



**Walsall Council**

## **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

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**10 September 2007**

## 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](mailto:cabinetoffice@walsall.gov.uk). The forward plan can also be accessed from the Council's website at [www.walsall.gov.uk](http://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:

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| Leader of the Council                                  | Councillor John O'Hare       |
| Children's services                                    | Councillor Zahid Ali         |
| Communities and partnerships                           | Councillor Garry Perry       |
| Environment  | Councillor Rachel Walker     |
| Finance and personnel                                  | Councillor Al Griffiths      |
| Leisure and culture                                    | Councillor Louise Harrison   |
| Procurement, transformation and performance management | Councillor Mohammed Arif     |
| Regeneration   | Councillor Adrian Andrew     |
| Social care, health and housing                        | Councillor Barbara McCracken |
| Transport  | Councillor Anthony Harris    |

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.

**Dates of Cabinet meetings for 2007/2008 at 6.00 p.m.**

**2007**

20 June  
18 July  
19 September  
24 October  
21 November  
19 December

**2008**

16 January  
6 February  
19 March  
16 April

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS  
OCTOBER 2007 TO JANUARY 2008 (10.9.07)**

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| Reference No./<br>Date first entered in Plan | Key decision to be considered<br>(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 |
| 62/07<br>(9.8.07)                            | Children and Young People Annual Report  | Cabinet        | Darrell Harman<br>652701                         | Children's Executive Group (CHEG)  | Cllr. Zahid Ali   | 24 October 2007            |
| 48/07<br>(9.7.07)                            | Education capital programme – approval of further schemes  | Cabinet        | Susan Lupton<br>686231                           | Stakeholders   | Cllr. Zahid Ali   | 24 October. 2007           |
| 63/07<br>(9.8.07)                            | Print and design future configuration  | Cabinet        | Darrell Harman<br>65201                          | Staff  | Cllr. Zahid Ali   | 24 October 2007            |
| 64/07<br>(9.8.07)                            | Approve recommendations for Extended Schools Capital Developments  | Cabinet        | Carl Britton<br>686282<br>Susan Lupton<br>686231 | Schools  | Cllr. Zahid Ali   | 24 October 2007            |
| 78/07<br>(10.9.07)                           | Joseph Leckie Community Technology College – redevelopment   | Cabinet        | Susan Lupton<br>686231<br>Steve Law<br>652075    |  | Cllr. Zahid Ali   | 24 October 2007            |
| 34/07<br>(19.4.07)                           | Outcome of street trading review – including displays on the highway                                     | Cabinet        | John Beavon<br>652214                            | Regulatory authorities, emergency services, Town centre partnerships, Chamber of Commerce, trade associations, stakeholders LNPs<br>Internal | Cllr. Walker  | 24 October 2007            |

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| 56/07<br>(9.8.07)  | Environmental enforcement plan – approval of action plan to re-energise a partnership approach around prime environmental crime targets to link to Crime and Disorder Partnership and use of LAA funding | Cabinet | Judith Sunley<br>652213     | Internal, Safer Walsall Borough Partnership   | Cllr. Walker    | 24 October 2007 |
| 60/07<br>(9.8.07)  | Climate Change Strategy – to agree implementation of a Council-wide action plan and consultation   | Cabinet |                             | Sustainability West Midlands Impacts and Adaptations Partnership, WBSP, Hestia Managed Services, Environment Agency | Cllr. Walker    | 24 October 2007 |
| 73/07<br>(10.9.07) | Annual review of Treasury Management policy statement and annual report on Treasury Management 2006/7  | Cabinet | Michael Tomlinson<br>652911 |   | Cllr. Griffiths | 24 October 2007 |
| 74/07<br>(10.9.07) | Capital Strategy   | Cabinet | Vicky Buckley<br>652349     |   | Cllr. Griffiths | 24 October 2007 |
| 75/07<br>(10.9.07) | Medium term financial strategy   | Cabinet | Vicky Buckley<br>652349     |   | Cllr. Griffiths | 24 October 2007 |
| 71/07<br>(10.9.07) | The Play Strategy – to be used to apply for £700,00 external funding   | Cabinet | Tim Challans<br>650336      | tPCT, Play England, young people  | Cllr. Harrison  | 24 October 2004 |
| 76/07<br>(10.9.07) | Barr Beacon and Mill Lane Local Nature Reserves – possible declaration of sites of importance for nature conservation  | Cabinet | Simon Phipps<br>652469      | Internal Natural England  | Cllr. Harrison  | 24 October 2007 |
| 55/07<br>(9.8.07)  | Elderly services reprovion – land exchange in Brownhills   | Cabinet | Ann Llewellyn<br>652092     | Internal  | Cllr. Andrew    | 24 October 2007 |

