmingham Road, 5 metres south of Tynings Lane. This site has been vacant since 10 January 2020. This vacant site has been advertised since that date as part of the ongoing recruitment drive to vacant school crossing patrol Sites across the borough.

3.5 A pedestrian survey was undertaken on 23 March 2022 between 08:15 and 09:15 when a total of 98 people were observed crossing Birmingham Road, close to the junction with Tynings Lane.

3.6 The council regularly receive requests for new or improved pedestrian / cycle crossing facilities. All requests are prioritised under the measures to encourage walking and cycling programme following an assessment against the following criteria:

- degree of conflict between pedestrians and vehicles;
- pedestrian collisions;
- volume of pedestrians;
- first Year Rate of Return;
- public amenities, schools, open spaces; and
- whether there is an existing facility.

3.7 Crossing schemes are ranked using a scoring system. Points are allocated against the criteria outlined above.

3.8 Speed data from 2021 (analysed for the annual borough-wide road safety review 2022/23) indicates an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 36.1mph (the highest speed recorded by 85% of the traffic surveyed). With a combined seven-day average speed of 29.1mph. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed for Birmingham Road remains below the level at which additional speed enforcement can be requested from the police.

#### **4. Financial information**

4.1 The proposed crossing would fall within the scope of the council's road safety budget through measures to encourage walking programme. Subject to surveys of the site a zebra crossing in this location is estimated to cost in the region of £25,000 for capital infrastructure. There would also be a requirement for a small amount of ongoing revenue funding for electricity costs and periodic refreshing of highway lines.

## **5. *Reducing Inequalities***

- 5.1 The council's road safety programmes of work provide all citizens using Walsall's highway network a standard of service which will maintain the safe passage of vehicular and pedestrian traffic so far as is reasonably practicable.

## **6. *Decide***

- 6.1 The Council must determine a reasonable level of intervention in response to the concerns raised by the signatories of the petition detailed in this report. This needs to consider the borough-wide demand for crossing facilities and the site-specific data and note that the request is currently ranked 7<sup>th</sup> on the reserve list of measures to encourage walking.

## **7. *Respond***

- 7.1 The Council's officers will renew efforts to recruit to the vacant school crossing patrol on Birmingham Road immediately south of Tynings Lane. This will include exploring new ways to stimulate applications for this post.
- 7.2 The request for a pedestrian crossing will be reconsidered as part of the annual borough-wide road safety review for 2023/24, with 2022 data. The outcome of this process could result in this pedestrian crossing request moving up or down the priority list, and the inclusion within any future funded programme will be subject to the total amount of funding available and the affordability of any requests that may have a higher ranking at the time of assessment.

## **8. *Review***

- 8.1 A review of pedestrian crossing requests through the measures to encourage walking programme is completed on an annual basis as part of the council borough-wide safety review. This location will be reassessed annually until such time as the request can be delivered, or the request for the pedestrian facility is removed for a legitimate reason.

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## **Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Agenda Committee Item No. 7**

**7 July 2022**

**Areas of focus for 2022/23**

**Ward(s)** All

**Portfolios:** Cllr. M. Bird - Leader  
Cllr A. Andrew – Deputy Leader and Regeneration  
Cllr G. Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities  
Cllr K. Murphy – Clean and Green  
Cllr M. Statham – Education and Skills  
Cllr G. Flint – Health and Wellbeing

### **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 2022/23.

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. M. Bird – Leader

Cllr A. Andrew – Deputy Leader and Regeneration

Cllr G. Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities

Cllr K. Murphy – Clean and Green

### **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:

Town Deal

Phoenix 10

West Midlands Local Transport Plan

Black Country Plan

Petition regarding pedestrian crossing on Birmingham Road, Aldridge

### **Incomplete items from previous year**

It has been proposed by the Chair of the Committee that the Committee moves forward with the following incomplete items from the previous year:

District Town Centres Update

The Council's Waste Strategy

Partnership working with West Midlands Police on traffic speed enforcement.

