

The background of the page is a close-up photograph of a wooden surface. A red ribbon is draped across the top, and a gold scroll is unrolled in the foreground. The scroll has the words 'OUT OF DARKNESS' embossed on it in blue capital letters. In the background, a red shield with a gold emblem is partially visible.

Forward Plan of Key Decisions

Date: 28 April 2020

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					
Strategic Asset Plan - Action Plan Update To approve an update to the action plan within the Strategic Asset Plan.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 26 May 2020	Open	Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Julia Nock Head of Assets Tel: 01902 550316
External Funding Update Quarter 4 2019/20 To seek necessary approvals relating to external funding bids.	All Wards	Cabinet 8 Jul 2020	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Heather Clark Service Development Manager Tel: 01902 555614
The Future of the Council School's Catering Service To confirm the future of school catering.	All Wards	Cabinet 29 Jul 2020	Fully Exempt	Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Chris East Head of Facilities Tel: 01902 554503

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<p>Smart Working Policy To approve the introduction of a new Smart Working Policy to support employees to work from other suitable locations where possible.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 2 Sep 2020	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Cabinet Member for Governance	Denise Pearce Head of Human Resources Tel: 01902 554515
<p>Travel and Subsidy Policy To approve changes to current travel and subsidy guidance.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 2 Sep 2020	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Cabinet Member for Governance	Denise Pearce Head of Human Resources Tel: 01902 554515
<p>Working Hours Policy To approve amendments to the working hours policy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 7 Oct 2020	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Cabinet Member for Governance	Denise Pearce Head of Human Resources Tel: 01902 554515
<p>Land and Property Disposals Strategy Proposed disposal strategy governing land and property sales of surplus Council owned assets.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 7 Oct 2020	Open	Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Julia Nock Head of Assets Tel: 01902 550316
<p>Community Asset Transfer: Policy and Strategy Review To approve a refreshed Community Asset Transfer Strategy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 7 Oct 2020	Open	Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Julia Nock Head of Assets Tel: 01902 550316

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Education					
Schools Capital Programme 2020-2021 To receive an update on the Schools Capital Programme 2020-2021 and a breakdown of schemes for approval with associated funding.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 26 May 2020	Fully Exempt	Councillor Dr Michael Hardacre Cabinet Member for Education and Skills	Nick Beeston Assets Officer (Schools) Tel: 01902 554172
School Expansion Programmes 2021 and 2022 To approve the proposed School Expansion Programme 2021 and 2022.	All Wards	Cabinet 3 Jun 2020	Fully Exempt	Councillor Dr Michael Hardacre Cabinet Member for Education and Skills	Bill Hague Head of School Organisation Tel: 01902 555100
Children's Services					
Wolverhampton Safeguarding Boards Annual Report To receive the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Boards Annual Report.	All Wards	Cabinet 8 Jul 2020	Open	Councillor John C Reynolds Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Andrew Wolverson Head of Service Improvement Tel: 01902 555550

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Public Health					
Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023 To approve the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership refreshed Community Safety Strategy for 2020-2023.	All Wards	Cabinet 3 Jun 2020	Open	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing	Lynsey Kelly Head of Community Safety Tel: 01902 550042
Joint Cabinet Member Reports					
Black Country Collaboration Agreement To approve changes to the Collaboration Agreement between the four Black Country Local Authorities.	All Wards	Cabinet 3 Jun 2020	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Environment Councillor Stephen Simkins Cabinet Member for Governance	Stuart Everton Director of Transport Tel: 01902 551798
City Environment					
Westside Link Phase 1 (Victoria Street) and Phase 3 (Civic Halls) Approvals for Project Delivery To provide an update on progress with the Westside Link project phases 1 and 2 and seek delegated authority to for the approvals required to deliver the works	St Peter's	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 26 May 2020	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Environment	Ruth Taylor Senior Regeneration Officer Tel: 01902 555635

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<p>Transportation Capital Programme 2020-2021 and Future Years To approve the Transport Capital Programme 2020-2021 and future years.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 3 Jun 2020	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Environment	Harvir Khaira Graduate Management Trainee
<p>Statutory Food Service Plan To approve the Council's Statutory Food Service Plan.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 3 Jun 2020	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Environment	Emma Caddick Section Leader Commercial Tel: 01902 554320
<p>City East Gateway A454 phase 1 and 2 Compulsory Purchase Powers To consider the compulsory acquisition of properties necessary to allow the implementation of the proposed highway improvement.</p>	East Park; Heath Town	Cabinet 29 Jul 2020	Fully Exempt	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Environment	Marianne Page Service Lead - Transportation Strategy Tel: 01902 551798
Housing					
<p>Managing Agents Acquisition Policy To approve a policy which frames the Council's requirements when managing agents seek to purchase properties within their operating area.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 26 May 2020	Fully Exempt	Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Jenny Lewington Service Manager - Housing Strategy and Policy Tel: 01902 554845

