



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 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 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 A. Andrew
- Business support services – Councillor Arif
- Children's services – Councillor R. Andrew
- Community engagement and voluntary sector – Councillor I. Shires
- Finance and personnel – Councillor Towe
- Leisure and culture – Councillor Harris
- Public protection – Councillor Z. Ali
- Social care and housing – Councillor McCracken
- Transport and environment – 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. 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. 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 2012/2013

2012	20 June 25 July 12 September 24 October 12 December
2013	23 January 13 March 24 April

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APRIL TO JULY 2013 (11.3.13)**

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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
43/12 (10.9.12)	Green deal: To seek approval of the proposed Council role in the provision of the green deal	Cabinet	Neil Hollyhead 655411	Legal, finance, Black Country local authorities	Councillor A. Andrew	24 April 2013
11/13 (11.3.13)	“Growth Opportunities Local Delivery in key sectors project (GOLD in key sectors)” (ERDF funded project): To seek approval for staff and financial commitment, and seek approval to enter into a partner collaboration agreement with the Black Country local authority partners	Cabinet	Dev Thind 654354	Legal services, finance	Councillor A. Andrew	24 April 2013
12/13 (11.3.13)	Joint company arrangement with ACIVICO (Birmingham City Council): To seek approval to negotiate agreement 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 A. Andrew	24 April 2013
13/13 (11.3.13)	Walsall Business and Sports hub: To support the delivery of the hub and agree to dispose of its assets on terms to be agreed to enable the delivery of the project. Private session – reason: Contains commercially sensitive information	Cabinet	Richard Chadwick 654747	Finance, property, legal services	Councillor A. Andrew	24 April 2013

14/13 (11.3.13)	Old Square shopping centre: To approve capital funding to deliver the redevelopment of the shopping centre Private session – reason: Contains commercially sensitive information	Cabinet	Richard Chadwick	Finance, property, legal services	Councillor A. Andrew	24 April 2013
15/13 (11.3.13)	Black Country Core Strategy: To agree the core strategy is in conformity with the government's National Planning Policy Framework so it can continue to be applied with full weight and provide the basis for the future of planning in the borough	Cabinet	Mike Smith 658024	Dudley, Sandwell and Wolverhampton Councils, Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, Planning Inspectorate	Councillor A. Andrew	24 April 2013
69/12 (10.12.12)	Education capital programme: To seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Melanie Harmitt 686285	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	24 April 2013
57/12 (8.10.12)	Draft Stay Put (in Foster Care) Policy: To approve the fee rate and budget model subject to the Council approving the policy	Cabinet	Louise Watts 658360	Human resources, legal services, finance	Councillor R. Andrew	24 April 2013
64/12 (12.11.12)	Sport and leisure strategy: Consider the findings of the working smarter review specifically: consideration of the options analysis, old for new financial model and the proposed business case, proposals for two new leisure centres, consideration of an appropriate deliver/management model	Cabinet	Chris Holliday 650339 Ben Percival 654341	Legal. HR, property, finance, procurement, social care, ICT, Sport England, Amateur Swimming Association, NHS Public Health, West Midlands Pension Fund	Councillor Harris	24 April 2013
63/12 (10.9.12)	Darlaston Strategic Development Area access project: Full approval submission to the Department of Transport and agreement of final cost before construction works start on site	Cabinet	Stuart Everton 654770		Councillor Ansell	24 April 2013

31/12 (13.8.12)	Various schools, Willenhall: Sale of freehold interest in Little London Junior, Stafford Street, Lakeside Junior, Holman Close and Clothier Street Junior	Cabinet	Nick Ford 652659	Legal services, finance, HRD	Councillor A. Andrew	June 2013
54/12 (8.10.12)	Walsall's Second Play Strategy: Adoption of 5 year plan commencing in January 2013	Cabinet	Gareth Perrins-Seedhouse 650788	Play Partnership	Councillor Harris	June 2013