### **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 the Scrutiny Overview Committee, at its meeting on the 16 June 2022, 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

**JULY 2022 TO OCTOBER 2022** (Additional items 20.06.2022)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Reference No./ Date first entered in Plan</b>	<b>Decision to be considered</b> (to provide adequate details for those both in and outside the Council) <b>Indicate Key/Non-key</b>	<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Background papers (if any) and Contact Officer</b>	<b>Main consultees</b>	<b>Contact Member</b> (All Members can be written to at Civic Centre, Walsall)	<b>Date item to be considered</b>
12/22 (16.06.20)	<b>Accommodation Strategy and Proud Everywhere Update:</b>  Final appendix of the Strategic Asset Plan to be presented and agreed with an update of the works and costs to be approved in the capital programme required across the Civic Centre, Council House and wider Corporate Estate to ensure maximisation of use of assets and fit for purpose premises for staff, members and customers	Cabinet  Key Decision	Strategic Asset Plan and appendices  Nick Ford <a href="mailto:Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal	Councillor Andrew	20 July 2022

13/22 (16.6.22)	<b>Adult Social Care – Extension of contractual arrangements:</b>  To approve 1) the extension of the interim contracts for Residential and Nursing Care Services for Older People, Complex Care and Mental Health Services from 1.4.23 to 31.3.24  2) the extension of the current contractual arrangements for Community Based Services from 1.4.23 to 31.3.24.  3) the extension of the current Supported Living Framework and agreement to spot purchase supported Living placements commencing from 26.1.23 to 25.1.24	Cabinet  Key Decision	Cabinet Report 09/09/2020  Jean Watson <a href="mailto:Jean.watson@walsall.gov.uk">Jean.watson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal	Councillor Pedley	20 July 2022
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## **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

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**6 June 2022**

## 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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JULY 2022 TO OCTOBER 2022 (6.6.22)**

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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
97/22 (7.3.22)	<b>Corporate Plan 2021/22:</b>  To note the Quarter 4 (outturn) performance against the Measures of Success in the Corporate Plan 2021/22	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Stephen Gunther  <a href="mailto:Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk">Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	22 June 2022
99/22 (4.4.22)	<b>Corporate Performance Management Framework:</b>  To present the refreshed framework which is part of the Council's governance arrangements along with feedback from Audit Committee following its consideration of the robustness of the framework.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Helen Dudson  <a href="mailto:Helen.dudson@walsall.gov.uk">Helen.dudson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	22 June 2022
100/22 (4.4.22)	<b>Pre-Audit Outturn 2021/22 and Covid-19 Update:</b>  To receive the pre-audit revenue and capital financial outturn position for 2021/22 and approve recommended carry forwards, and financial and treasury indicators for 2021/22, along with an updated assessment of Covid-19 funding allocations to address cost pressures and income losses	Cabinet  Key Decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	22 June 2022

106/22 (24.5.22)	<b>Local Development Scheme:</b>  An amendment to the timetable is required to accommodate the proposed additional Black Country Plan Regulation 18 consultation and delegated authority. Approval is also sought for delegated authority to make factual changes to the document.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Stuart Crossen  <a href="mailto:stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk">stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Cllr Bird	22 June 2022
101/22 (4.4.22)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23, approach to Budget Setting for 2023/24, and changes to the council's Tax Strategy:</b>  To report the financial position based on 2 months to May 2022, including the impact of Covid-19, and to set out our approach and timeline for the 2023/24 budget process and amendments to the Tax Strategy.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	20 July 2022
106/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Treasury Management Annual Report:</b>  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 2021/22 including prudential and local indicators.	Council  Non-Key Decision	Treasury Management Code of Practice.  Richard Walley  <a href="mailto:Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	7 September 2022



110/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2026/27:</b>  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.	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	19 October 2022
111/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23:</b>  To report the financial position based on 5 months to August 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>	Public, Internal Services	Cllr Bird	19 October 2022
102/22 (9.5.22)	<b>Housing Renewal Assistance Policy 2022-25:</b>  To approve an updated policy governing delivery of capital housing funds.	Cabinet  Key Decision	David Lockwood  <a href="mailto:David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk">David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public, Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 June 2022
103/22 (9.5.22)	<b>Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation:</b>  To consider options for mitigation strategies in response to the requirement that all developments that would have Likely Significant Effects on the SAC need to provide mitigation for their impacts.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Stuart Crossen  <a href="mailto:Stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk">Stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk</a>  John Raine  <a href="mailto:John.raine@walsall.gov.uk">John.raine@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 June 2022

