

The Forward Plan

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:

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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:
Corporate					
Travel and Subsidy Policy To approve changes to current travel and subsidy guidance.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 2 Oct 2018	Open	Councillor Val Gibson, Cabinet Member for Governance	Denise Pearce Head of Human Resources Tel: 01902 554515
Working Hours Policy To approve amendments to the working hours policy.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 2 Oct 2018	Open	Councillor Val Gibson, Cabinet Member for Governance	Denise Pearce Head of Human Resources Tel: 01902 554515
Smart Working Policy To approve the introduction of a new Smart Working Policy to support employees to work from other suitable locations where possible.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 2 Oct 2018	Open	Councillor Val Gibson, Cabinet Member for Governance	Denise Pearce Head of Human Resources Tel: 01902 554515
Council Tax Charges on Empty Properties and Second Homes Policy To approve amendments to the policy for council tax charges on long term empty properties and second homes.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 2 Oct 2018	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Karen Hampshire Revenues and Benefit Manager

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Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019-2020 - 2020-2021 To approve the Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019-2020 – 2020-2021.	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Oct 2018	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Michelle Howell, Finance Business Partner Tel: 01902 556913
Scrutiny Review of Flood Risk Preparation and Response To endorse a report of the findings and recommendations of a review completed by the Scrutiny Board.	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Oct 2018	Open	Councillor Steve Evans, Cabinet Member for City Environment, Councillor Val Gibson Cabinet Member for Governance	Earl Piggott- Smith Scrutiny Officer Tel: 01902 551251
Fees and Charges Review 2019- 2020 To review the fees and charges for the financial year 2019/20	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 6 Nov 2018	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 556913
Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter Two 2018-2019 To approve the Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter Two 2018-2019.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Nov 2018	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Claire Nye, Director of Finance Tel: 01902 556913
Treasury Management Activity Monitoring Mid Year Review 2018- 2019 To approve the Treasury Management Activity Monitoring -Mid Year Review 2018-2019.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Nov 2018	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Claire Nye, Director of Finance Tel: 01902 554451

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Capital Programme 2018-2019 to 2022-2023 Quarter Two Review To review the Capital Programme 2018-2019 to 2022-2023	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Nov 2018	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Claire Nye, Director of Finance Tel: 01902 554451
Local Council Tax Support Scheme To approve the proposals to amend the local scheme for 2019-2020 conwards following public consultation.	All Wards	Cabinet 23 Jan 2019	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Sue Martin Head of Revenue and Benefits Tel: 01902 554772
Education					
The Vision For School Organisation in Wolverhampton 2018-2020	All Wards	Cabinet 12 Sep 2018	Fully Exempt	Councillor Lynne Moran Cabinet Member	Stephanie Knigl School Organisation

The Vision For School Organisation in Wolverhampton 2018-2020 To approve the Vision For School Organisation in Wolverhampton 2018-2020.	All Wards	Cabinet 12 Sep 2018	Fully Exempt	Councillor Lynne Moran Cabinet Member for Education and Skills	Stephanie Knight School Organisation Officer
School Accessibility Strategy To approve the City of Wolverhampton's School Accessibility Strategy.	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Oct 2018	Open	Councillor Lynne Moran Cabinet Member for Education and Skills	Adrian Leach, Head of SEND, Tel: 01902 555159
School Improvement Strategy To approve the School Improvement Strategy 2018 - 2020	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Oct 2018	Open	Councillor Lynne Moran Cabinet Member for Education and Skills	Amanda Newbold Senior School Improvement Advisor