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| 28/07<br>(18.5.07)    | Request for Council to act as "accountable body" for proposed Black Country-wide ESF delivery and co-financing arrangements                      | Cabinet | Steve Lewis<br>652534    | Black Country Consortium, Black Country Councils<br>Government Office<br>West Midlands | Cllr. Andrew       | 24 October<br>2007 |
| 1006/06<br>(19.12.06) | Proposed extension of Church Hill and Bridge Street Conservation Area under the Bridge Street/Ablewell Street Townscape Heritage Initiative area | Cabinet | Simon Tranter<br>652543  | Heritage Lottery Fund<br>English Heritage  | Cllr. Andrew       | 24 October<br>2007 |
| 25/07<br>(19.3.07)    | Barcroft School – use of Birmingham City Council consultancy framework design services   | Cabinet | Kevin Kendal<br>652801   | Internal, Education<br>Walsall   | Cllr. Andrew       | 24 October<br>2007 |
| 59/06<br>(18.8.06)    | Mellish Road Methodist Church – authorisation for further action   | Cabinet | Simon Tranter<br>652543  | English Heritage   | Cllr. Andrew       | 24 October<br>2007 |
| 18/07<br>(19.3.07)    | Boundary Court, Boundary Road, Streetly – possible use of compulsory purchase powers   | Cabinet | Steve Law<br>652075      | Internal   | Cllr. Andrew       | 24 October<br>2007 |
| 69/07<br>(10.9.07)    | Variation to the accountable body agreement with New Deal  | Cabinet | Alison Jarrett<br>652101 |  | Cllr. Andrew       | 24 October<br>2007 |
| 70/07<br>(10.9.07)    | Sale of Council's freehold interest in potential residential development at King Charles Avenue, Bentley   | Cabinet | Steve Pugh<br>652034     | Internal   | Cllr. Andrew       | 24 October<br>2007 |
| 72/07<br>(10.9.07)    | Sale of Council's freehold interest in site of former library, Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood  | Cabinet | Steve Pugh<br>652034     | Internal   | Cllr. Andrew       | 24 October<br>2007 |
| 41/07<br>(9.7.07)     | Review of transport policy with a view to meeting savings targets  | Cabinet | B. Fencott<br>652704     | Social care, and<br>inclusion, voluntary<br>sector, service users                      | Cllr.<br>McCracken | 24 October<br>2007 |

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| 58/07<br>(9.8.07)  | Capping the level of Disability Facilities grant                                     | Cabinet | Sue Byard<br>652605                               | Staff, partner organisations, users, carers   | Cllr. McCracken | 24 October 2007  |
| 67/06<br>(18.8.06) | Darlaston Strategic Development Area – authorisation to publish orders and processes | Cabinet | Steve Pretty<br>652598                            | Walsall Regeneration Co., Environment Agency, British Waterways, statutory undertakers, AWM   | Cllr. Harris    | 24 October 2007  |
| 77/07<br>(10.9.07) | Approval of Walsall rail service and facilities improvement plan                     | Cabinet | Mark Clough<br>653266<br>Marie Newton<br>652561   | Network Rail, rail operators, neighbouring authorities, Centro, key partners, stakeholders  | Cllr. Harris    | 24 October 2007  |
| 80/07<br>(10.9.07) | Approval of the Winter Service Operational Plan 2007/8                               | Cabinet | Clive Betts<br>652536                             | Risk and insurance services, Street Pride   | Cllr. Harris    | 24 October 2007  |
| 49/07<br>(9.7.07)  | Education capital programme – approval of further schemes                            | Cabinet | Susan Lupton<br>686231                            | Stakeholders  | Cllr. Zahid Ali | 21 November 2007 |
| 65/07<br>(9.8.07)  | Free entitlement to early years education 2008 onwards                               | Cabinet | Carl Britton<br>686282<br>Janet Hosking<br>686220 | Schools   | Cllr. Zahid Ali | 21 November 2007 |
| 38/07<br>(19.4.07) | Annual review of fees and charges - Bereavement and Registration services            | Cabinet | Steve Billings<br>021 353 7228                    | Internal  | Cllr. Walker    | 21 November 2007 |
| 39/07<br>(18.5.07) | Review of Licensing Act 2003 policy  | Council | John Beavon<br>652214                             | Regulatory authorities, emergency services, Licensed trade associations, Pubwatch, Chamber of Commerce, voluntary groups, health bodies, internal | Cllr. Walker    | 21 November 2007 |

