

# 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)

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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:
<b>Our Council</b>					
<b>Treasury Management Strategy 2024-2025</b> To approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2024-2025.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Deputy Director Finance Tel: 01902 554561
<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.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Deputy Director Finance Tel: 01902 554561
<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.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Deputy Director Finance Tel: 01902 554561

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<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
<p><b>21 February 2024 - 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 21 Feb 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<p><b>Pay Policy Statement 2024 - 2025</b> To refer to Council for approval the new Pay Policy and the publication of the Pay Policy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	Sonika Kang People Policy and Strategy Lead Tel: 01902 556032
<p><b>Gender Pay Gap Report 2023</b> To report on the gender pay gap as of the snapshot date of 31 March 2023.</p>	Not applicable	Cabinet 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	Sonika Kang People Policy and Strategy Lead Tel: 01902 556032
<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 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Deputy Director Finance Tel: 01902 554561

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<p><b>City Development Regeneration Programme Budget and Procurement Route</b> Update on programme budget and procurement route.</p>	Not applicable	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Kassandra Polyzoides Deputy Director of Regeneration
<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 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Deputy Director Finance Tel: 01902 554561
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<p><b>Civic Centre - Investing in the City's Workspace Offer</b>            Conditional approval is sought to let the entire Second Floor to a Third Party subject to conditions.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 20 Mar 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Nick Hawkes Estates Manager
<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
<p><b>24 April 2024 - 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 24 Apr 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<p><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.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 May 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503

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<p><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.</p>	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>					
<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
<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 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for Visitor City	Ian Fegan Director of Communications and Visitor Experience
<p><b>Heath Town Baths Update</b> Position statement on re-development of Heath Town Baths.</p>	Heath Town	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 20 Mar 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Julia Nock Deputy Director of Assets Tel: 01902 550316

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<b>City Centre West Business Case</b> To approve the Business Case.	Not applicable	Cabinet 24 Apr 2024	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Kassandra Deputy Director of Regeneration
<b>Strong families where children grow up well and achieve their full potential</b>					
<b>West Midlands Combined Authority Single Settlement Memorandum of Understanding</b> Formal ratification of the single settlement memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the West Midlands Combined Authority and His Majesty's Government.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Laura Collings Head of Policy & Strategy Tel: 01902 550414
<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.	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
<b>SEND and Inclusion Strategy</b> To approve the SEND and Inclusion Strategy.	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Jacqui Coogan Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Education	Helen Bakewell Head of SEND & Inclusion Tel: 01902 551583



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<p><b>City of Wolverhampton Education Place Planning 2024- 2027</b> To approve the strategy following external consultation and proposed amendments.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 24 Apr 2024	Open	Councillor Jacqui Coogan Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Education	Bill Hague Head of Business and Support Tel: 01902 555100
<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 2024-2025</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>Wolverhampton Homes Business Plan 2024 - 2025</b> To present the Business Plan and associated 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

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<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>Black Country Transport and Wolverhampton Major Transport Investment Programme 2024 - 2025</b> Investment programme for Black Country Transport and for Wolverhampton's Major Transport schemes programme for the period 2024 - 2025 and beyond.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Craig Collingswood Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change	Marianne Page Head of Strategic Transport Tel: 01902 551798
<p><b>Investing in our Well-Connected Communities Highway Capital Programme 2024-2025</b> To approve the Highway Capital Programme Report for the 2024/25 fiscal year.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Craig Collingswood Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change	John Charles Head of Network Management Tel: 01902 555752
<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

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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 24 Apr 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Michelle Garbett Service Lead Housing Strategy Tel: 01902 552954
<p><b>Canalside South - Land Transaction</b> To report the final commercial terms of the Sale Agreement.</p>	Heath Town	Cabinet 24 Apr 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Claire Prince Regeneration officer Tel: 01902 550152
<p><b>WV Living Business Plan 2024 - 2029</b> To approve the updated business plan for WV Living.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 24 Apr 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	John Roseblade Director of Resident Services
<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
<p><b>99 Blackhalve Lane - property condition and future options</b> To report on the current condition of council owned properties at 99 Blackhalve Lane; and to recommend the preferred option to address the current issues.</p>	Fallings Park	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 24 Apr 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Rhiannon Beach Housing Enabling Manager Tel: 01902 551512

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<p><b>Home Loss and Disturbance Policy</b> To approve a Home Loss and Disturbance Policy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 24 Apr 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Meryl Tsagli Housing Policy Officer
<p><b>Wolverhampton Open Space Strategy and Action Plan</b> To approve the new Open Space Strategy and Action Plan for Wolverhampton.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 22 May 2024	Open	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for Visitor City	Ric Bravery Strategic Health Lead (City Planning) Tel: 01902 552177
<p><b>Housing Revenue Account Owned Assets - Update on the review of non-residential assets</b> To provide an update on the Housing Revenue Account Owned Assets - Review of non-residential assets and seek further approvals regarding the assets.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 22 May 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Rachel Prince Housing and Landlord Services Support 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 22 May 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>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 (Resources) Panel 22 May 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Karen Beasley Head of Housing Development Tel: 01902 554893
<b>More local people into good jobs and training</b>					
<p><b>Review of Agency Provision</b> Review of Agency Provision</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	Sukhvinder Mattu Head of People Services Tel: 01902 553571
<p><b>Restart Contract Update</b> Information on current situation of Restart Contract, delivered by Wolves at Work.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 20 Mar 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Jacqui Coogan Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Education	Julie Obada Head of Skills