



## **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 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](http://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 Bird
- Regeneration and Transport – Councillor Andrew
- Children’s services – Councillor Arif
- Community engagement and voluntary sector – Councillor I. Shires
- Environment – Councillor Towe
- Leisure and culture – Councillor Harris
- Social care and health – Councillor McCracken

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 22 October 10 December
2015	4 February 18 March 29 April

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SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2014 (11.8.14)**

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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
38/14 (11.8.14)	<b>Council's agency contract:</b> To award the contract based on the outcome of the evaluation of tenders submitted in accordance with EUOJ procurement regulations.	Cabinet	Ian Sutheran 655781	Legal, finance, HR, Heads of Service	Councillor Bird	10 September 2014
26/14 (6.5.14)	<b>Education capital programme - further schemes:</b> Approval of capital schemes and budget estimates for works on the school estate to address priority condition works	Cabinet	Denis O'Rourke 686339	Relevant stakeholders, children's services, legal, finance	Councillor Andrew	10 September 2014
33/14 (7.7.14)	<b>Removal of funding for category 2 school crossing patrol wardens:</b> To approve the removal of category 2 crossing patrol wardens service following consultation with schools, parents and users of the service	Cabinet	Ian Andrews 653776	Finance, legal, ward Councillors	Councillor Andrew	10 September 2014
34/14 (7.7.14)	<b>St. Matthew's Quarter:</b> To agree the disposal of the Council's interests in High Street, Walsall to facilitate the delivery of the St. Matthew's Quarter project. <b>Private session:</b> A separate report will be presented in private session which contains commercially sensitive information.	Cabinet	Richard Chadwick 654747	Finance, legal, property services	Councillor Andrew	10 September 2014

37/14 (11.8.14)	<b>Tackling youth homelessness and group funding to prevent homelessness:</b> To approve the commissioning of up to 60 units of temporary accommodation for young people (16-25) in the borough and delegate the award of the contract to the Executive Director, Resources.	Cabinet	David Lockwood 652169	Legal, finance, procurement	Councillor Andrew	10 September 2014
39/14 (11.8.14)	<b>Highways repairs and maintenance contract:</b> To review the contract and future delivery options. <b>Private session:</b> Report contains commercially sensitive information	Cabinet	John Roseblade 654391	Legal, finance, procurement, risk and insurance	Councillor Andrew	10 September 2014
40/14 (11.8.14)	<b>Conversion of street lighting lanterns to LED technology:</b> 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 the street lighting infrastructure	Cabinet	Elizabeth Thomas 652555	Finance, legal, procurement	Councillor Andrew	10 September 2014
11/14 (13.1.14)	<b>Children's services commissioning plan 2014-17:</b> To approve the children's services commissioning plan. Children's services commissions services worth c£25 million per annum and the report will describe plans to deliver and manage this spend and plan procurements in a way that meets corporate, health and wellbeing, safeguarding and children's partnership priorities	Cabinet	Darrell Harman 658320	Clinical Commissioning Group , Joint Commissioning Unit, children's services	Councillor Arif	10 September 2014

42/14 (11.8.14)	<b>Walsall Council Admissions Policy:</b> To report to the outcome of consultation on the policy and make a decision on whether to adopt the policy	Cabinet	Alan Michell 650320	Head teachers, neighbouring local authorities, public consultation	Councillor Arif	10 September 2014
43/14 (11.8.14)	<b>Christ Church, Fibbersley Park and King Charles Primary Schools:</b> Proposal to expand the schools from 1 September 2015. Cabinet to receive a report on the formal consultation and to take the final decision on whether or not to implement the proposal.	Cabinet	Alan Michell 650320	Parents, governors, staff and school council members. Publication on Council website. Neighbouring local authorities and diocesan representatives	Councillor Arif	10 September 2014
36/14 (11.8.14)	<b>Support for living at home – re-procurement of contract:</b> To award 12 month transitional contracts for 2014/15 to allow a timely procurement process and award the contracts by July 2015	Cabinet	Andy Rust 654713	Providers of service	Councillor McCracken	10 September 2014
41/14 (11.8.14)	<b>Public health services:</b> Approval to proceed to invitation to tender for public health services as set out in the Cabinet report 19 April 2014 which for some will propose a new operating model.	Cabinet	Adrian Roche 653746	Finance, procurement, legal	Councillor McCracken	10 September 2014
44/14 (11.8.14)	<b>Integrated Young People’s Support Service:</b> To consider whether or not to extend the existing term of the IYPSS contract for targeted information advice and guidance. <b>Private session:</b> Report contains commercially sensitive information.	Cabinet	Alan Michell 650320	Legal services, procurement	Councillor Arif	10 September 2014

44/13 (12.8.13)	<b>Black Country Enterprise Zone – Phoenix 10 project:</b> To advise on the outcome of work undertaken to identify a way forward and present a series of recommendations relating to project delivery. <b>Private session:</b> A separate report will be presented in private session containing commercially sensitive information that cannot be included in the public session report	Cabinet	Joel Maybury 654748	Finance, legal, procurement, property, ward Councillors	Councillor Andrew	22 October 2014
32/14 (9.6.14)	<b>Joint company arrangements with ACIVICO (Birmingham City Council):</b> 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 Andrew	22 October 2014
35/14 (11.8.14)	<b>Commissioning winter capacity 2014/15:</b> To award contracts for the re-commissioning of up to 40 beds in nursing home settings as additional support for people being discharged from hospital or to provide an alternative to hospital admission	Cabinet	Andy Rust 654713	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers and providers	Councillor McCracken	22 October 2014