



**Walsall** Council

## **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

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**2 December 2019**

## 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). Also included on the plan are other decisions to be taken by the Cabinet (“non-key decisions”). 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](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
- Deputy Leader and Regeneration – Councillor Andrew
- Adult social care – Councillor Martin
- Children’s – Councillor Wilson
- Clean and green – Councillor Butler
- Community, leisure and culture – Councillor Perry
- Education and skills – Councillor Towe
- Health and wellbeing – Councillor Longhi
- Personnel and business support – Councillor Chattha

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.

“Key decisions” 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 meetings 2019/20**

2019 19 June  
17 July  
4 September  
23 October  
18 December

2020 12 February  
18 March  
22 April

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JANUARY TO APRIL 2020 (2.12.19)

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Reference No./ Date first entered in Plan	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
27/19 (8.7.9)	<b>A34 Walsall to Birmingham sprint scheme:</b> To approve the sprint scheme	Cabinet  (Key decision)	Matt Crowton 01922 654358	Internal	Councillor Andrew	Special meeting January 2020
35/19 (5.8.19)	<b>West Midlands Enhanced Partnership Plan:</b> To approve a plan to improve bus travel across the whole of the West Midlands based on TfWMs "Vision for Bus". The plan will also help facilitate a subsequent Enhanced Partnership Scheme for the SPRINT bus services in the A34 corridor in advance of the 2022 Commonwealth Games, which will be subject to a separate Cabinet approval	Cabinet  (Key decision)	Matt Crowton 01922 654358	Internal	Councillor Andrew	Special meeting January 2020
49/19 (7.10.19)	<b>Corporate Budget Plan 2019/20 to 2022/23 and treasury management and investment strategy 2020/21:</b> To approve the final budget and Council tax for approval by Council	Cabinet/ Council  (Key/non decisions)	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations	Councillor Bird	12 February 2020 (Council 27 February 2020)
50/19 (7.10.19)	<b>Corporate financial performance</b> To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2019	Cabinet  (Non key decision)	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326	Internal	Councillor Bird	12 February 2020

43/18 (8.10.18)	<b>Lighting Invest to Save:</b> To consider proposals for a major investment in the highway lighting infrastructure by replacing all existing lighting with energy efficient LED lighting	Cabinet  (Key decision)	Paul Leighton 01922 654695	Public, Walsall Public Lighting Ltd., industry companies, internal	Councillor Andrew	12 February 2020
59/19 (4.11.19)	<b>Walsall's Allocations policy:</b> To approve the policy which determines who is given priority for affordable housing	Cabinet  (Key decision)	Neil Hollyhead 01922 655411	Public, Housing Associations, internal	Councillor Andrew	12 February 2020
55/19 (4.11.19)	<b>Disposal and treatment of waste:</b> To award contracts for the disposal and treatment of Walsall's waste to start from 1 April 2020	Cabinet  (Key decision)	Mark Holden 01922 654201 Stephen Johnson 01922 654227	Internal	Councillor Butler	12 February 2020
66/19 (2.12.19)	<b>Food Law Enforcement Service Plan:</b> To refer the plan to Council for adoption	Cabinet  (Non key decision)	David Elrington 01922 653023	Internal	Councillor Perry	12 February 2020 (Council 27 February 2020)
56/19 (4.11.19)	<b>Corporate Plan delivery – Quarter 3 monitoring:</b> To present up-to-date information regarding performance against the Council priorities	Cabinet  (Non key decision)	Helen Dudson 01922 653732	Internal	Councillor Bird	18 March 2020
60/19 (4.11.19)	<b>Walsall Housing's Strategy 2020 to 2024:</b> To approve the strategy	Cabinet  (Key decision)	Neil Hollyhead 01922 655411	Public, housing providers, internal	Councillor Andrew	18 March 2020
67/19 (2.12.19)	<b>Visionary Investment Enhancement (VIEW) Board:</b> To approve the dissolution of the VIEW Board which is the joint arrangement with whg to agree a programme of spend for housing related regeneration funded by a VAT shelter. To approve new working arrangements for any existing surplus VIEW funds and future VAT sharing arrangements	Cabinet  (Key decision)	Mark Lavender 01922 654772 Neil Hollyhead 01922 655411	Internal and whg	Councillor Andrew	18 March 2020

68/19 (2.12.19)	<b>West Midlands Enhanced Partnership Scheme for the A34:</b> To approve a plan to improve bus travel in the A34 Walsall to Birmingham corridor through delivery of a new SPRINT service. (This report follows on from the Enhanced Partnership Plan for the whole of the West Midlands at Cabinet in January 2020)	Cabinet  (Key decision)	Matt Crowton 01922 654358	Internal	Councillor Andrew	18 March 2020
57/19 (4.11.19)	<b>High Needs Funding Formula:</b> To approve recommended changes to the High Needs Funding Formula to be used for the allocation of High Needs Dedicated Schools Grant funding for the 2020/21 academic year	Cabinet  (Key decision)	Lloyd Haynes 652340	Internal	Councillor Towe	18 March 2020
58/19 (4.11.19)	<b>Early Years Funding Formula:</b> To approve the Early Years Formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used for the allocation of funding early years providers in Walsall	Cabinet  (Key decision)	Lloyd Haynes 652340	Schools Forum	Councillor Towe	18 March 2020