104/22 (9.5.22)	<b>Black Country Plan:</b>  To approve additional draft Black Country Plan regulation 18 consultation for additional suitable development sites.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Stuart Crossen  <a href="mailto:Stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk">Stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 June 2022
105/22 (9.5.22)	<b>Housing Retro-fit 2022/23 schemes- Appointment of contractors:</b>  To approve appointment of contractors to deliver grant funded works to home in the borough to ensure that the council can use time-limited Local Authority Delivery Scheme (LADS) and Home Upgrade Grant (HUGs) funding to improve the energy efficiency of dwellings in the borough and help tackle fuel poverty, excess winter deaths and domestic carbon emissions	Cabinet  Key Decision	David Lockwood  <a href="mailto:David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk">David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Mark England  <a href="mailto:Mark.england@walsall.gov.uk">Mark.england@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 June 2022
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	20 July 2022

108/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Town Deal:</b>  To agree submission of business cases for Town Deal projects to secure funding.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Philippa Venables  <a href="mailto:Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk">Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services, Town Deal Board members	Cllr Andrew	20 July 2022
94/22 (6.2.22)	<b>Adult Social Care Charging Policy:</b>  To consider and approve the revised Charging Policy, within ASC, following completion of the Public Consultation.	Cabinet  Key decision	Anne Doyle  <a href="mailto:Anne.doyle@walsall.gov.uk">Anne.doyle@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Pedley	22 June 2022
98/22 (7.3.22)	<b>Statutory Advocacy Services:</b>  To receive an update on the recommissioning of these services and delegate authority to accept and award a contract	Cabinet  Key decision	Tracy Simcox  <a href="mailto:Tracy.simcox@walsall.gov.uk">Tracy.simcox@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Pedley	20 July 2022
109/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Schools Mainstream Local Funding Formula 2023/24:</b>  That Cabinet approves a full consultation with all schools for the Mainstream Local Funding Formula, to be used for the allocation of mainstream funding to schools in Walsall	Cabinet	Schools Forum  ESFA – Schools revenue funding operation guide  Richard Walley  <a href="mailto:Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Schools Forum  Cabinet	Cllr M. Statham	19 October 2022

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<b>Date created</b>	<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>	<b>Main Consultees</b>	<b>Date of meeting</b>
09/05/2022	<b>Constitution and Timetable of meetings 2022/23</b>  Approve the timetable of meetings for 2022/23. Approve any amendments to the BCJC Constitution, Terms of Reference and Working Protocols.	Dr Helen Paterson ChiefExecutive@walsall.gov.uk	Dudley MBC Sandwell MBC Walsall MBC City of Wolverhampton Council	27/07/2022
09/05/2022	<b>Future working arrangements of the Black Country Executive Joint Committee</b>  Consider the future working arrangements in light of the receipt of Government correspondence dated 31 March 2022 : Integrating Local Enterprise Partnerships into local democratic institutions.	Sarah Middleton Sarah_Middleton@blackcountryconsortium.co.uk	Dudley MBC Sandwell MBC Walsall MBC City of Wolverhampton Council	27/07/2022
<b>Growing Places Fund</b>				
07/02/2022	<b>Black Country Digital Strategy</b>  Approval for the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with the Black Country Consortium Ltd, to increase its funding allocation in 2022/23 to further develop the Black Country Digital Strategy, funded from the Growing Places revenue budget.	Simon Neilson <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022

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	Local Growth Fund (LGF)	Programme changes		
06/04/2021	<b>Dudley Advanced Construction Centre</b>  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 2022/23 financial year. Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.	Helen Martin <a href="mailto:Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk">Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</a>	Dudley Council	27/07/2022
06/09/2021	<b>Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills</b>  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 2022/23 financial year. Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.	Richard Lawrence <a href="mailto:Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk">Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a>	Wolverhampton City Council	27/07/2022

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	Local Growth Fund (LGF)	Year End changes		
09/05/2022	<b>Growth Deal Year end changes</b>  Approval for the current position of the Growth Deal Projects, reflecting all changes to the programme throughout the year, this includes changes to outputs and match funding profiles.	Simon Neilson <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022
09/05/2022	<b>Wolverhampton Interchange</b>  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 Wolverhampton Interchange project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year. Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.	Richard Lawrence <a href="mailto:Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk">Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a>	Wolverhampton City Council	27/07/2022

