



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” 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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APRIL TO JULY 2011 (4.3.11)**

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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
5/11 (4.1.11)	Walsall Local Investment Plan – to approve the revised plan	Cabinet	Neil Hollyhead 655411	Legal services, finance	Councillor A. Andrew	13 April 2011
11/11 (1.2.11)	Smarter workplaces - to approve the business case and delivery plan for developing the smarter workplace. The proposal will require key changes to be made to the Council's office accommodation, ICT, document management and HR policies. The proposal is part of the Council's Working Smarter programme	Cabinet	Kevin Kendall 471259	Finance, legal, ICT, HR, business change	Councillor A. Andrew Councillor Towe	13 April 2011
17/11 (4.3.11)	Former Mellish Road Church – to approve the authorisation of relevant works to demolish the building and seek recovery of the costs incurred	Cabinet	Joel Maybury 653221	Finance, legal, property services, ward Councillors	Councillor A. Andrew	13 April 2011
18/11 (4.3.11)	Community benefit clauses in the sale of Council owned land – to seek permission to use community benefit clauses where appropriate in the sale of Council owned land	Cabinet	Daniel Carins 652545	Corporate property group, legal, procurement	Councillor A. Andrew	13 April 2011

19/11 (4.3.11)	Disabled lifts – to obtain tenders to undertake installation, repair maintenance and building works and services for domestic stair, step and vertical lifts and hoists up to 31 March 20016 and delegate authority to the Executive Regeneration in consultation with the portfolio holder to accept the tenders	Cabinet	David Lockwood 652169	Procurement services, legal services, finance	Councillor A. Andrew	13 April 2011
20/11 (4.3.11)	Strategic Regeneration Framework 1 – further report on the packaging and marketing of the Goscote SRF1 sites (in ownership of the Council and whg)	Cabinet	Jo Nugent 652483 Caroline Glover 653692	Asset management, housing strategy, legal, finance, whg	Councillor A. Andrew	13 April 2011
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	13 April 2011
1/11 (6.12.10)	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	13 April 2011
12/11 (4.3.11)	Sub-Regional Support Accommodation framework – authority to enter into a collaborative contract with other West Midlands local authorities for the provision of independent sector support housing for young people leaving care. The framework agreement will seek to significantly reduce the expensive practice of “spot purchasing” of supported accommodation providing suitable accommodation for young people leaving care giving greater choice and control	Cabinet	Sue Blick 471900 Gurjit Narwal 602484	Housing, supporting people, legal, procurement, finance	Councillor R. Andrew	13 April 2011

13/11 (4.3.11)	School transport policy – to approve the updated school transport policy document	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children’s Services – Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	13 April 2011
16/11 (4.3.11)	Education contract review – Cabinet to authorise changes	Cabinet	Judith Allerton 655815	Headteachers, Council officers, members	Councillor R. Andrew	13 April 2011
9/11 (1.2.11)	Managed service provider for the supply of temporary staff – Delegated authority to award contract. The Council’s current arrangement is due to expire and a replacement framework is being put in place.	Cabinet	Mark Freathy 5708		Councillor Towe	13 April 2011
78/10 (8.11.10)	Walsall Transport Strategy 2010-14 – to approve the strategy for publication	Cabinet	Mark Corbin/ John Myatt	Finance, legal	Councillor Ansell	13 April 2011
4/11 (4.1.11)	Flood and Water Management Act – obligations and duties for the Council	Cabinet	Steve Pretty 652598	Environment Agency	Councillor Ansell	13 April 2011
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	June 2011
85/10 (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	June 2011

21/11 (4.3.11)	Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership – to consider the findings of the Partnership’s “Business Friendly Planning Review and agree the recommendations arising from the review	Cabinet	Jo Nugent 652483	Planning, legal, finance, development and deliver, property services	Councillor A. Andrew	June 2011
14/11 (4.3.11)	Primary School places – to seek permission to consult on proposal to meet demand for primary school places	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children’s Services – Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	June 2011
15/11 (4.3.11)	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	June 2011