



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, Democratic 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.

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 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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SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2012 (13.8.12)**

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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
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 652034	Legal services, finance, HRD	Councillor A. Andrew	12 September 2012
32/12 (13.8.12)	Former Queslett Centre: Sale of freehold interest in former Queslett Centre, Lakeview Close, Walsall	Cabinet	Nick Ford 652034	Legal services, finance, HRD	Councillor A. Andrew	12 September 2012
35/12 (13.8.12)	Property services procurement and contracting strategy: Approval of the general procurement strategy within property services particularly the intention to make limited use of the CWM contract in replacement of the MITIE contract carrying out work categories for response times up to 48 hours and out of hours works.	Cabinet	Ian Andrews 612611 Neville Harrington 642801	Regeneration, finance, legal services, corporate procurement	Councillor A. Andrew	12 September 2012
36/12 (13.8.12)	Disabled facility and housing improvements works: Delegate authority to the Executive Regeneration, in consultation with the portfolio holder to accept tenders and award contracts for building works (excluding lifts and hoists) for disabled facilities grants and housing repair and improvement projects	Cabinet	David Lockwood 658459	Procurement services, legal services, finance	Councillor A. Andrew	12 September 2012

27/12 (9.7.12)	Education transition: Future proposals for education support to schools and academies in Walsall	Cabinet	Louise Hughes 652895	Head teachers, young people, members of school communities ie. Governors	Councillor R. Andrew	12 September 2012
33/12 (13.8.12)	Localised Council tax support: Adoption of a local scheme to replace the current national Council tax benefit scheme with a 10% reduction in expenditure	Cabinet	Lynn Hall 653986	Elected members, senior officers, major preceptors, public, voluntary sector, interested parties	Councillor Towe	12 September 2012
34/12 (13.8.12)	Localised welfare payments: The design and adoption of a local scheme to replace the current national social fund community care grants and crisis loans (living expenses)	Cabinet	Lynn Hall 653986	Elected members, senior officers, major preceptors, public, voluntary sector, interested parties	Councillor Towe	12 September 2012
37/12 (13.8.12)	Sport and leisure review: To consider the findings of the working smarter review specifically investing in two new leisure centres and establishing a sport, leisure, health and wellbeing social enterprise	Cabinet	Chris Holliday 650339 Ben Percival 654311	Legal, property, finance, HR, social care Sport England, NHS Walsall, West Midlands Pension Fund	Councillor Harris	12 September 2012
38/12 (13.8.12)	Transition of public health contracts: Delegate authority to the Executive Director Neighbourhoods to enter into contractual arrangements for public health services to ensure continuity of service when the Council takes on public health responsibilities from April 2013.	Cabinet	Lawrence Brazier 658471	Legal, finance, public health commissioners	Councillor Ali	12 September 2012
29/12 (9.7.12)	Walsall's major transport scheme priorities: To approve the priorities for inclusion in a post-2015 Black Country LEP Major Transport Scheme programme	Cabinet	Matt Crowton 654358	Regeneration, neighbourhoods, legal, finance	Councillor Ansell	12 September 2012

39/12 (13.8.12)	Domiciliary care contracts: To approve the transitional arrangements for the contracts pending implementation of the new framework agreement	Cabinet	Andy Rust	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	12 September 2012
40/12 (13.8.12)	Rushall Mews intermediate care centre: To approve the closure of the care centre	Cabinet	Andy Rust	Staff, partners organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	12 September 2012
26/12 (8.6.12)	Housing and Localism Act 2011 – to approve a plan setting out the Council's approach to the housing aspects of the Act	Cabinet	Debbie Parkes 650750	Register providers, legal services	Councillor A. Andrew	24 October 2012
23/12 (8.6.12)	Education capital programme: To seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Melanie Harmitt Walsall Children's Services Serco 686285	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	24 October 2012
24/12 (8.6.12)	Primary and Secondary education strategies: To seek approval on refreshed strategies	Cabinet	Frank Barnes Walsall Children's Services Serco 686285	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	24 October 2012
28/12 (9.7.12)	Revised Schools funding formula: The Department of Education have now asked for that funding formulas are based on a maximum of 10 factors, rather than the current maximum of 37. The Council will work closely with schools to develop a new formula. This report looks for final agreement by Cabinet before sending the agreed formula by the end of October 2012	Cabinet	Dan Mortiboys 652982	Schools Forum on behalf of all schools	Councillor R. Andrew	24 October 2012

30/12 (9.7.12)	Education capital programme: To seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Melanie Harmitt Walsall Children's Services Serco 686285	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	12 December 2012
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