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School Expansion Programmes To approve a review of the Secondary School Expansion Programme 2017-2019 and the Primary School Expansion Programme 2018-2020.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Nov 2018	Fully Exempt	Councillor Lynne Moran Cabinet Member for Education and Skills	Lisa Johnson, School Organisation Officer
Prescribed Alterations to Specialist Educational Provision To approve the final decision on the change proposals following consultation.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Nov 2018	Open	Councillor Lynne Moran Cabinet Member for Education and Skills	Adrian Leach Head of SEND Tel: 01902 551469
People					
Care Leavers Local Offer To approve the Care Leavers Local Offer.	All Wards	Cabinet 12 Sep 2018	Open	Councillor Paul Sweet Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Alison Hinds Head of Looked After Children
Safer Wolverhampton Partnership Annual Report To endorse the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership Annual Report.	All Wards	Cabinet 12 Sep 2018	Open	Councillor Hazel Malcolm Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing	Karen Samuels Head of Community Safety
Better Care Fund Section 75 Agreement (Pooled Budget 2018-2019) To approve the Section 75 Agreement for 2018-2019.	All Wards	Cabinet 12 Sep 2018	Open	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE Cabinet Member for Adults	Jessica Timmins Commissioning Officer

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Wolverhampton Safeguarding Children and Adults Board Annual Report To receive the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Children and Adults Board Annual Report	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Oct 2018	Open	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE, Cabinet Member for Adults, Councillor Paul Sweet Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Dawn Williams, Head of Service Safeguarding, Tel: 553044
Establishing the Regional Adoption Agency (Adoption@Heart) as a hosted model in the City of Wolverhampton Council) To approve the establishment of the Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) as a hosted model in the City of Wolverhampton Council.	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Oct 2018	Open	Councillor Paul Sweet Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Emma Bennett Director of Children's Services Tel: 01902 551449
Reducing Reoffending Strategy To approve the Black Country Reducing Reoffending Strategy.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Nov 2018	Open	Councillor Hazel Malcolm Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing	Karen Samuels Head of Community Safety
Mental Health Strategy To approve the final draft Joint Mental Health Strategy.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Nov 2018	Open	Councillor Hazel Malcolm Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing	Brendan Clifford Service Director - City Health

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Local Account To approve the Local Account.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Nov 2018	Open	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE Cabinet Member for Adults	Louise Haughton, Principal Social Worker, Tel: 01902 553130
Support Services Review To approve the review of Support Services.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 15 Jan 2019	Open	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE Cabinet Member for Adults	Susan Eagle Commissioning Officer
Sufficiency of Extra Care Provision To approve the Sufficiency of the Extra Care Provision in the City.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 5 Mar 2019	Open	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE Cabinet Member for Adults	Sarah Smith Head of Strategic Commissioning
Participation Strategy Review To approve the Participation Strategy	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2019	Open	Councillor Paul Sweet Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Alice Vickers Corporate Parenting Officer Tel: 01902 556703

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Carers Strategy To approve the Carers Strategy.	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2019	Open	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE, Cabinet Member for Adults, Councillor Paul Sweet, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Councillor Hazel Malcolm Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing	Sarah Smith Head of Strategic Commissioning
Joint Dementia Strategy To approve the joint Dementia Strategy.	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2019	Open	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE Cabinet Member for Adults	Sarah Smith Head of Strategic Commissioning
Principal Social Worker Annual Report To receive the Principal Social Worker Annual Report.	All Wards	Cabinet 10 Apr 2019	Open	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE Cabinet Member for Adults	Louise Haughton Principal Social Worker Tel: 01902 553130
Youth Council Annual Report To endorse the Youth Council Annual Report.	All Wards	Cabinet 10 Apr 2019	Open	Councillor Paul Sweet Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Alice Vickers Corporate Parenting Officer Tel: 01902 556703

