



FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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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 Democratic Services, Walsall MBC, Council House, Walsall, WS1 1TW, 01922 654522. The forward plan 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 S. Coughlan
- Deputy Leader and Regeneration - Councillor Jeavons
- Children’s Services and Education - Councillor Burley
- Community Leisure and Culture - Councillor J. Fitzpatrick
- Clean and Green - Councillor Jones
- Health - Councillor Robertson
- Social Care - Councillor D. Coughlan
- Personnel and Business Support - Councillor Nawaz
- Agenda for Change - Councillor Shires

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 Democratic Services on 01922 654522.

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. 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 Cabinet meetings 2016/17

2016	15 June 27 July 7 September 26 October 14 December
2017	8 February 15 March 26 April

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DECEMBER 2016 TO MARCH 2017 (7.11.16)

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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
18/15 (10.8.15)	Street lighting invest to save: To consider the detailed business case for the conversion of street lighting lanterns to LED technology that would be controlled by a central monitoring system	Cabinet	Paul Leighton 654695	Finance, legal, procurement	Councillor Jeavons	14 December 2016
2/16 (11.1.16)	Solihull Contract: To review the contract for the provision of reactive building, mechanical and electrical repairs, statutory compliance and planning projects between Walsall MBC and the Metropolitan Borough of Solihull Private session: Report in private session contains commercially sensitive information.	Cabinet	Sarah Hart		Councillor Jeavons	14 December 2016
9/16 (11.7.16)	Phoenix 10 development project - Acquisition of site at Reservoir Place for inclusion in the Phoenix 10 project: Private session Report discusses the financial affairs of the Council and the landowner.	Cabinet	Joel Maybury 654748		Councillor Jeavons	14 December 2016
3/16 (11.1.16)	Major transport scheme proposals at M6 Junction 10: Approval to sign agreements with Highways England in order to proceed with the development and eventual construction of the scheme	Cabinet	Steven Edwards 654771	Legal, procurement, finance	Councillor Jeavons	14 December 2016

23/16 (7.11.16)	Urban Traffic Control shared service: To approve the shared service agreement with Wolverhampton for the delivery of urban traffic control functions across the wider Black Country region	Cabinet	Paul Leighton 654695	Legal, finance	Councillor Jeavons	14 December 2016
22/16 (7.11.16)	Former Goscote Estate: To approve the overage mechanism relating to the disposal of Council land assets as part of the regeneration and development programme	Cabinet	Caroline Harper 654754	Asset management, legal, finance	Councillor Jeavons	14 December 2016
25/15 (9.11.15)	Walsall Councils CCTV Public Space: To consider the detailed options appraisal for the future delivery of close circuit (CCTV) services.	Cabinet	Kate Bowers 658984	Legal, procurement, finance	Councillor J. Fitzpatrick	14 December 2016
20/16 (10.10.16)	Walsall Urban Forestry strategy: To approve the urban forest strategy which sets out the strategic framework for the management of trees in the borough over the next 10 years	Cabinet	Jason Simpson 654263	Friends groups, tree wardens, engineering and transportation	Councillor Jones	14 December 2016
10/16 (11.7.16)	Public health services for 0 to 5 year olds: To award the contract for the services to the successful provider following the tender exercise	Cabinet	Esther Higdon 653724 Uma Viswanathan 653751	Residents and key stakeholders	Councillor Robertson	14 December 2016
16/16 (12.9.16)	Wide Area Network: To award a 5 year contract for the provision of a new wide area network (following an EU tendering exercise)	Cabinet	Sharon Worrall 655552	Procurement, legal	Councillor Nawaz	14 December 2016
17/16/ (12.9.16)	Procurement of corporate gas supplies: To approve the transfer of the corporate gas supplies to an alternative gas provider following a tender process	Cabinet	Ian Lister 652536	Internal	Councillor Nawaz	14 December 2016

25/16 (7.11.16)	Corporate budget plan and treasury management and investment strategy 2017/18: To approve the final budget and Council tax for approval by Council	Cabinet	Vicky Buckley 652326	Council tax payers, service users, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations	Councillor S. Coughlan	8 February 2017 23 February 2017
18/16 (10.10.16)	High Needs Funding Formula 2017/18: To approve the high needs funding formula to be used for the allocation of high needs funding to schools in Walsall for the 2017/18 financial year	Cabinet	Lloyd Haines 652340	Schools Forum	Councillor Burley	8 February 2017
19/16 (10.10.16)	Early years funding formula 2017/18: To approve the early years funding formula to be used for the allocation of early years funding to schools and settings in Walsall for the 2017/18 financial year	Cabinet	Lloyd Haines 652340	Schools Forum	Councillor Burley	8 February 2017
24/16 (7.11.16)	Children's Centres: To make a decision on the delivery model for children's centres as part of the 0-19 Early Help Locality Family Support and agree related commissioning requirements	Cabinet	Andrea Potts 654599	Service users, stakeholders	Councillor Burley	8 February 2017
21/16 (10.10.16)	Green Space Strategy: To approve a review of the green space strategy 2012-17 and the production of a new 5 year plan for the future management, maintenance and development of green spaces across the borough	Cabinet	Kevin Clements	Residents and stakeholders	Councillor Jones	15 March 2017

KEY DECISIONS FROM APRIL 2017

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20/15 (10.8.15)	Road safety framework: To consider and approve the road safety framework for the period 2016 to 2019. The framework will set out the road safety plan to support the delivery of road safety work through the borough recognising and building on the cross department work between engineering and transportation, children's services and public health in the delivery of statutory functions emanating from the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Education and Inspections Act 2006	Cabinet	John Roseblade 654695	Risk and insurance, legal services, public health, finance	Councillor Jeavons	26 April 2017