



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: **(to be approved by the Leader of the Council)**

Leader of the Council

Deputy Leader and Regeneration

Business support services

Children’s services

Communities and partnerships

Environment

Finance and personnel

Leisure and culture

Social care, health and housing

Transport

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 Council 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 (To be approved at Adjourned Council meeting on 26 May 2010)

2010

16 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 end 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	Regeneration portfolio	16 June 2010
28/09 (8.5.09)	Walsall Gigaport – To consider and agree the principles of the partnership agreement with Advantage West Midlands for the delivery of the Gigaport, to advise on the bid to AWM for project, funding, to endorse, in principle, the use of compulsory purchase powers where necessary, to agree the process for the procurement of a development partner and the identification of a delivery model	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 652489 Richard Chadwick 652576	Walsall Regeneration Company	Regeneration portfolio	16 June 2010
10/10 (8.2.10)	Building Schools for the Future – approve the strategy for change part 2 prior to submission to Partnership for Schools. The document sets out a clear, robust and resourced plan to deliver educational transformation across the secondary school estate in Walsall.	Cabinet	Alison Butcher 655489	Schools, partners, scrutiny members, trade unions, community representatives	Regeneration portfolio Children's services portfolio	16 June 2010

32/10 (7.5.10)	Regional Housing Pot – approve programme of projects to be funded in 2010/11 and delegate the Executive Director in consultation with the portfolio holder authority to approve any amendments to the programme during the year to maximise the Regional Housing Pot	Cabinet	Andrea Potts 652633	Legal services, finance	Regeneration portfolio	16 June 2010
33/10 (7.5.10)	Housing Renewal Assistance – seek enders to deliver capital grant and other assistance projects in line with the Housing Renewal Assistance policy and delegate to the Executive Director, Regeneration authority to accept tenders	Cabinet	Andrea Potts 652633	Audit, procurement, legal, finance	Regeneration portfolio	16 June 2010
34/10 (7.5.10)	Redevelopment of the Old Square, Walsall – to agree to the disposal of the Council's interests and in principle approval, to use compulsory purchase powers to facilitate the phased redevelopment of the Old Square area.	Cabinet	Richard Chadwick 652576	Walsall Regeneration Company	Regeneration portfolio	16 June 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	Children's services portfolio	16 June 2010
23/10 (31.3.10)	Education capital programme – to seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton, Walsall Children's Services Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Children's services portfolio	16 June 2010
35/10 (7.5.10)	Early Years – Quality access childcare grant – to seek approval of the use of the Early Years Childcare grant	Cabinet	Carol Boughton Walsall Children's Services Serco 686420	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Children's services portfolio	16 June 2010

90/09 (9.11.09)	Project W2R – provision of energy from waste capacity from Staffordshire County Council – To consider the affordability of the W2R contract over the life time of the project	Cabinet	Keith Stone 652100	Legal, procurement, finance, Staffordshire County Council	Children's services portfolio	16 June 2010
30/10 (7.5.10)	Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre – consider progress by schools to buy into proposed additional bed space and whether there is a need to commit significant expenditure to modernise the Top Lodge	Cabinet	Chris Holliday 650339 Ben Percival 605500	Bryntysilio trustees, Primary School Head Teachers Forum, Property Services	Leisure and culture portfolio	16 June 2010
31/10 (7.5.10)	Willenhall Leisure Centre – update on progress to reduce costs and increase income and to make a decision on the future of the centre	Cabinet	Chris Holliday 650339 Ben Percival 605500	Ward Councillors, Project Reference Group, Property Services	Leisure and cultur portfolio	16 June 2010
16/10 (8.2.10)	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	Leader of the Council	14 July 2010
8/10 (8.2.10)	Designation of Jane Lane and Castle Schools – to seek permission for changes in designations of Jane Lane and Castle Schools	Cabinet	Connie Mergen, Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686232	Finance, legal, HR and ward Councillors	Regeneration portfolio	14 July 2010
25/10 (31.3.10)	Education capital programme – to seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton, Walsall Children's Services Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Children's services portfolio	14 July 2010
36/10 (7.5.10)	Waste Strategy review – to approve the draft waste strategy prior to going out to public consultation	Cabinet1	Keith Stone 653301	Approval required for public consultation	Environment portfolio	14 July 2010

37.10 (7.5.10)	Replacement wheelie bins – implementation of charging policy for replacement bins that have come to end of their natural life	Cabinet	Dave Roberts 653957	Leisure services, finance, procurement	Environment portfolio	14 July 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	Regeneration portfolio	15 September 2010
38/10 (7.5.10)	Integrated Youth capital strategy and youth offer – approval of strategy and related implementation plan	Cabinet	Alan Michell	Young people, stakeholders (including third sector)	Children's services portfolio	15 September 2010
27/10 (8.3.10)	Community equipment service – To approve the transformation of the service from the current equipment store system to a retail model for small items of equipment	Cabinet	Andy Rust	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Social care, health and housing portfolio	15 September 2010
28/10 (31.3.10)	Frail elderly pathway – to approve changes in working practice within in-house home care, to ensure that intermediate care services can be provided to people in their own homes that more effectively prevents avoidable hospital admissions to the Manor	Cabinet	Andy Rust	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Social care, health and housing portfolio	15 September 2010
29/10 (31.3.10)	Tender for Domiciliary care – to change procurement arrangements for independent homecare services from the current block contract to framework agreements so that the Council is better placed to support individuals to choose their own service provider in line with government policy as set out in "Putting People First".	Cabinet	Andy Rust	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Social care, health and housing portfolio	15 September 2010

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(7.5.10)	Contracts for treatment, recovery and final disposal of municipal waste – award of contract for waste disposal – medium term arrangements, 5 year contract to various contractors	Cabinet	Dave Roberts 653957	Internal	Environment portfolio	December 2010