

**Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council**  
**November 2023**  
**Forward Plan list of decisions to be taken by the Executive and**  
**Notice of Decisions to be taken in private session**

Representations to a decision being taken in Private Session, where indicated must be e-mailed to [Democratic\\_services@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:Democratic_services@sandwell.gov.uk) or in writing to Democratic Services, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, B69 3DP.

The Council defines a Key Decision as:

- (a) an executive decision which is likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure which exceeds that included in any approved revenue or capital budget or the limits set out within an approved borrowing or investment strategy and was not the subject of specific grant; or
- (b) an executive decision which is likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure, the making of savings or the generation of income amounting to £1m or more;
- (c) an executive decision which is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards of the Borough

All items listed in the Executive Notice will be listed as a key decision using the above criteria. Business items which are not defined as a Key Decision may be referred to the Cabinet for information and/or decision but will not be listed in the Executive Notice.

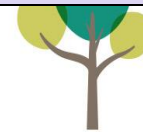
Items listed in the notice of Executive Decisions to be taken in Private Session will list the relevant exemption information as related to the Local Government Act 1972 12A as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 set out as follows:-

- 1. Information relating to any individual.
- 2. Information that is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
- 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
- 4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders 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.

The Cabinet/Members of the Executive are as follows:- Councillors Carmichael, Hackett, Hartwell, Hughes, Khatun, Millard, Padda, Piper and Rollins.

The following items set out key decisions to be taken by the Executive:-

Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Public or exempt report? If exempt – state reason for exemption	Decision Date	Pre or post decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
<p>1 <b>Childcare Sufficiency Report 2023-24</b></p> <p>Contact Officers: Sally Dowie/Sara Baber</p> <p>Director: Michael Jarrett, Director of Children and Education</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Member</b> – Children, Young People and Education (Cllr Hackett)</p>	<p>Public</p>	<p>November 2023</p>		<p>Report  Childcare Sufficiency Report 2023-24</p>



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<p>2 <b>Endorsement of the Tackling Poverty Plan</b> To endorse the partnership-led plan to address poverty in Sandwell, following its launch at the Cost of Living Summit in October 23</p> <p>Contact Officer: Jane Alexander/ Heather Chinner</p> <p>Director: Shokat Lal, Chief Executive</p>	<p><b>Cabinet</b> – Leader of the Council (Cllr Carmichael)</p>	<p>Public</p>	<p>15 November 2023</p>	<p>7 December – SNAC</p>	<p>Tackling Poverty Plan</p>



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3 <b>Council Tax Base 2024/25</b>  Contact Officer: Ian Dunn  Director: Brendan Arnold	<b>Cabinet – Finance &amp; Resources (Cllr Piper)</b>	Public	15 November		Council Tax Base Report
4 <b>Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024/25</b>  Contact Officer: Ian Dunn  Director: Brendan Arnold	<b>Cabinet – Finance &amp; Resources (Cllr Piper)</b>	Public	15 November 2023		Local Council Tax Reduction Policy



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<p>5 <b>Draft General Fund Budget 2024/25 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy Autumn 2023 Update</b></p> <p>To receive an update on the MTFS as at Autumn 2023 and to seek approval to consult on savings proposals.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Claire Spencer/Kate Ashley</p> <p>Director: Brendan Arnold, Interim Director - Finance</p>	<p><b>Cabinet – Finance &amp; Resources (Cllr Piper)</b></p>	<p>Public</p>	<p>15 November 2023</p>	<p>Post 30 November 2023</p>	<p>Medium Term Financial Strategy</p>



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<p>6 <b>Community Based Provision – Reablement Service within Sandwell</b> To procure and award contracts to up to 10 providers for 2 years plus 2 x 12-month extension options.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Emily Cox</p> <p>Director: Rashpal Bishop - Director of Adult Social Care</p>	<p><b>Cabinet -</b> Adults Social Care and Health (Cllr Hartwell)</p>	<p>Public</p>	<p>15 November 2023</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Report Risk Register  Equality Impact Assessment</p>



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<p>7 <b>Sandwell Residential Education Service fees and charges</b></p> <p>Contact Officer: Chris Davies, Residential Education and Educational Visits Services</p> <p>Director: Michael Jarrett – Director of Children and Education</p>	<p><b>Cabinet – Children, Young People and Education (Cllr Hackett)</b></p>	<p>Public</p>	<p>15 November 2023</p>		<p>Report</p>



