



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). 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, Democratic Services, Walsall MBC, Council House, Walsall, WS1 1TW, 01922 654366. 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.P. Coughlan
- Regeneration – Councillor Nazir
- Children’s services and education – Councillor Cassidy
- Community, leisure and culture – Councillor Hussain
- Environment and transport – Councillor Jeavons
- Health – Councillor Robertson
- Personnel and business support – Councillor Chambers
- Social care – Councillor D. Coughlan

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 the Head of Democratic Services, John Garner on 01922 654366.

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) In these regulations a “key decision” means an executive decision, which is likely:
 - (a) to result in the relevant local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
 - (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the relevant local authority.
- (2) In determining the meaning of “significant” for the purpose of paragraph (1) this will be if it results in incurring expenditure which either exceeds that included in any approved revenue or capital budget, or results 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 a capital budget, subject to a de minimus level of £100,000.

Dates of Cabinet meetings 2014/15

2014	10 September 29 October 17 December
2015	4 February 18 March 29 April

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
FEBRUARY TO MAY 2015 (12.1.15)**

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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
57/14 (8.12.14)	Financial plan 2015/16 to 2018/19: Revenue budget and capital programme: To approve the final budget and Council tax for approval by the Council	Cabinet Council	Vicky Buckley 652349	Scrutiny panels, residents, business representatives, voluntary and community sector	Councillor S. Coughlan	4 February 2015 26 February 2015
1/15 (12.1.15)	Children's Centres: To consider consultation findings regarding proposal to reduce the number of children's centres and agree a new model for delivery	Cabinet	Susie Morgan 653936	Members, public, schools, health	Councillor Cassidy	4 February 2015
2/15 (12.1.15)	Home to school and assisted travel policy: To approve the revised policy	Cabinet	Kerry Wootton 653759	Legal, transport, SEND staff, parents, children, schools, Centro	Councillor Cassidy	4 February 2015
56/14 (10.11.14)	Healthy child programme: To award the contract for health child programme 5-19 as lead by the school nursing service to the preferred bidder following formal tendering process in autumn 2014	Cabinet	Uma Viswanathan 653751 Esther Higdon	Stakeholders and partners, school staff, pupils	Councillor Robertson	4 February 2015
32/14 (9.6.14)	Joint company arrangements with ACIVICO (Birmingham City Council): To seek approval to a proposed business plan to enter into a joint company agreement for the delivery of the Council's building control services	Cabinet	David Elsworthy 654722	Legal, finance, HR	Councillor Nazir	18 March 2015

60/14 (8.12.14)	Council-wide security services: To award the contracts for the provision of Council-wide security services	Cabinet	Ian Andrews 653776	Procurement, legal	Councillor Nazir	18 March 2015
61/14 (8.12.14)	Darlaston Local Development Order: To approve the adoption of a revised Darlaston Local Development Order	Cabinet	Joel Maybury 654748	Planning, building control, legal services	Councillor Nazir	18 March 2015
50/14 (6.10.14)	Public health contracts To award contracts as set out in the report to Cabinet on 10 September 2014, including adult healthy weight services and drug and alcohol services	Cabinet	Adrian Roche 653746	Finance, procurement, legal	Councillor Robertson	18 March 2015
40/14 (11.8.14)	Conversion of street lighting lanterns to LED technology: To approve the capital investment required to replacement existing street lighting lanterns with LED technology controlled by a central monitoring system. This will mitigate against the impacts of electricity price inflation, cost of carbon reduction credits and demonstrate CO2 reductions as required by the Climate Change Act 2008 whilst also providing the ability to finely control street lighting infrastructure	Cabinet	Elizabeth Thomas 652555	Finance, legal, procurement	Councillor Jeavons	18 March 2015
58/14 (8.12.14)	Better Care Pooled Fund: To approve the Section 75 (National Health Act 2006) agreement for a pooled better care fund	Cabinet	Andy Rust 654713	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor D. Coughlan	18 March 2015
62/14 (8.12.14)	Charging policy for community based services To decide the future policy based on new statutory requirements and feedback received through formal consultation	Cabinet	Terry Hawkins	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor D. Coughlan	18 March 2015