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# **Forward Plan of Key Decisions**

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## The Forward Plan

### What is 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 once they are known but a forward plan document is published monthly.
- The document also demonstrates the Council's commitment to openness and participation in decision making. It assists the Council's Scrutiny Panels in planning their input to policy formulation and development, and in reviewing the work of the Executive.
- A key decision cannot normally be made unless certain details about it are published at least 28 days in advance. The forward plan, together with the information published online, enables the Council to meet this requirement.
- The document must be made available for inspection by the public at the Council offices and/or on the local authority's website. Appropriate notice must also be given, in accordance with legislative requirements, of any meeting at which a key decision is to be taken.
- 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 £200,000**), 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 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, but these tend to be matters about an individual, commercially sensitive information, consultations or negotiations relating to labour relations, or information in connection with or preventing and detecting crime. The full list of exempt categories is set out below:

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information related to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information).

4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, in connection with any Labour relations matters arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of all officeholders 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 to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or 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.

Councillors or members of the public may make representations about why a matter should be considered in public. The Leader and Cabinet will publish a response to any such representations and, where applicable, further notice of an intention to discuss the matter in private at least five clear days before the meeting date.

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 Support (see below).

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 Support team:

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## The Cabinet

The Cabinet consists of the Leader of the Council, together with nine Cabinet members, each responsible for a particular area of the Council's functions. The members of the Cabinet and their contact details are provided below:



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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:
<p><b>Connected Places Strategy and Delivery Plan</b> The Connected Places Strategy and Delivery Plan articulates the vision, objectives and priorities for investment in the delivery of a high quality public realm throughout the city centre. Cabinet are requested to approve the document as an overarching strategy to inform the design and required outputs of all Connected Places projects as they come forward.</p>	St Peter's	Cabinet 22 Mar 2017	Open	Councillor John C Reynolds Cabinet Member for City Economy	Ruth Taylor Development and Regeneration Surveyor/Officer
<p><b>Crime and Reduction Community Safety strategy 2017/20</b> To endorse the city's three year community safety and harm prevention strategy and proposals for implementation</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Mar 2017	Open	Councillor Paul Sweet Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing	Karen Samuels Head of Community Safety Tel: 01902 551341
<p><b>East Park Gateway</b> To approve the development of a regeneration strategy for East Park Gateway.</p>	East Park	Cabinet 22 Mar 2017	Open	Councillor John C Reynolds Cabinet Member for City Economy	Kevin Moore Regeneration Manager Tel: 01902 555570
<p><b>Improving outcomes within the early years</b> In November 2016 Cabinet received a report informing it of the progress</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Mar 2017	Open	Councillor Val Gibson Cabinet Member for Children and	Andrew Wolverson Head of Service, Early

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<p>made toward developing an Early Years Strategy aimed at improving outcomes for children and families from conception to age five.</p> <p>Cabinet approved the stakeholder consultation process that took place on the draft strategy, and agreed to receive a further report outlining how consultation had shaped and influenced the strategy and the City's definition of school readiness.</p>				Young People	Intervention Tel: 01902 551272
<p><b>Regional Adoption Agency</b> To approve a proposed delivery model for a Regional Adoption Agency; and to approve the financial commitment of the Local Authority to the project</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Mar 2017	Open	Councillor Val Gibson Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Emma Bennett Service Director - Children and Young People Tel: 01902 551449
<p><b>Review of Discretionary Housing Payment Policy</b> Revision and update of policy to incorporate Department for Work and Pensions guidance and welfare reform changes.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Mar 2017	Open	Councillor Andrew Johnson Cabinet Member for Resources	Sue Martin Head of Revenue and Benefits Tel: 01902 554772
<p><b>The Vision for Education 2030</b> The City of Wolverhampton Council's vision is to create an education system for all of our children and young people that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotes the very highest standards.</li> <li>• Raises their attainment and</li> </ul>	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Mar 2017	Open	Councillor Claire Darke Cabinet Member for Education	Alexandra Jones Assistant Director - School Standards

