



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). Also included on the plan are other decisions to be taken by the Cabinet (“non-key decisions”). 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. Copies of the plan can be obtained from Democratic Services, Walsall MBC, Council House, Walsall, WS1 1TW helen.owen@walsall.gov.uk and can also be accessed from the Council’s website at 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 Andrew
- Adult social care – Councillor Martin
- Children’s – Councillor Wilson
- Clean and green – Councillor Butler
- Community, leisure and culture – Councillor Perry
- Education and skills – Councillor Towe
- Health and wellbeing – Councillor Craddock
- Personnel and business support – Councillor Chattha

The Cabinet agenda and reports are available for inspection by the public 7 days prior to the meeting of the Cabinet on the Council’s website. 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. 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 Democratic Services (helen.owen@walsall.gov.uk).

“Key decisions” are those decisions which have a significant effect within the community or which involve considerable expenditure or savings. With regard to key decisions the Council’s Constitution states:

- (1) A key decision is:
 - (i) any decision in relation to an executive function which results in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant, having regard to the Council’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates or
 - (ii) any decision that is likely to have significant impact on two or more wards within the borough.
- (2) The threshold for “significant” expenditure/savings is £250,000.
- (3) A decision taker may only make a key decision in accordance with the requirements of the Executive Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

Dates of meetings

17 June 2020
15 July 2020
12 August 2020

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JULY TO OCTOBER 2020 (8.6.20)

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Reference No./ Date first entered in Plan	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
22/20 (8.6.20)	Corporate financial performance 2020/21 and Covid-19: To provide an assessment of the impact of Covid-19 on the Council's financial performance, including the allocation of Covid-19 government funding to address cost pressures arising from Covid-19.	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Vicky Buckley 07983 604698 vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	15 July 2020
3/20 (6.1.20)	Strategic development at Moxley Road, Darlaston Private session: Report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person	Cabinet (Key decision)	Joanne Nugent 01922 654752 joanne.nugent@walsall.gov.uk Joel Maybury 01922 654748	Internal	Councillor Andrew	15 July 2020
8/20 (3.2.20)	Black Country Transport Team Collaboration Agreement: To approve the agreement to facilitate the delivery of a strategic transportation function across the four Black Country local authorities	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Matt Crowton 01922 654358 matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Andrew	15 July 2020
21/20 (6.4.20)	Hollybank House: Grant occupancy of Hollybank House to Walsall Healthcare Trust for the provision of stroke rehabilitation beds	Cabinet (Key decision)	Kerrie Allward 01922 654713 kerrie.allward@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Martin/ Councillor Andrew	15 July 2020
17/20 (2.3.20)	Birchills Childcare: To seek approval of the preferred option following consultation on future provision	Cabinet (Key decision)	Julie Jones 07557 541064 julie.jones@walsall.gov.uk	Staff, service users (parents/carers)	Councillor Wilson	15 July 2020

12/20 (3.2.20)	<p>Surveillance and access to communications data: To recommend to Council for approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000: The Council's Corporate Policy and Procedures Investigatory Powers Act 2016 : The Council's Corporate Policy and procedures on the Acquisition of Communications Data <p>To delegate authority to the Executive Director Economy and Environment to make minor amendments to the above policies</p>	Cabinet/ Council (Non key decision)	Lorraine Boothman 07951 523523 lorraine.boothman@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Perry	15 July 2020
23/20 (8.6.20)	<p>Special Educational Needs Disability Information, Advice and Support Service: To delegate authority to the Executive Director, Children's Services to award the contract to the successful applicant</p>	Cabinet (Non key decision)	David DeMay 07939 051561 david.demay@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Towe	15 July 2020
21a/20 (6.4.20)	<p>Oakwood Special School: To approve additional Basic Needs Funding for Oakwood expansions following identification of increased pupil numbers</p>	Cabinet (Key decision)	Alex Groom 07920 500528 alex.groom@walsall.gov.uk	School staff, governors, schools	Councillor Towe	12 August 2020
59/19 (4.11.19)	<p>Walsall's Allocations policy: To approve the policy which determines who is given priority for affordable housing</p>	Cabinet (Key decision)	Neil Hollyhead 07943 500394 neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk	Public, Housing Associations, internal	Councillor Andrew	12 August 2020
27/19 (8.7.9)	<p>A34 Walsall to Birmingham SPRINT (Bus Rapid Transit) scheme: To approve the sprint scheme</p>	Cabinet (Key decision)	Matt Crowton 01922 654358 matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Andrew	September 2020

68/19 (2.12.19)	West Midlands Enhanced Partnership Scheme: To approve a plan to improve bus travel in the A34 Walsall to Birmingham corridor through delivery of a new SPRINT service.	Cabinet (Key decision)	Matt Crowton 01922 654358 matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Andrew	September 2020
43/18 (8.10.18)	Lighting Invest to Save: To consider proposals for a major investment in the highway lighting infrastructure by replacing all existing lighting with energy efficient LED lighting	Cabinet (Key decision)	Paul Leighton 07831 120871 paul.leighton@walsall.gov.uk	Public, Walsall Public Lighting Ltd., industry companies, internal	Councillor Andrew	September 2020