



FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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FORWARD PLAN

The forward plan sets out decisions that are termed as “key decisions” which the Executive (Cabinet) intend to take over the following 4 months. 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, Constitutional Services, Walsall MBC, Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall, WS1 1TP, 01922 653500 or e-mail cabinetoffice@walsall.gov.uk. The forward plan can also be accessed from the Council’s website at www.walsall.gov.uk. The Cabinet are allowed to make urgent decisions which do not appear in the forward plan.

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.

The Cabinet Members and their 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
Communities and partnerships	Councillor Ali
Finance and personnel	Councillor Towe
Leisure, culture and environment	Councillor Harris
Social care and housing	Councillor McCracken
Transport	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 on a monthly basis. 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 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 2010/2011

2010

9 June
14 July
15 September
13 October
17 November
15 December

2011

12 January
9 February
16 March
13 April

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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
86/09 (9.11.09)	New Horizons Community Enterprise Walsall's New Deal for Communities ends 31.3.2011. The Department for Communities and Local Government are encouraging New Deal partnerships to develop succession strategies beyond the end of the programme. As accountable body the Council is required by the DCLG to formally approve the succession strategy.	Cabinet	Paul Rowlands 712858	New Horizons Community Enterprise, Department for Communities and Local Government, Government Office, West Midlands	Councillor A. Andrew	17 November 2010
44/10 (4.6.10)	Housing allocations policy: approve Walsall Council's allocation policy and the creation of a borough wide waiting list	Cabinet	Debbie Parkes 655412	Housing Associations, residents	Councillor A. Andrew	17 November 2010
71/10 (4.10.10)	Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme for Walsall Council – That Walsall Council complies with the scheme in order to avoid financial loss or penalties and acknowledge the need to reduce carbon emissions and consider this as a key priority for the Council	Cabinet	Kwame C. Alex-Eyitene 471257	Finance	Councillor A. Andrew	17 November 2010
64/10 (6.9.10)	Walsall Fostering Framework Agreement – to adopt a sub-regional approach, where applicable, to the future procurement of independent provision of foster care places for the occasions when it is unable to provide such a resource within its own fostering provision	Cabinet	Michelle Whiting 652756 Jacqui Reid 652309	Human resources, finance, legal services	Councillor R. Andrew	17 November 2010

54/10 (6.8.10)	Castle and Jane Lane Schools – outcome of consultation on proposed changes in age range to 7 to 19 years	Cabinet	Connie Mergen 686333 Susan Lupton 686231 Walsall Children's Services – Serco	Finance, legal, HR, Councillors, schools neighbouring local authorities	Councillor R. Andrew	17 November 2010
66/10 (6.9.10)	School organisation – to renew the Council's policy on school re-organisation issues	Cabinet	Susan Lupton 686231 Walsall Children's Services – Serco	Finance, legal, HR ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	17 November 2010
55/10 (6.8.10)	Education Capital Programme – to seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services – Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	17 November 2010
51/10 (6.8.10)	Hillary Primary School: proposed significant enlargement – determination of statutory proposal	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services – Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors, schools	Councillor R. Andrew	17 November 2010
52/10 (6.8.10)	King Charles Primary School: proposed significant enlargement – determination of statutory proposal	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services – Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors, schools	Councillor R. Andrew	17 November 2010
72/10 (4.10.10)	Walsall Adoption Service Annual report and update of the Statement of purpose for adoption – to formally approve the adoption statement of purpose	Cabinet	Michelle Whiting, 652756	Relevant stakeholders, adoptive children, adoptive parents, Adoption Panel, HR, finance and legal	Councillor R. Andrew	17 November 2010

