



**Walsall Council**

## **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

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## FORWARD PLAN

The forward plan sets out decisions that are termed as “key decisions” at least 28 calendar days before they are due to be taken by the Executive (Cabinet). Preparation of the forward plan helps the Council to programme its work. The purpose of the forward plan is to give plenty of notice and an opportunity for consultation on the issues to be discussed. The plan is updated each month with the period of the plan being rolled forward by one month and republished. The plan is available for public inspection at the Civic Centre Reception, Darwall Street, Walsall. Copies of the plan can be obtained from John Garner, Democratic Services, Walsall MBC, Council House, Walsall, WS1 1TW, 01922 654366 or e-mail [cabinetoffice@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:cabinetoffice@walsall.gov.uk). The forward plan can also be accessed from the Council's website at [www.walsall.gov.uk](http://www.walsall.gov.uk). The Cabinet is allowed to make urgent decisions which do not appear in the forward plan, however, a notice will be included on the agenda for the relevant Cabinet meeting which explains the reasons why.

Please note that the decision dates are indicative and are subject to change. Please contact the above addressee if you wish to check the date for a particular item.

Cabinet responsibilities are as follows:

- Leader of the Council – Councillor Bird
- Deputy Leader and Regeneration – Councillor A. Andrew
- Business support services – Councillor Arif
- Children's services – Councillor R. Andrew
- Community engagement and voluntary sector – Councillor I. Shires
- Finance and personnel – Councillor Towe
- Leisure and culture – Councillor Harris
- Public protection – Councillor Z. Ali
- Social care and housing – Councillor McCracken
- Transport and environment – Councillor Ansell

The Cabinet agenda and reports are available for inspection by the public 7 days prior to the meeting of the Cabinet. The papers can be seen at First Stop Shop at the Civic Centre, Walsall. The papers are also available on the Council's website referred to above shortly before the meeting. Background papers are listed on each report submitted to the Cabinet and members of the public are entitled to see these documents unless they are confidential. The report also contains the name and telephone number of a contact officer. These details can also be found in the forward plan.

Meetings of the Cabinet are open to the public and take place in Conference Room 2 at the Council House, Walsall. Occasionally there are items included on the agenda which are confidential and for those items the public will be asked to leave the meeting. The Forward Plan will show where this is intended and the reason why the reports are confidential. Enquiries regarding these reasons should be directed to the Head of Democratic Services, John Garner on 01922 654366.

The forward plan does not list all decisions which have to be taken by the Cabinet only “key decisions” which are those decisions which have a significant effect within the community or which involve considerable expenditure or savings. The Council’s Constitution defines a key decision as an executive decision which is likely:

- “(1) to result in the Council in 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 a specific grant;
- (2) to result in the Council incurring expenditure, or the making of savings, which are equivalent to or more than 5% of any approved revenue budget or 10% of any capital budget, whichever is the lower, subject to a de minimus level of £50,000;
- (3) to be significant in terms of its direct effects on communities in an area comprising two or more wards in the Borough.”

### **Dates of Cabinet meetings for 2012/2013**

2012	20 June 25 July 12 September 24 October 12 December
2013	23 January 13 March 24 April

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NOVEMBER 2012 TO FEBRUARY 2013 (8.10.12)**