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HeadStart Sustainability To approve the recommendations for sustaining part or all of HeadStart Phase 3 following an evaluation process and sustainability consultation with stakeholders.	All Wards	Cabinet 10 Apr 2019	Open	Councillor Paul Sweet, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Ann Beach
Youth Justice Plan 2019-2020 To approve the Youth Justice Plan for 2019-2020.	All Wards	Cabinet 10 Apr 2019	Open	Councillor Paul Sweet Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Rachel King Head of Service Specialist Support
Place					
Empty Residential Property Strategy – Incentive Pilot Update, Review and Further Options to Develop the Strategy To approve progress, outcomes, and the impact of the incentive pilot scheme in operation since April 2017.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 4 Sep 2018	Open	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Richard Long Housing Improvement Officer
External Funding Update Quarter 2 2018/19 To approve external funding bids.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 4 Sep 2018	Open	Councillor John C Reynolds Cabinet Member for City Economy	Heather Clark Service Development Manager Tel: 01902 555614

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Procurement Update PP-18002 - Small sites newbuild Council Housing Phase 4 To approve additional units in Phase Four of the small site council housing newbuild programme.	Bilston East; Bilston North; Bushbury South and Low Hill; Fallings Park; Wednesfield North; Wednesfield South	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 4 Sep 2018	Open	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Steve North Commercial and Development Manager Tel: 01902 555782
Corporate Landlord - Land and Property Transactions (CRP 007) To approve the disposal of land deemed surplus as detailed in the report.	Bilston East	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 4 Sep 2018	Fully Exempt	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Mitchell Spencer Estates Officer
A454 Willenhall Road Phase 1 & 2 Consultation To approve identified options for improving the A454 corridor between Bilston Island and Hickman Avenue.	East Park; Heath Town	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 4 Sep 2018	Fully Exempt	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Environment	Steve Randall Principal Engineer - Scott Wilson
4 September 2018 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services 4 September 2018 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 4 Sep 2018	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Andy Moran Director of Commercial Services
Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy To approve the policy for funding housing renewals, repairs and adaptations under the Regulatory Reform Order 2002.	All Wards	Cabinet 12 Sep 2018	Open	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Ravi Phull, Service Manager Private Sector Housing

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Houses in Multiple Occupancy (HMO) Licensing To approve the new licensing regulations for Houses in Multiple Occupancy.	All Wards	Cabinet 12 Sep 2018	Open	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Ravi Phull Service Manager Private Sector Housing
Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2018-2022 To approve the new Homelessness Prevention Strategy for Wolverhampton in line with the Homelessness Reduction Act 2018.	All Wards	Cabinet 12 Sep 2018	Open	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Anthony Walker Homelessness Strategy and External Relationships Manager
Wolverhampton Homes Management Agreement Update To approve amendments to the Wolverhampton Homes Management Agreement.	All Wards	Cabinet 12 Sep 2018	Fully Exempt	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Kate Martin Service Director - City Housing
Housing Managing Agents Performance Monitoring Report – Quarter One April 2018 to June 2018 To approve the Housing Managing Agents Performance Monitoring Report – Quarter One April 2018 to June 2018.	All Wards	Cabinet (Performance Management) Panel 17 Sep 2018	Open	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Melissa Green Housing Strategy and Development Support Officer

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Information Governance Quarter One Performance and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Update Report To approve the Information Governance Quarter One 2018-19 Performance and GDPR Update.	All Wards	Cabinet (Performance Management) Panel 17 Sep 2018	Open	Councillor Val Gibson Cabinet Member for Governance	Anna Zollino- Biscotti Information Governance Manager
Black Country Core Strategy Review – Issues and Options Call for Sites To approve the submission of a number of Council owned sites to be considered for removal from the green belt for housing development through the Black Country Core Strategy review.	Not applicable	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 2 Oct 2018	Fully Exempt	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Matthew Lazar Senior Valuation Officer
Southside Regeneration strategy update To approve the update on the Southside Regeneration Strategy.	St Peter's	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 2 Oct 2018	Fully Exempt	Councillor John C Reynolds Cabinet Member for City Economy	Anita Pearce Senior Regeneration Officer Tel: 01902 551262
Former site of Parkfields School To consider the future of the Parkfields School site.	Spring Vale	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 2 Oct 2018	Fully Exempt	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Karen James Housing Development Project Manager

