

# Forward Plan of Key Decisions

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COUNCIL**

This document sets out known 'key decisions' that will be taken by the Cabinet or one of the Cabinet Panels (the Executive) over the coming months.

Forthcoming decisions are published online to meet the statutory 28 day rule for each meeting of the Executive. 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.

### **What is a key decision?**

A key decision is an Executive decision which is likely:

- to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates (in Wolverhampton, this is defined as expenditure or savings **in excess of £250,000**), and/or
- 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 local authority.

The report relating to a decision, together with any other documents being considered, will be available five clear days before the decision is to be taken (unless the documentation contains exempt information). Copies are available on the Council's website or can be requested from Democratic Services.

The forward plan also provides notice of when the Cabinet 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, details of the exempt categories are available on request from Democratic Services.

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 Council's decision-making arrangements,

should contact the Democratic Services team:

Email: [democratic.services@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01902 550320

Address: Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1SH

## Forthcoming key decisions

Title of key decision:	Wards affected:	Decision to be taken by and date:	Public or private:	Lead Cabinet Member:	Employee to contact:
<b>Our Council</b>					
<p><b>Council Tax Base and Business Rates (NDR) Net Rate Yield 2024-2025</b></p> <p>To set the estimates for Wolverhampton Collection Fund 2024-2025, which the Council manages on behalf of local precepting bodies and central government.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Jan 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
<p><b>Collection Fund Estimated Outturn 2023-2024</b></p> <p>To report on the estimated outturn for Council Tax and Business Rates, also referred to as Non-Domestic Rates (NDR), transactions on the Collection Fund in 2023-2024.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Jan 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
<p><b>Annual Health and Safety Report - 2023</b></p> <p>This report will review progress and health and safety performance during 2023 and highlight key priorities for the year 2024.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Jan 2024	Open	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	Tim Munro Head of Service Health and Safety Tel: 01902 554058

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<p><b>17 January 2023 - Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 17 Jan 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<p><b>17 January 2023 - Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 17 Jan 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<p><b>Treasury Management Strategy 2024-2025</b> To approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2024-2025.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
<p><b>Capital Programme 2023-2024 to 2027-2028 Quarter Three Review and 2024-2025 to 2028-2029 Budget Strategy</b> The approve the Capital Programme 2023-2024 to 2027-2028 Quarter Three Review and 2024-2025 to 2028-2029 Budget Strategy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561

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<p><b>2024-2025 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-2025 to 2026-2027</b> To present a balanced budget for 2024-2025 aligned to the Council Plan priorities and an update on the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-2025 to 2026-2027.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
<p><b>Performance and Budget Monitoring 2023-2024</b> To provide an integrated finance and performance update against the Relighting Our City priorities</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
<p><b>Treasury Management Activity Monitoring Quarter Three 2023-2024</b> To approve the Treasury Management Activity Monitoring Quarter Three 2023-2024 report.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
<p><b>21 February 2024 - Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503

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<p><b>20 March 2024 - Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
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<p><b>24 April 2024 - Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 24 Apr 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503

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<b>22 May 2024 - Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 May 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<b>22 May 2024 - Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 May 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<b>Thriving economy in all parts of the city</b>					
<b>Response to Dudley, Sandwell and Telford &amp; Wrekin Local Plan Consultations and South Staffordshire Duty to Cooperate letter</b> To approve the Council response.	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Jan 2024	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Michele Ross Lead Planning Manager Tel: 01902 554038

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<p><b>Delivering the Bell Street Box Space</b> Update on the improvements, resources and approvals required to deliver the new Bell Street Box Space development as part of the regeneration of City Centre West.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for Visitor City	Ian Fegan Director of Communications and Visitor Experience
<p><b>Wolverhampton Local Plan - Issues and Preferred Options Consultations</b> To approve the Wolverhampton Local Plan Issues and Preferred Options Report.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Michele Ross Lead Planning Manager Tel: 01902 554038
<b>Strong families where children grow up well and achieve their full potential</b>					
<p><b>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Inclusion Strategy</b> To approve the SEND and Inclusion Strategy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Jacqui Coogan Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Education	Helen Bakewell Head of Inclusion & Empowerment Tel: 01902 551583
<p><b>Determined Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2025-2026</b> Outcome of admission arrangements consultation and seeking approval of the admission arrangements for 2025-2026.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Jacqui Coogan Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Education	David Kirby Service Manager School Organisation and Support Tel: 01902 554152



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<b>Fulfilled lives for all with quality care for those that need it</b>					
<p><b>Our City Our Plan Refresh</b> To approve the refresh of the Council's overarching strategic framework Our City Our Plan for the 2024/2025 municipal year.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Laura Collings Head of Policy & Strategy Tel: 01902 550414
<p><b>Care and Support Provider Fee Review 2024/25</b> To present the annual fees review for adult social care and support providers.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing	Juliet Alilionwu Head of Commissioning (Adults)
<b>Good homes in well connected neighbourhoods</b>					
<p><b>Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2024 - 2025 including Rent and Service Charges</b> To seek approval of the Housing Revenue Account business plan for 2024 - 2025 including the revenue budget, capital programme, rents and service charges.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Jan 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Andrew Bryant Service Manager Landlord Services

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<p><b>Acquisition of Privately Owned Empty Property by Agreement or Compulsory Purchase: 52 Bridge Street, Portobello, Willenhall, WV13 3EQ</b> Acquisition of Privately Owned Empty Property by Agreement or Compulsory Purchase: 52 Bridge Street, Portobello, Willenhall, WV13 3EQ.</p>	Bilston North	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 17 Jan 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Richard Long Housing Improvement Officer Tel: 01902 555705
<p><b>Wolverhampton Homes Delivery Plan 2024 - 2025</b> To present the Delivery Plan for Wolverhampton Homes 2024 - 2025, to seek approval and recommendation for adoption by the Council.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Jenny Lewington Deputy Director of City Housing Tel: 01902 555706
<p><b>Good Growth Strategy</b> To approve the Council's new strategic economic plan.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Laura Collings Head of Policy & Strategy Tel: 01902 550414
<p><b>Hampton View, Heath Town - Surrender of lease</b> To approve the agreed Heads of Terms with Sanctuary Housing Association for the surrender of lease for Hampton View and to agree the future use of the high-rise block.</p>	Heath Town	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Karen Beasley Head of Housing Development Tel: 01902 554893

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<p><b>City Housing Decant Policy</b> Approval of the Council's approach to the decanting of tenants and leaseholders.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Michelle Garbett Service Lead Housing Strategy Tel: 01902 552954
<p><b>Home Loss and Disturbance Policy</b> To approve a Home Loss and Disturbance Policy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Meryl Tsagli Housing Policy Officer
<p><b>Housing Asset Management Strategy 2024 - 2028</b> To approve the Asset Management Strategy 2024-2028 for council owned housing stock.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 20 Mar 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Karen Beasley Head of Housing Development Tel: 01902 554893
<p><b>Homelessness Prevention Strategy</b> To approve the Homelessness Prevention Strategy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 24 Apr 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Daniel Cartwright Homelessness Policy Officer
<p><b>Revision to the Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy</b> Revision to be made to the Private Sector Assistance Policy following review.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 24 Apr 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Michelle Garbett Service Lead Housing Strategy Tel: 01902 552954