73/10 (4.10.10)	Walsall Fostering Service Annual Report and update of the statement of purpose for the Fostering Service – to formally approve the fostering statement of purpose	Cabinet	Michelle Whiting 652756	Relevant stakeholders, foster carers, children and young people scrutiny panel, HR, legal and finance	Councillor R. Andrew	17 November 2010
74/10 (4.10.10)	Statement of purpose: Children's homes – to formally approve the statement of purpose for each of the five children's homes operated by Walsall Council	Cabinet	Michelle Whiting 652756	Ofsted, children and staff groups, legal, finance HR and communications	Councillor R. Andrew	17 November 2010
75/10 (4.10.10)	Sneyd Community – A Specialist Maths and Computing College – to approve the modification of the closure date of the school and bring it forward from 31 August 2011 to 31 August 2012	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services – Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR, Ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	17 November 2010
76/10 (4.10.10)	Residential framework agreement – to adopt a sub-regional approach, where applicable, to the future procurement of residential care placements for the occasions when it is unable to provide such a resource within its own residential care provision	Cabinet	Wayne Sheargold 602487	Legal, finance, HRD and procurement	Councillor R. Andrew	17 November 2010
48/10 (6.8.10)	Bereavement and Registration services – fees and charges – level of fees and charges associated with burials, cremations and registration services	Cabinet	Steve Billings 655588		Councillor Harris	17 November 2010
49/10 (6.8.10)	Leisure centres and libraries – consideration of the strategic future of leisure centres and libraries in the borough	Cabinet	Chris Holliday 650339 Ben Percival 01902 605500 Sue Grainger 650338	Community Services Scrutiny Panel, property services, Sport England, Museums, Libraries & Archives (MLA)	Councillor Harris	17 November 2010

70/10 (4.10.10)	Walsall Partnership Programmes and Resources – approval of proposed funding allocations recommended by Walsall Partnership thematic groups to deliver the Local Area Agreement and national indicator set	Cabinet	Jo Lowndes	Council and partners	Councillor Bird	15 December 2010
77/10 (4.10.10)	Adoption of Black Country Core Strategy – a key part of Walsall Local Development Framework and of the statutory development plan for Walsall. The core strategy replaces the strategic policies in the Walsall UDP and provides a framework to guide future development and growth within the borough	Cabinet	Neville Ball 652450		Councillor A. Andrew	15 December 2010
22/10 (31.3.10)	Primary Strategy – transforming learning – to seek approval on the primary strategy which will outline the strategic direction of primary education for 2009-2012	Cabinet	Sue Wedgwood, Walsall Children's Services Serco 686369	Finance, legal, HR and Ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	15 December 2010
56/10 (6.8.10)	Education Capital Programme – to seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services – Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	15 December 2010
47/10 (7.5.10)	Contracts for treatment, recovery and final disposal of municipal waste – outcome of tendering process for waste disposal arrangements 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2016 and recommend appointment of contractors	Cabinet	Dave Roberts 653957	Internal	Councillor Harris	15 December 2010
58/09 (7.8.09)	Corporate Asset Management 2009-2014 – approval of plan which sets out the approach to the strategic management of the Council's property portfolio	Cabinet	Steve Law 652075	Executive Directors, Corporate Property Group	Councillor A. Andrew	12 January 2011

67/10 (6.9.10)	Education Capital Programme – to seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services – Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	12 January 2011
68/10 (6.9.10)	Local school funding formula – approval of proposed changes to the school funding formula for the 2011-14 multi-year budget period, in response to both national and local requirements	Cabinet	Julie Taylor Walsall Children's Services – Serco	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	12 January 2011
36/10 (7.5.10)	Waste Strategy review – to approve the draft waste strategy prior to going out to public consultation	Cabinet	Keith Stone 653301	Approval required for public consultation	Councillor Harris	12 January 2011

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(5.7.10)	Local Economic Assessment – submission to Government – the preparation of a Local Economic Assessment by April 2011 is a statutory duty placed on all county and unitary authorities. It is proposed that Walsall Local Economic Assessment be approved in draft before public consultation and the final version submitted to government	Cabinet	Daniel Carins 652545	Walsall Strategic Partnership, Dudley MBC, Sandwell MBC, Wolverhampton MBC, ward members, residents, businesses	Councillor A. Andrew	16 March 2011