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	Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF)	Programme changes		
09/05/2022	<b>Land and Property Investment Fund Year End Changes</b>  Approval for the current position of the Land and Property Investment Fund Projects, reflecting all changes to the Land and Property Investment Fund Programme (Funding and Outputs) throughout the year and, to maximise the 2021/22 allocation.  Approval of the individual change requests for projects that have exceeded the 10% threshold summarised within the report and detailed within the change request attachments.	Simon Neilson <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022
09/05/2022	<b>Phoenix 10</b>  Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Walsall Council, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF) funded elements of the Phoenix 10 project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year.	Simon Neilson <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022

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09/05/2022	<b>i54 Western Extension</b>  Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF) funded elements of the i54 Western Extension project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year.	Richard Lawrence <a href="mailto:Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk">Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a>	Wolverhampton City Council	27/07/2022
09/05/2022	<b>Sandwell Housing Gap Funding</b>  Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Sandwell Council, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF) funded elements of the Sandwell Housing Gap Funding project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year.	Tony McGovern <a href="mailto:Tony.McGovern@sandwell.gov.uk">Tony.McGovern@sandwell.gov.uk</a>	Sandwell Council	27/07/2022



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<b>Date created</b>	<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>	<b>Main Consultees</b>	<b>Date of meeting</b>
	Growing Places Fund (GPF)	Programme changes		
09/05/2022	<b>Growing Places Fund Year End changes</b>  Approval for the current position of the Growing Places Fund Projects, reflecting all changes to the programme throughout the year, and to maximise the 2021/22 Growing Places Fund allocated expenditure.	Simon Neilson <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022
09/05/2022	<b>Very Light Rail Test track</b>  Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growing Places Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Walsall Council, to deliver the Growing Places Fund (GPF) funded elements of the Very Light Rail Test Track project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year.	Helen Martin <a href="mailto:Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk">Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</a>	Dudley Council	27/07/2022

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09/05/2022	<p><b>Very Light Rail National Innovation Centre</b></p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growing Places Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Walsall Council, to deliver the Growing Places Fund (GPF) funded elements of the Very Light Rail National Innovation Centre project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year.</p>	<p>Helen Martin  <a href="mailto:Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk">Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</a></p>	Dudley Council	27/07/2022
09/05/2022	<p><b>Spring Road, Wolverhampton</b></p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growing Places Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to enter into a Grant Agreement with KMN Investments Limited, to deliver the Growing Places Fund (GPF), funded elements of the Spring Road Wolverhampton project with delivery to commence in the 2022/23 financial year.</p> <p>This project will require a financial contribution from the Land &amp; Property Investment Fund.</p>	<p>Richard Lawrence  <a href="mailto:Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk">Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a></p>	Wolverhampton City Council	27/07/2022

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Getting Building Fund (GBF)		Programme changes		
09/05/2022	<b>Getting Building Fund Year End Changes</b>  Approval for the current position of the Getting Building Fund Projects, reflecting all changes to the programme throughout the year, and to maximise the 2021/22 Getting Building Fund allocated expenditure.	Simon Neilson <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022
	Approval for the <b>Very Light Rail Test Track</b> expenditure of £319,040 in 2021/22 (currently funded from Growing Places Fund) is charged to the Getting Building Fund, to utilise unspent 2021/22 budgets allocated to the National Brownfield Institute project.	Helen Martin <a href="mailto:Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk">Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</a>	Dudley Council	27/07/2022
Black Country Enterprise Zone (EZ)		Programme changes		
09/05/2022	<b>Black Country Enterprise Zone Year End Changes</b>  Approval for the current position of the Black Country Enterprise Zone Projects, reflecting all changes to the programme throughout the year, and to maximise the 2021/22 Enterprise Zone allocated expenditure.	Simon Neilson <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022

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09/05/2022	<p><b>Parallel 9-10</b></p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Black Country Enterprise zone (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Cayborn Ltd, to deliver the Black Country Enterprise Zone (BCEZ) funded elements of the Parallel 9-10 project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year.</p>	<p>Simon Neilson  <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022

## WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY FORWARD PLAN: JULY 2022 - MARCH 2023

Title of Report	Summary of purpose and recommendations	Lead Portfolio Holder	Lead Officer	Confidential	Category
<b>Meeting July 2022</b>					
<b>Levelling Up White Paper</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To provide an update on the latest work being undertaken in support of the WMCA's Trailblazer Devolution Deal.</p> <p><b>Recommendation(s):</b></p>	n/a	Ed Cox	No	Governance
<b>Independent Remuneration Panel</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To consider the recommendations arising out of the independent review of members allowances.</p> <p><b>Recommendation(s):</b> To consider the recommendations.</p>	n/a	Satish Mistry	No	Governance
<b>Financial Monitoring 2022/23</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To outline the latest financial position of WMCA and provide an update on any current financial matters affecting WMCA.</p> <p><b>Recommendation(s):</b></p>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance
<b>West Midlands Race Equalities Taskforce - Update</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation(s):</b></p>	Cllr Kerrie Carmichael	Ed Cox	No	Inclusive Communities

Title of Report	Summary of purpose and recommendations	Lead Portfolio Holder	Lead Officer	Confidential	Category
<b>Metro Affordability</b>	<b>Purpose:</b> <b>Recommendation(s):</b>	Cllr Ian Ward	Anne Shaw / Linda Horne	No	Transport
<b>Buy Before You Board</b>	<b>Purpose:</b> To seek approval for an increase in the interim cash flow funding required and to detail the change in scope and unforeseen costs that had created the additional funding requirements. <b>Recommendation(s):</b> (1) Note the report, highlighting the outcome of the procurement process and the feedback from the single assurance framework; (2) Approve the increase in the interim cash flow funding to enable the installation of cash enabled TVM.	Cllr Ian Ward	Anne Shaw	No	Transport
<b>Meeting September 2022</b>					
<b>Levelling Up White Paper</b>	<b>Purpose:</b> To provide an update on the latest work being undertaken in support of the WMCA's Trailblazer Devolution Deal. <b>Recommendation(s):</b>	n/a	Ed Cox	No	Governance
<b>Financial Monitoring 2022/23</b>	<b>Purpose:</b> To outline the latest financial position of WMCA and provide an update on any current financial matters affecting WMCA. <b>Recommendation(s):</b>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance

Title of Report	Summary of purpose and recommendations	Lead Portfolio Holder	Lead Officer	Confidential	Category
<b>Meeting November 2022</b>					
<b>Levelling Up White Paper</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To provide an update on the latest work being undertaken in support of the WMCA's Trailblazer Devolution Deal.</p> <p><b>Recommendation(s):</b></p>	n/a	Ed Cox	No	Governance
<b>WMCA Aims &amp; Objectives Annual Review</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To review the WMCA's Aims &amp; Objectives previously agreed in November 2021.</p> <p><b>Recommendations(s):</b></p>	n/a	Laura Shoaf	No	Governance
<b>Financial Monitoring 2022/23</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To outline the latest financial position of WMCA and provide an update on any current financial matters affecting WMCA.</p> <p><b>Recommendation(s):</b></p>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance
<b>Meeting January 2023</b>					
<b>Draft WMCA Budget 2023/234</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To approve the WMCA's draft 2023/24 budget for consultation.</p> <p><b>Recommendation(s):</b></p>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance

Title of Report	Summary of purpose and recommendations	Lead Portfolio Holder	Lead Officer	Confidential	Category
<b>Financial Monitoring 2022/23</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To outline the latest financial position of WMCA and provide an update on any current financial matters affecting WMCA.</p> <p><b>Recommendation(s):</b></p>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance
<b>LEP Integration Plan</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To approve the proposed integration plan for LEPs.</p> <p><b>Recommendation(s):</b></p>	Cllr Ian Brookfield	Julie Nugent	No	Economy & Innovation
<b>Meeting February 2023</b>					
<b>WMCA Budget 2023/234</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To approve the WMCA's 2023/24 budget.</p> <p><b>Recommendation(s):</b></p>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance



Committee Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Action/Recommendation	Officer responsible	Status	Target Completion Date	Notes
14 April 2022	<b>Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure</b>	The Committee be provided with details on number of electric vehicle owners who responded to consultation and the universality of the electric vehicle chargers.	Matt Crowton	Ongoing		
	<b>Walsall Borough Bonfire Night – Future Proposals</b>	Livestream options for the bonfire and firework events be explored.	Jaki Brunton-Douglas	Ongoing		
	<b>Willenhall Framework Plan</b>	A further report be presented to the Committee in the next municipal year at a time to be agreed.	Philippa Venables	Ongoing		