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<p>8 <b>School's Model Pay Policy 2023-24 and Unattached Teachers' Pay Policy 2022/23</b></p> <p>Contact Officer: Darron Evans</p> <p>Director: Michael Jarrett, Director of Children and Education / Simone Hines, Director of Finance</p>	<p><b>Cabinet – Children, Young People and Education (Cllr Hackett)</b></p>		<p>15 November 2023</p>		<p>Report</p> <p>School's Model Pay Policy 2023-24</p> <p>Unattached Teachers' Pay Policy 2022/23</p>





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<p>9 <b>Highway Strategic Road Safety Plan 2023-2028</b></p> <p>Contact Officer: Robin Weare</p> <p>Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy</p>	<p><b>Cabinet - Environment &amp; Highways (Cllr Millard)</b></p>		<p>15 November 2023</p>		



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<p>10 <b>Black Country Framework Contract for Minor Works 2021 – 2024</b> Annual adjustment to the schedule of rates – Cost fluctuation</p> <p>Contact Officer: Robin Weare</p> <p>Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy</p>	<p><b>Cabinet - Environment &amp; Highways</b> (Cllr Millard)</p>		<p>15 November 2023</p>		



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<p>11 <b>Sandwell Council Housing Asset Management Strategy 2024-2029</b> To agree the approach to invest in HRA assets for the next 5 years</p> <p>Contact Officer: Sarah Ager</p> <p>Director – Gillian Douglas, Director of Housing</p>	<p><b>Cabinet</b> – Housing and the Built Environment (Cllr Rollins)</p>		<p>15 November 2023</p>		



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<p>12 <b>HRA Capital Investment Procurement Strategy</b> Procurement Strategy for HRA related Capital and Revenue contracts. Approval required for extension of contracts.</p> <p>Contact Officers: Phil Deery/Chris Hall</p> <p>Director: Gillian Douglas – Director of Housing</p>	<p><b>Cabinet –</b> Housing and Building Environment (Cllr Rollins)</p>	<p>Public</p>	<p>15 November 2023</p>		<p>Report Risk Register</p>



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<p>13 <b>Events Governance and Safety Advisory Group Terms of Reference</b></p> <p>Contact Officer: Matthew Huggins</p> <p>Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy</p>	<p><b>Cabinet - Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)</b></p>		<p>15 November 2023</p>		



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<p>14 <b>Sandwell Business Growth Plan</b></p> <p>Contact Officer: Jenna Langford</p> <p>Business Manager Regeneration &amp; Growth</p> <p>Director: Tony McGovern Regeneration &amp; Growth</p>	<p><b>Cabinet -</b> Regeneration &amp; WMCA (Cllr Hughes)</p>	<p>Public</p>	<p>15 November 2023</p>		<p>Sandwell Business Growth Plan</p>



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<p>15 <b>Sandwell HDRC: Better Research for Better Health</b>            Bid submitted to the National Institute for Health Research for £5m of funding to establish a Health Determinants Research Collaboration, aligning with the Levelling Up Programme.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Dr Lina Martino</p> <p>Director: Liann Brookes-Smith, Director of Public Health</p>	<p><b>Cabinet – Public Health and Communities (Cllr Khatun)</b></p>	<p><b>Exempt</b> Financial or business affairs</p>	<p>15 November 2023</p>	<p>A full report is being submitted to the Strategic Investment Unit (SIU) for appraisal. The proposal will also be taken to Health &amp; Wellbeing Board post-decision to secure endorsement and strategic engagement from the Board (7 Dec 2023).</p>	<p>Cabinet Report</p> <p>Appraisal documents:</p> <p>HDRC Proposal and supporting information</p>



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<p>16 <b>Building Safety and Compliance Strategy</b></p> <p>Contact Officer: Phil Deery</p> <p>Director – Gillian Douglas, Director of Housing</p>	<p><b>Cabinet</b> – Housing and the Built Environment (Cllr Rollins)</p>		<p>15 November 2023</p>		





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17 <b>Future Use of Smethwick Swimming Centre – Options</b>  Contact Officer: Luke Dove  Director: Tony McGovern, Director of Regeneration and Growth	<b>Cabinet -</b> Regeneration & WMCA (Cllr Hughes)	N/A	15 November 2023	N/A	Cabinet Report

