



**Walsall Council**

## **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

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**8 November 2010**

## 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:

Leader of the Council	Councillor Bird
Deputy Leader and Regeneration	Councillor A. Andrew
Business support services	Councillor Arif
Children’s services	Councillor R. Andrew
Communities and partnerships	Councillor Ali
Finance and personnel	Councillor Towe
Leisure, culture and environment	Councillor Harris
Social care and housing	Councillor McCracken
Transport	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 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 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 2010/2011**

##### **2010**

9 June  
14 July  
15 September  
13 October  
17 November  
15 December

##### **2011**

12 January  
9 February  
16 March  
13 April

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DECEMBER TO MARCH 2010 (8.11.10)**

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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
70/10 (4.10.10)	<b>Walsall Partnership Programmes and Resources</b> – approval of proposed funding allocations recommended by Walsall Partnership thematic groups to deliver the Local Area Agreement and national indicator set	Cabinet	Jo Lowndes	Council and partners	Councillor Bird	15 December 2010
86/09 (9.11.09)	<b>New Horizons Community Enterprise</b> Walsall's New Deal for Communities ends 31.3.2011. The Department for Communities and Local Government are encouraging New Deal partnerships to develop succession strategies beyond the end of the programme. As accountable body the Council is required by the DCLG to formally approve the succession strategy.	Cabinet	Paul Rowlands 712858	New Horizons Community Enterprise, Department for Communities and Local Government, Government Office, West Midlands	Councillor A. Andrew	15 December 2010
44/10 (4.6.10)	<b>Housing allocations policy:</b> approve Walsall Council's allocation policy and the creation of a borough wide waiting list	Cabinet	Debbie Parkes 655412	Housing Associations, residents	Councillor A. Andrew	15 December 2010
77/10 (4.10.10)	<b>Adoption of Black Country Core Strategy</b> – a key part of Walsall Local Development Framework and of the statutory development plan for Walsall. The core strategy replaces the strategic policies in the Walsall UDP and provides a framework to guide future development and growth within the borough	Cabinet	Neville Ball 652450		Councillor A. Andrew	15 December 2010

71/10 (4.10.10)	<b>Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme for Walsall Council</b> – That Walsall Council complies with the scheme in order to avoid financial loss or penalties and acknowledge the need to reduce carbon emissions and consider this as a key priority for the Council	Cabinet	Kwame C. Alex-Eyitene 471257	Finance	Councillor A. Andrew	15 December 2010
79/10 (8.11.10)	<b>Council office estate strategy</b> – as part of the Council's asset review, the future office estate is being considered, this report identifies the options for the future estate and seeks a Cabinet recommendation on the preferred option	Cabinet	Kevin Kendall 471259	Finance	Councillor A. Andrew	15 December 2010
82/10 (8.11.10)	<b>Security in Walsall:</b> Approval to award the security services tender. The outcome of the tender process will be a new supplier for both the First Stop Shop and New Art Gallery and a joint award for all ad hoc security in Walsall	Cabinet	Mike Duffield 650989	Property services, First Top Shop, New Art Gallery	Councillor A. Andrew	15 December 2010
84/10 (8.11.10)	<b>Hatherton Street, Walsall</b> – to approve the acquisition of premises on terms to be agreed	Cabinet	Richard Chadwick 652576		Councillor A. Andrew	15 December 2010
72/10 (4.10.10)	<b>Walsall Adoption Service Annual report and update of the Statement of purpose for adoption</b> – to formally approve the adoption statement of purpose	Cabinet	Michelle Whiting, 652756	Relevant stakeholders, adoptive children, adoptive parents, Adoption Panel, HR, finance and legal	Councillor R. Andrew	15 December 2010
73/10 (4.10.10)	<b>Walsall Fostering Service Annual Report and update of the statement of purpose for the Fostering Service</b> – to formally approve the fostering statement of purpose	Cabinet	Michelle Whiting 652756	Relevant stakeholders, foster carers, children and young people scrutiny panel, HR, legal and finance	Councillor R. Andrew	15 December 2010

22/10 (31.3.10)	<b>Primary Strategy – transforming learning</b> – to seek approval on the primary strategy which will outline the strategic direction of primary education for 2009-2012	Cabinet	Sue Wedgwood, Walsall Children's Services Serco 686369	Finance, legal, HR and Ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	15 December 2010
47/10 (7.5.10)	<b>Contracts for treatment, recovery and final disposal of municipal waste</b> – outcome of tendering process for waste disposal arrangements 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2016 and recommend appointment of contractors	Cabinet	Dave Roberts 653957	Internal	Councillor Harris	15 December 2010
83/10 (8.11.10)	<b>Telecare and Telehealth:</b> To approve proposals for a programme of assistive technology which will enable people to sustain as much independent, health and well being as possible and thus reduce the need for hospital admissions or social care services provided by care agencies or in care homes	Cabinet	Andy Rust		Councillor McCracken	15 December 2010
78/10 (8.11.10)	<b>Walsall Transport Strategy 2010-14</b> to approve the strategy for publication	Cabinet	Mark Corbin/ John Myatt	Finance, legal	Councillor Ansell	15 December 2010
58/09 (7.8.09)	<b>Corporate Asset Management 2009-2014</b> – approval of plan which sets out the approach to the strategic management of the Council's property portfolio	Cabinet	Steve Law 652075	Executive Directors, Corporate Property Group	Councillor A. Andrew	12 January 2011
67/10 (6.9.10)	<b>Education Capital Programme</b> – to seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services – Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	12 January 2011

80/10 (8.11.10)	<b>Introduction of benefits based charging model:</b> To receive a report following statutory consultation on the introduction of a benefits based charging model across social care non-residential services which will supersede the current fairer charging model. To agree the model for implementation	Cabinet	Anne Doyle 602447		Councillor McCracken	12 January 2010
68/10 (6.9.10)	<b>Local school funding formula –</b> approval of proposed changes to the school funding formula for the 2011-14 multi-year budget period, in response to both national and local requirements	Cabinet	Julie Taylor Walsall Children's Services – Serco	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	9 February 2011
81/10 (8.11.10)	<b>Final budget plan and treasury management–</b> to approve the final budget and Council Tax for approval by Council	Cabinet Council	Vicky Buckley 652349	Scrutiny and performance panels	Councillor Towe	9 February 2011 24 February 2011

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(5.7.10)	<b>Local Economic Assessment – submission to Government</b> – the preparation of a Local Economic Assessment by April 2011 is a statutory duty placed on all county and unitary authorities. It is proposed that Walsall Local Economic Assessment be approved in draft before public consultation and the final version submitted to government	Cabinet	Daniel Carins 652545	Walsall Strategic Partnership, Dudley MBC, Sandwell MBC, Wolverhampton MBC, ward members, residents, businesses	Councillor A. Andrew	16 March 2011