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City Learning Quarter To approve the full business case for the City Learning Quarter.	St Peter's	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 2 Oct 2018	Fully Exempt	Councillor John C Reynolds Cabinet Member for City Economy	Keith Edwards Programme Director City Learning Quarter Tel: 01902 551262
2 October 2018 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services 2 October 2018 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 2 Oct 2018	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Andy Moran Director of Commercial Services
Canalside South update To approve the Canalside South update.	Heath Town	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 2 Oct 2018	Fully Exempt	Councillor John C Reynolds Cabinet Member for City Economy	Anita Pearce, Senior Regeneration Officer, Tel: 01902 551262
Progress on Black Country Core Strategy Review To approve an update on the Black Country Core Strategy Review.	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Oct 2018	Open	Councillor John C Reynolds Cabinet Member for City Economy	Michele Ross Senior Planning Officer Tel: 01902 554038
Wolverhampton Strategic Economic Plan Consultation To approve the draft Wolverhampton Strategic Economic Plan for consultation.	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Oct 2018	Open	Councillor John C Reynolds Cabinet Member for City Economy	Charlotte Johns Head of Local Economy Tel: 01902 555614

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Strategic Asset Plan To approve the implementation of the Strategic Asset Plan.	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Oct 2018	Open	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Julia Nock Head of Assets, Tel: 01902 550316
Land and Property Investment Strategy To approve the Investment Strategy for the future management and investment of assets.	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Oct 2018	Open	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Julia Nock Head of Assets, Tel: 01902 550316
Black Country Coroner To approve a review of the proposed collaborative agreement for the provision of coronial services within the Black Country jurisdiction.	All Wards	Cabinet 17 Oct 2018	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Environment	Martyn Sargeant Head of Public Service Reform Tel: 01902 555043
Facilities Management Reprocurement & Transformation To approve Facilities Management Re-procurement & Transformation.	Not applicable	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 6 Nov 2018	Open	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Julie Bell-Barker Head of Projects and Works
6 November 2018 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services 6 November 2018 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 6 Nov 2018	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Andy Moran Director of Commercial Services

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Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Regulations To endorse the new Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Regulations for the private rented sector.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Nov 2018	Open	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Ravi Phull Service Manager Private Sector Housing
The Housing Strategy 2019 - 2022 To approve a new city, cross tenure housing strategy.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Nov 2018	Open	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Mila Simpson Section Leader - Housing Strategy and Development
Empty Property Policy Review To approve the review of the Empty Property Policy.	All Wards	Cabinet 12 Dec 2018	Open	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Ravi Phull Service Manager Private Sector Housing
15 January 2019 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services 15 January 2019 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 15 Jan 2019	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Andy Moran Director of Commercial Services

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Community Asset Transfer: Policy and Strategy Review To approve an updated Community Asset Transfer Strategy.	All Wards	Cabinet 23 Jan 2019	Open	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Julia Nock Head of Assets Tel: 01902 550316
Wolverhampton Strategic Economic Plan To approve the final Wolverhampton Strategic Economic Plan.	All Wards	Cabinet 23 Jan 2019	Open	Councillor John C Reynolds Cabinet Member for City Economy	Charlotte Johns Head of Local Economy Tel: 01902 555614
Update on National Fire Safety Policy To approve the update to the policy following the findings of the Hackett report into Fire Safety.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 5 Feb 2019	Open	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Kate Martin Service Director - City Housing
5 February 2019 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services 5 February 2019 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 5 Feb 2019	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Andy Moran Director of Commercial Services
5 March 2019 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services 5 March 2019 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 5 Mar 2019	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Andy Moran Director of Commercial Services

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2 April 2019 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services 2 April 2019 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services		Cabinet (Resources) Panel 2 Apr 2019	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Andy Moran Director of Commercial Services
21 May 2019 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services 21 May 2019 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 21 May 2019	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Andy Moran Director of Commercial Services