

# 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>Council Tax Discretionary Discount Scheme</b> Review of the existing Council Tax Discretionary Scheme.	All Wards	Cabinet 6 Sep 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	Tracey Richards Head of Revenues and Benefits Tel: 01902 552493
<b>Director of Children's Services Appointment</b> To approve the Director of Children's Services Appointment.	All Wards	Cabinet 6 Sep 2023	Open	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	Laura Phillips Deputy Director of People and Change Tel: 01902 558892
<b>6 September 2023 - 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 6 Sep 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503

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<p><b>6 September 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 6 Sep 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<p><b>Acquisition and Redevelopment of Newhampton Arts Centre</b> Proposal for acquisition and redevelopment of Newhampton Arts Centre.</p>	Park	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 6 Sep 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	Julia Nock Deputy Director of Assets Tel: 01902 550316
<p><b>Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-2025 to 2026-2027</b> To provide an update to the Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-2025 to 2026-2027; and agree the next steps that will be taken in order to address the financial pressures faced by the Council over the medium term.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 18 Oct 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
<p><b>18 October 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 18 Oct 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503

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<p><b>Treasury Management Activity Monitoring - Mid Year Review 2023-2024</b> To approve the Treasury Management Activity Monitoring - Mid Year Review 2023-2024.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 15 Nov 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
<p><b>Capital Programme 2023-2024 to 2027-2028 Quarter Two Review</b> To approve the capital programme 2023-2024 to 2027-2028 quarter two review.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 15 Nov 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	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 15 Nov 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
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<p><b>Collection Fund Estimated Outturn 2023-2024</b> 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 13 Dec 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
<p><b>Council Tax Base and Business Rates (NDR) Net Rate Yield 2024-2025</b> 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 13 Dec 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
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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 Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
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<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 Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	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 Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	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 Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	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 Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	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 Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503

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<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 Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
<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 Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<p><b>20 March 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 20 Mar 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<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 Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	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 Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	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 Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<b>Thriving economy in all parts of the city</b>					
<b>Five-Year Event Strategy</b> To set out a framework, strategy and plan for a new City Five-Year Event Strategy.	All Wards	Cabinet 18 Oct 2023	Open	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for Visitor City	Ian Fegan Director of Communications and Visitor Experience

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<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 18 Oct 2023	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Acting Leader: Inclusive City Economy	Michele Ross Lead Planning Manager Tel: 01902 554038
<p><b>Biodiversity Net Gain and Nature Recovery in Wolverhampton</b> To seek approval for a Wolverhampton approach to national Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and Nature Recovery policies to operate from November 2023.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 18 Oct 2023	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Acting Leader: Inclusive City Economy	Michele Ross Lead Planning Manager Tel: 01902 554038
<b>Strong families where children grow up well and achieve their full potential</b>					
<p><b>Education, Skills and Employment Strategy 2030</b> To approve the new Education, Skills and Employment Strategy 2030.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 6 Sep 2023	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Jobs and Skills	Laura Collings Head of Policy & Strategy
<b>Fulfilled lives for all with quality care for those that need it</b>					
<p><b>West Midlands Trailblazer Deeper Devolution Deal</b> To ratify the West Midlands Trailblazer Deeper Devolution Deal.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 6 Sep 2023	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Acting Leader of the Council	Laura Collings Head of Policy & Strategy

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<p><b>Levelling Up Update</b> To provide an update on levelling up and delivery of Our City: Our Plan.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 6 Sep 2023	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Acting Leader of the Council	Laura Collings Head of Policy & Strategy
<p><b>Principal Social Worker Annual Report 2022-2023</b> Annual report of the Principal Social Worker for Adults and Children's Services in 2022-2023, outlining key activity, priorities and impact.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 15 Nov 2023	Open	Councillor Chris Burden Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing	Jennifer Rogers Principal Social Worker Tel: 01902 553209
<p><b>Good homes in well connected neighbourhoods</b></p>					
<p><b>Resident Influence and Insight Strategy for Council Owned Housing 2023 - 2028</b> Approval for a Council Owned Housing Resident Influence and Insight Strategy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 6 Sep 2023	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Housing	Michelle Garbett Service Lead Housing Strategy Tel: 01902 552954
<p><b>Home Loss and Disturbance Policy</b> To approve as Home Loss and Disturbance Policy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 18 Oct 2023	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Housing	Meryl Tsagli Housing Policy Officer

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<p><b>Social Housing Regulation Act 2023 - Landlord Services Review</b> To provide an overview of the Act 2023, the impact of its implementation upon the legislative landscape and City of Wolverhampton Council's readiness for consumer regulation and inspection; and a review of the service functions delivered by Wolverhampton Homes, the Council's wholly owned Arms-Length Management Organisation.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 18 Oct 2023	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Housing	Lynda Eyton Client Relationship Manager - Housing Management Agents Tel: 01902 555706
<p><b>City Housing Decant Policy</b> Approval of the Council's approach to the decanting of tenants and leaseholders.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 15 Nov 2023	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Housing	Michelle Garbett Service Lead Housing Strategy Tel: 01902 552954
<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 15 Nov 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Housing	Karen Beasley Head of Housing Development Tel: 01902 554893

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<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 15 Nov 2023	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Housing	Michelle Garbett Service Lead Housing Strategy Tel: 01902 552954
<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 15 Nov 2023	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Housing	Karen Beasley Head of Housing Development Tel: 01902 554893
<p><b>Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2023 - 2028</b> To approve the Homelessness Prevention Strategy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 13 Dec 2023	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Housing	Daniel Cartwright Homelessness Policy Officer
<p><b>More local people into good jobs and training</b></p>					
<p><b>City Learning Quarter Update</b> To provide a progress update on the City Learning Quarter and seek required approvals to deliver the scheme.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 6 Sep 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Stephen Simkins Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy	Zareena Ahmed-Shere Regeneration Manager

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<b>City East Gateway A454 Phase 1 and 2 - Willenhall Road Progress Report</b> To present a progress report on the project including a review of implementation options. Potential authority to proceed to Full Business Case including land acquisition approval.	East Park; Heath Town	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 18 Oct 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Craig Collingswood Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change	Marianne Page Head of Strategic Transport Tel: 01902 551798