



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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APRIL TO JULY 2017 (6.3.17)

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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	26 April 2017
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	26 April 2017
26/16 (5.12.16)	Local Planning Enforcement Plan: To approve the updated local enforcement plan for managing the processing of planning enforcement cases including the prioritisation of cases, time scales for investigation and responding to informants	Cabinet	Shawn Fleet 650453	Legal, communities and public protection, regulatory services	Councillor Jeavons	26 April 2017

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
2/17 (9.1.17)	Assisted transport and taxi service: Approval to commence procurement for the service (covering SEN home to school transport, looked after children and respite) and delegate the Executive Director for Children's Services to award contracts in Spring 2017	Cabinet	Andrea Cooke 655871	Commissioning, legal, procurement, finance, stakeholders	Councillor Burley	26 April 2017
17/17 (6.3.17)	Specialist school places: To approve a proposal to increase the number of specialist school places (special schools and additional resourced provisions) in Walsall over the next 5 years	Cabinet	Philip Wells 655897	Financial services, IFM, regeneration and development	Councillor Burley	26 April 2017
15/17 (6.2.17)	Health and Social Care Funding allocations: To approve funding allocations for 2017/18	Cabinet	Kerrie Allward	CCG Commissioners, finance, legal	Councillor D. Coughlan	26 April 2017
18/17 (6.3.17)	Direct Payment Support Services: To approve the tender process and delegate authority to the Executive Director Adult Social Care to award a framework contract following the tender evaluation	Cabinet	Claire Hammonds 602438		Councillor D. Coughlan	26 April 2017

8/17 (9.1.17)	Healthy eating programme in schools: To approve programme in schools to ensure a whole school approach to healthy eating and support to schools. Private session: Report contains commercially sensitive tender evaluation information	Cabinet	Esther Higdon 653724 Vikki Tolley 653750	Legal, finance, children's services	Councillor Robertson	June 2017
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