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| 59/07<br>(9.8.07)  | To gain "in principle" support for the pursuit of compulsory purchase orders to help deliver the office corridor project | Cabinet | Paul Nicholson<br>652489<br>Richard<br>Chadwick<br>652576 | Walsall Regeneration<br>Company                   | Cllr. Andrew       | 21 November<br>2007 |
| 43/07<br>(9.7.07)  | Charging for personal care in extra care housing schemes   | Cabinet | Andrew Cross<br>658381                                    | Partners  | Cllr.<br>McCracken | 21 November<br>2007 |
| 61/07<br>(9.7.07)  | Education capital programme – approval of further schemes  | Cabinet | Susan Lupton<br>686231                                    | Stakeholders                                      | Cllr. Zahid Ali    | 19 December<br>2007 |
| 66/07<br>(9.7.07)  | Education capital programme – approval of further schemes  | Cabinet | Susan Lupton<br>686231                                    | Stakeholders                                      | Cllr. Zahid Ali    | 16 January<br>2008  |
| 67/07<br>(9.7.07)  | Home to school transport policy  | Cabinet | Susan Lupton<br>686231                                    | Stakeholders                                      | Cllr. Zahid Ali    | 16 January<br>2008  |
| 68/07<br>(9.8.07)  | Education contract preferred bidder recommendation   | Cabinet | Louise Hughes   |   | Cllr. Zahid Ali    | 16 January<br>2008  |
| 47/06<br>(19.7.06) | Reconfiguration of mental health services – reorganisation proposals   | Cabinet | Kathy McAteer<br>658218                                   | Staff, partner<br>organisations, users,<br>carers | Cllr.<br>McCracken | 16 January<br>2008  |
| 79/07<br>(10.9.07) | Supporting People Inspection Action Plan   | Cabinet | Sue Byard<br>652605                                       | Internal, Voluntary<br>sector service users       | Cllr.<br>McCracken | 16 January<br>2008  |

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| (9.8.07)                                     | Extended Schools Developments 2008 to 2010   | Cabinet         | Carl Britton<br>686282                         | Schools  | Cllr. Zahid Ali   | 6 February 2008                     |
| (18.5.07)                                    | Sustainable community strategy   | Cabinet Council | Karen Adderley<br>652058                       | Scrutiny panels, LNPs  | Cllr. O'Hare  | 6 February 2008<br>25 February 2008 |
| (9.7.07)                                     | Education capital programme – approval of further schemes  | Cabinet         | Susan Lupton<br>686231                         | Stakeholders   | Cllr. Zahid Ali   | 19 March 2008                       |
| (9.7.07)                                     | Determination of admission arrangements to Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools                    | Cabinet         | Susan Lupton<br>686231                         | Stakeholders, schools, Diocesan bodies   | Cllr. Zahid Ali   | 19 March 2008                       |
| (9.8.07)                                     | Strategy for the development of Children's Centres 2008 to 2010  | Cabinet         | Carl Britton<br>686282                         | Stakeholders, children's services, health, private, voluntary and independent sector | Cllr. Zahid Ali   | 19 March 2008                       |
| (9.7.07)                                     | Education capital programme – approval of further schemes  | Cabinet         | Susan Lupton<br>686231                         | Stakeholders   | Cllr. Zahid Ali   | 16 April 2008                       |