



**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, 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 and culture	Councillor Harris
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 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 2011/2012**

2011	27 July 14 September 9 November 14 December
2012	8 February 4 April

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NOVEMBER 2011 TO FEBRUARY 2012 (12.10.11)**

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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
37/11 (11.8.11)	<b>Review of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs):</b> Plans to support key infrastructure in Walsall: Approval of a programme for review of adopted SPDs in the Walsall Local Development Framework, pending the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy	Cabinet	Dawn Harris 652482	Development management, Delivery and Development, Housing strategy, leisure services, Education Walsall, Walsall NHS	Councillor A. Andrew	9 November 2011
46/11 (12.9.11)	<b>Sale of freehold interests in:</b> Baytree House, Aldridge and the site of former Mary Elliot Special School and former Day Centre in Brewer Street, Walsall – to approve the terms for the disposal of the Council's freehold interests	Cabinet	Steve Pugh 652034	Legal services. Development and delivery	Councillor A. Andrew	9 November 2011
48/11 (12.9.11)	<b>Aldridge Airport site, Airfield Drive, Aldridge:</b> To approve terms for the grant of a long leasehold interest and an option to acquire the freehold interest in part of the Aldridge Airport site	Cabinet	Steve Pugh 652034	Legal services, planning services	Councillor A. Andrew	9 November 2011
51/11 (12.10.11)	<b>Black Country Enterprise Zone:</b> To approve the introduction of a proposed simplified planning regime for the Darlaston area of the zone	Cabinet	Joel Maybury 653221	Planning & Building Control, legal, finance, ward Councillors	Councillor A. Andrew	9 November 2011

47/11 (12.9.11)	<b>Coroner arrangements:</b> To approve proposed changes to the current Black Country HM Coroner arrangements	Cabinet	Steve Billings 655588	Local MPs., funeral directors, faith groups	Councillor Harris	9 November 2011
50/11 (12.9.11)	<b>Housing Renewal Assistance Policy:</b> To adopt and publish the Housing Renewal Assistant Policy 2012-2013	Cabinet	David Lockwood 652169	Audit, procurement, legal services, finance	Councillor A. Andrew	14 December 2011
49/11 (12.9.11)	<b>University Technical College:</b> Approval of delegated authority to approve the outline business case for the development of the UTC at the former Sneyd School site	Cabinet	Kevin Kendall 471259	Finance, legal services	Councillor A. Andrew	14 December 2011
52/11 (12.10.11)	<b>Development clawback:</b> To approve whg's affordable housing programme in relation to clawback payments	Cabinet	Neil Hollyhead 655411	Legal services, finance, asset management	Councillor A. Andrew	14 December 2011
53/11 (12.10.11)	<b>Beechdale School site disposal:</b> Approval for the disposal of the remainder of the Beechdale School site	Cabinet	Neil Hollyhead 655411 Steve Pugh 652034	Legal services, finance	Councillor A. Andrew	14 December 2011
54/11 (12.10.11)	<b>New homes bonus:</b> To approve the principles on which the new homes bonus funding will be allocated	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 652489	Heads of service – Regeneration, finance, legal	Councillor A. Andrew	14 December 2011
43/11 (11.8.11)	<b>Education capital programme:</b> To seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Melanie Harmitt, Walsall Children's Services Serco 686285	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	14 December 2011
44/11 (11.8.11)	<b>Caldmore Primary School:</b> To seek determination of the statutory proposals	Cabinet	Michael Hiscox, Walsall Children's Services Serco 686239	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	14 December 2011

55/11 (12.10.11)	<b>Education transition programme schedule:</b> Approval of phased return of services from Serco to the Council and the programme costed plan	Cabinet	Louise Hughes	Legal services, finance	Councillor R. Andrew	14 December 2011
39/11 (11.8.11)	<b>Support for living at home services:</b> To award contracts under the Framework Agreement	Cabinet	Andy Rust 602469	Suppliers, service users, partner organisations	Councillor McCracken	14 December 2011
58/09 (7.8.09)	<b>Corporate Asset Management 2011-2016:</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	8 February 2012
56/11 (12.10.11)	<b>University Technical College – full business case:</b> Approval of delegated authority for the Director of Children's Services or Director of Regeneration to approve the full business case and contract award for the development of the technical college at the former Sneyd School site	Cabinet	Kevin Kendall 471259	Finance, legal services	Councillor A. Andrew	8 February 2012
57/11 (12.10.11)	<b>Phoenix 10 regeneration project:</b> To consider funding options for the highway improvement works necessary to deliver the project	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 652489	Finance, legal	Councillor A. Andrew	8 February 2012
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