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Reference No./ Date first entered in Plan	Key decision to be considered (to provide adequate details for those both in and outside the Council)	Decision maker	Background papers (if any) and Contact Officer	Main consultees	Contact Member (All Members can be written to at Civic Centre, Walsall)	Date item to be considered
45/12 (10.9.12)	<b>Phoenix 10 – disposal of land in Alumwell:</b> To consider the terms for disposal of land to support Phoenix 10 project and any further support to deliver the project <b>Private Session</b> <b>Reason:</b> Information relating to the financial and business affairs of the Council regarding the disposal of its land	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 654746 Steve Law 652075	Planning, legal, finance, development and delivery, property services, greenspaces	Councillor A. Andrew	<b>Provisional special meeting 21 November 2012</b>
26/12 (8.6.12)	<b>Housing and Localism Act 2011 –</b> to approve a plan setting out the Council's approach to the housing aspects of the Act	Cabinet	Debbie Parkes 650750	Register providers, legal services	Councillor A. Andrew	12 December 2012
31/12 (13.8.12)	<b>Various schools, Willenhall:</b> Sale of freehold interest in Little London Junior, Stafford Street, Lakeside Junior, Holman Close and Clothier Street Junior	Cabinet	Nick Ford 652034	Legal services, finance, HRD	Councillor A. Andrew	12 December 2012
43/12 (10.9.12)	<b>Green deal:</b> To seek approval of the proposed Council role in the provision of the green deal	Cabinet	Neil Hollyhead 655411	Legal, finance, Black Country local authorities	Councillor A. Andrew	12 December 2012
56/12 (8.10.12)	<b>Contract for the supply of gas and oil:</b> Contract for all Council buildings from 1 June 2013 to 31 March 2017 and continue with YPOs flexible purchasing gas framework contract	Cabinet	Kwame Alex-Eyitene 471257 Mark Brian 471225	Legal, finance, procurement	Councillor A. Andrew	12 December 2012

53/12 (8.10.11)	<b>Former Oak Park depot site, Brownhills Road, Walsall Wood:</b> Grant of a lease 99 year least to the Scout Association Trust to secure a site for the construction of a new HQ for the 1st Walsall Wood Scouts	Cabinet	Jackie Hodgson 652091	Ward, Councillors, IYPSS	Councillor A. Andrew	12 December 2012
30/12 (9.7.12)	<b>Education capital programme:</b> To seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Melanie Harmitt Walsall Children's Services Serco 686285	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	12 December 2012
40/12 (10.9.12)	<b>Transition of Education services: future shape of education services:</b> To agree proposed services to support the educational success of children and young people in Walsall	Cabinet	Louise Hughes 652048	Head teachers, children and young people, stakeholder group	Councillor R. Andrew	12 December 2012
52/12 (8.10.12)	<b>Grants to permanent foster carers, adopters and special guardians:</b> To accept the policy for grants/loans to foster carers, adopters and special guardians and delegate authority to agree grants and loans in this matter between £30,000 and £50,000 to the Director of Social Services	Cabinet	Louise Watts 658360	Legal, finance	Councillor R. Andrew	12 December 2012
57/12 (8.10.12)	<b>Draft Stay Put (in Foster Care) Policy:</b> To approve the fee rate and budget model subject to the Council approving the policy	Cabinet	Louise Watts 658360	Human resources, legal services, finance	Councillor R. Andrew	12 December 2012
59/12 (8.10.12)	<b>Primary school place planning:</b> To seek permission to progress additional places	Cabinet	Julie Taylor, Walsall Children's Services 686495	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	12 December 2012
54/12 (8.10.12)	<b>Walsall's Second Play Strategy:</b> Adoption of 5 year plan commencing in January 2013	Cabinet	Gareth Perrins- Seedhouse 650788	Play Partnership	Councillor Harris	12 December 2012

55/12	<b>Walsall Council's Local Sustainable Transport Fund:</b> Agree the programme as part of a wider (Centro-led) West Midlands programme	Cabinet	Mark Corbin 654359	Regeneration, Neighbourhoods, legal, finance	Councillor Ansell	12 December 2012
58/12 (8.10.12)	<b>Education capital programme:</b> To seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Melanie Harmitt Walsall Children's Services Serco 686285	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	23 January 2013
60/12 (8.10.12)	<b>HealthWatch Walsall:</b> Appointment of preferred bidder to establish HealthWatch Walsall by 1 April 2013	Cabinet	John Batchelor 653356	Public consultation, procurement, social care and inclusion, neighbourhood services, legal	Councillor Ali	23 January 2012

### KEY DECISIONS FROM MARCH 2013

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(10.9.12)	<b>Darlaston Strategic Development Area access project:</b> Full approval submission to the Department of Transport and agreement of final cost before construction works start on site	Cabinet	Stuart Everton 654770	Councillor Ansell	Councillor Ansell	13 March 2013