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<p>closes the gap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspires them to reach their full potential.</li> <li>Delivers a city of learning.*</li> <li>Ensures a bright future in a fast changing, progressive city</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Debt Strategy</b> To approve adoption of a collection and debt strategy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 28 Mar 2017	Open	Councillor Andrew Johnson Cabinet Member for Resources	Sue Martin Head of Revenue and Benefits Tel: 01902 554772
<p><b>Domiciliary Care Provider - fee increase 2017/18</b> Proposal around the increase to domiciliary care provider's fees, considering the national increase to national minimum wage and cost of living increase.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 28 Mar 2017	Open	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE Cabinet Member for Adults	Paul Smith Head of Commissioning - Older People
<p><b>Residential Care Homes - fee increase 2017/18</b> Proposal around the increase to residential care home fees taking into account the national increase to national minimum wage and cost of living increase.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 28 Mar 2017	Open	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE Cabinet Member for Adults	Kathy Roper Head of Young Adults Commissioning Tel: 01902 550975
<p><b>West Midlands Growth Company</b> To seek approval to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Become a shareholder of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Growth</li> </ul>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 28 Mar 2017	Fully Exempt Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular	Councillor John C Reynolds Cabinet Member for City Economy	Tim Johnson Strategic Director - Place Tel: 01902 555400

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<p>Company through the WMCA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Become an investor in the West Midlands Growth Company</li> <li>• Procure support and services from the WMCA Growth Company</li> <li>• The related arrangements relating to existing City of Wolverhampton Council employees and budgets</li> </ul>			person (including the authority holding that information)		
<p><b>Schools Capital Programme 2017/18</b> Approve the detailed list of projects for inclusion within the schools capital programme based on the allocation received from the Education Funding Agency. To include the priority schemes based on condition data held for schools.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 28 Mar 2017	Fully Exempt Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	Councillor Andrew Johnson, Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Claire Darke	Marc Webb Service Manager – Capital and Assets Tel: 01902 551368
<p><b>Community Centre Recharges</b> To acknowledge the need to revisit the basis on which service charges are applied to Community Associations (CA's) occupying CWC (City of Wolverhampton Council) community centres (not related to Community Asset Transfer).</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 28 Mar 2017	Fully Exempt Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Housing and Assets	Chris East Head of Service - Facilities



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<p><b>Bilston Centre regeneration</b> To approve the sale of residential development land at the Urban Village</p>	<p>Bilston East; Bilston North; Ettingshall</p>	<p>Cabinet (Resources) Panel 25 Apr 2017</p>	<p>Fully Exempt</p>	<p>Councillor John C Reynolds Cabinet Member for City Economy</p>	<p>Kevin Moore Regeneration Manager Tel: 01902 555570</p>
<p><b>Financial support to carers offering legal permanency to children</b> To approve proposed changes in allowances for permanent carers for children and young people</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Cabinet 26 Apr 2017</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Val Gibson Cabinet Member for Children and Young People</p>	<p>Emma Bennett Service Director - Children and Young People Tel: 01902 551449</p>
<p><b>Housing Services Review</b> To seek approval to a new service model for the delivery of housing services between the City of Wolverhampton Council and Wolverhampton Homes.</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Cabinet 26 Apr 2017</p>	<p>Fully Exempt Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</p>	<p>Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Housing and Assets</p>	<p>Christopher Hale Head of Housing Tel: 01902 551796</p>
<p><b>Wolverhampton City-Wide Financial Strategy</b> The aim is to develop a city-wide Financial Strategy which underpins Vision 2030 and existing economic plans. The first phase will establish the total income and spend in the city and the second phase will develop a city-wide Financial Strategy to underpin existing city-wide plans.</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Cabinet 26 Apr 2017</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Andrew Johnson Cabinet Member for Resources</p>	<p>Mark Taylor Director of Finance Tel: 01902 556609</p>

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<p><b>Black Country Core Strategy review</b> To approve publication of scoping, issues and options documents for consultation</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 7 Jun 2017	Open	Councillor John C Reynolds Cabinet Member for City Economy	Michele Ross Senior Planning Officer Tel: 01902 554038
<p><b>Wryley and Essington Canal Local Nature Reserve</b> To designate the Wryley and Essington Canal Local Nature Reserve (Wolverhampton part) and approve an associated legal agreement</p>	Heath Town; Wednesfield North; Wednesfield South	Cabinet 7 Jun 2017	Open	Councillor Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for City Housing and Assets	Michele Ross Senior Planning Officer Tel: 01902 554038