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<p>Improving the City Housing Offer: Small sites newbuild Council Housing Phase 5 To approve the delivery of newbuild council housing across former garage sites and small infill pockets of land across the City.</p>	<p>Bilston East; Bilston North; Bushbury South and Low Hill; East Park; Ettingshall; Oxley; Wednesfield North</p>	<p>Cabinet (Resources) Panel 26 May 2020</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing</p>	<p>Steve North Commercial and Development Manager Tel: 01902 555782</p>
<p>Revision to Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy To approve the revised Housing Assistance Policy.</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Cabinet 3 Jun 2020</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing</p>	<p>Mila Simpson Service Lead Housing Strategy Tel: 01902 555159</p>
<p>WV Living Business Plan - Sale of Units To approve WV Living disposing of market rent units to Wolverhampton Homes, to be used as market rent.</p>	<p>Bilston North; Ettingshall; Wednesfield North</p>	<p>Cabinet 3 Jun 2020</p>	<p>Fully Exempt</p>	<p>Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing</p>	<p>Lesley Eagle Housing Development Project Manager Tel: 01902 555446</p>
<p>Consultation on Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document To approve the draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation.</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Cabinet 2 Dec 2020</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Harman Banger Cabinet Member for City Economy</p>	<p>Michele Ross Senior Planning Officer Tel: 01902 554038</p>

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<p>Private Homes Strategy 2020 - 2024 To approve the Private Homes Strategy 2020 – 2024, setting out the contribution of private homes and the private sector housing service to the delivery of the City Housing Strategy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Apr 2021	Open	Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Mila Simpson Service Lead Housing Strategy Tel: 01902 555159
Regeneration					
<p>Former Sainsbury's St George's site To approve the strategy for the future of the site including the lease with Sainsbury's, the Church Commissioners' Covenants and the disposal of land.</p>	St Peter's	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 26 May 2020	Fully Exempt	Councillor Harman Banger Cabinet Member for City Economy	Peter Taylor Head of City Development Tel: 01902 551262
<p>Interchange - Land Transactions To approve an update on the commercial negotiations around the land transactions required to fulfil the Interchange scheme including budgetary implications that will be met within the overall budget for the projects.</p>	St Peter's	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 26 May 2020	Fully Exempt	Councillor Harman Banger Cabinet Member for City Economy	Peter Taylor Head of City Development Tel: 01902 551262
<p>Bell Street Development Plot To approve the demolition of the Cleveland Parade property in order to create a future development site with interim car park uses.</p>	St Peter's	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 26 May 2020	Fully Exempt	Councillor Harman Banger Cabinet Member for City Economy	Claire Prince Regeneration Officer Tel: 01902 550152

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<p>West Midlands Combined Authority Town Centres Programme (Bilston) - Grant Funding Agreement To approve the creation of a fully funded budget for works within Bilston Town Centre including the signing of a Funding Agreement and to grant delegated authority to amend or extend the Funding Agreement to cover future grant opportunities from the WMCA.</p>	<p>Bilston East; Bushbury North</p>	<p>Cabinet 3 Jun 2020</p>	<p>Fully Exempt</p>	<p>Councillor Harman Banger Cabinet Member for City Economy</p>	<p>Simon Lucas Senior Regeneration Officer Tel: 01902 555618</p>
<p>City East Gateway - A454 Willenhall Road Phase 1 and 2 Progress Report To receive a progress report on City East Gateway - A454 Willenhall Road Phase 1 and 2.</p>	<p>East Park; Heath Town</p>	<p>Cabinet 29 Jul 2020</p>	<p>Fully Exempt</p>	<p>Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Environment</p>	<p>Marianne Page Service Lead - Transportation Tel: 01902 551798</p>
<p>Black Country Plan Draft for Consultation To approve public consultation on the Draft Plan version of the Black Country Plan.</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Cabinet 2 Sep 2020</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Harman Banger Cabinet Member for City Economy</p>	<p>Michele Ross Senior Planning Officer Tel: 01902 554038</p>