



## **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 John O’Hare
Deputy Leader and Regeneration	Councillor Adrian Andrew
Children’s services	Councillor Zahid Ali
Communities and partnerships	Councillor Garry Perry
Environment	Councillor Rachel Walker
Finance and personnel	Councillor Al Griffiths
Leisure and culture	Councillor Louise Harrison
Procurement, transformation and performance management	Councillor Mohammed Arif
Social care, health and housing	Councillor Barbara McCracken
Transport	Councillor Anthony Harris

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 Council only "key decisions" which are those decisions which have a significant effect within the community or which involve considerable expenditure or savings.

#### **Dates of Cabinet meetings for 2008/2009**

##### **2008**

18 June  
16 July  
17 September  
22 October  
19 November  
17 December

##### **2009**

14 January  
4 February  
18 March  
22 April

## FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS MARCH TO JUNE 2009 (9.2.09)

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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
8/09 (9.2.09)	<b>Area Based Grant</b> – To approve proposed allocations of funding recommended by Walsall Partnership thematic groups to proposed programmes to deliver the Local Area Agreement and National Indicator set and receive an update regarding the target action planning process	Cabinet	Jo Lowndes 654714	Council and partners	Councillor O'Hare	18 March 2009
10/09 (9.2.09)	<b>Corporate Plan</b> – To approve the plan for 2009/10 setting out the Council's main objectives for the year	Cabinet Council	John Pryce-Jones 652077	Partners, staff, residents	Councillor O'Hare	18 March 2009 20 April 2009
100/08 (7.11.08)	<b>Children's Trust arrangements for commissioning services to reduce child poverty</b> – The report will describe how the Council and Walsall Partnership will commission services to reduce child poverty	Cabinet	Darrell Harman	Children's Trust, Walsall Partnership, Regeneration, Head Teachers in pilot areas	Councillor Zahid Ali	18 March 2009
4/09 (6.1.09)	<b>Education capital programme:</b> approval of further schemes:	Cabinet	Susan Lupton 686231, Walsall Children's Services, Serco	Stakeholders, including schools, diocesan authorities and foundation representatives, Walsall Council – property services and finance	Councillor Zahid Ali	18 March 2009

92/08 (9.10.08)	<b>Options appraisal for delivery of connexions within Young People's Integrated Services</b> – approval of delegated authority to accept tenders for delivery of connexions service to ensure that service commence as soon as possible in 2009. This process will be tied into the partnerships target action planning process to ensure these services fit into delivering Local Area Agreement and joined up partnership working.	Cabinet	Louise Hughes 652895		Councillor Zahid Ali	18 March 2009
18/09 (9.2.09)	<b>Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools</b> - determination of admission arrangements for the 2010/2011 school year	Cabinet	Susan Lupton 686231, Walsall Children's Services, Serco	Stakeholders, including schools, admissions authorities neighbouring local authorities	Councillor Zahid Ali	18 March 2009
19/09 (9.2.09)	<b>Pool Hayes Community School</b> – Inform Cabinet members on consultation carried out by the Governors of Pool Hayes Community School to secure trust status from 1 April 2009	Cabinet	Avril Walton, Walsall Children's Services, Serco	Relevant stakeholders	Councillor Zahid Ali	18 March 2009
2/09 (6.1.09)	<b>Equalities and diversity policies:</b> The report will set out all the equality and diversity policies which are being used by the Council and recommend Council to adopt these policies for listing in the Council's Constitution	Cabinet Council	Julie Gethin 654706	Corporate Equality Group	Councillor Perry	18 March 2009 20 April 2009
94/08 (9.10.08)	<b>A4148 Broadway Red Route</b> – Approval of proposals for the A4148 Broadway Red Route scheme Phase 1 – Arboretum to A34	Cabinet	Stuart Everton 652560	Legal, procurement, finance, neighbourhoods, regeneration	Councillors Andrew/Harris	18 March 2009

6/09 (9.2.09)	<b>Bentley Road South canal bridge</b> – approval of tender price and appointment of contractor to undertake strengthening work as part of the Darlaston Strategic Development Area	Cabinet	Stuart Everton 652560	Legal, procurement, finance, neighbourhoods, regeneration	Councillors Andrew/Harris	18 March 2009
7/09 (9.2.09)	<b>Transportation Capital Programme</b> – Approval of budgets allocated to schemes and initiatives	Cabinet	Stuart Everton 652560	Legal, procurement, finance, neighbourhoods, regeneration	Councillors Andrew/Harris	18 March 2009
11/09 (9.2.09)	<b>City Region – Multi Area Agreement (MAA)</b> - approve Walsall's participation and sign up to the MAA on employment and skills within the City Region	Cabinet	Michael Tichford 653274	Walsall Partnership	Councillor Andrew	18 March 2009
17/09 (9.2.09)	<b>Land at Goscote</b> – Cabinet approved disposal of land to Bovis Homes in support of a major housing led regeneration scheme undertaken in partnership with WHG and in part funded by the then Housing Corporation (now the Homes and Community Agency). With the decline in the property market the scheme has been revised and only 3 of the original 5 plots are now to be disposed of. The fall in the market has also meant that the values previously agreed cannot be sustained and as a result the price has been renegotiated.	Cabinet	Steve Law/Paul Nicholson	Walsall Housing Group, legal services, financial services	Councillor Andrew	18 March 2009
106/08 (8.12.08)	<b>Joint commissioning of residential and nursery care services</b> – Outcome of tenders and decision in relation to contract, policies, procedures and approach	Cabinet	Margaret Willcox	Service users, providers, commissioners and practitioners	Councillor McCracken	18 March 2009

9/09 (9.2.09)	<b>Sandbank and Heather Close almshouses</b> – approval to apply to the Charity Commission for consent to transfer 11 almshouses to a Registered Social Landlord	Cabinet	Debbie Parkes 655412	Tenants, Charity Commission	Councillor McCracken	18 March 2009
12/09 (9.2.09)	<b>Extra care housing services</b> – Outcome of consultation on charging new users in receipt of extra care housing and ratification of the policy	Cabinet	Margaret Willcox	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	18 March 2009
13/09 (9.2.09)	<b>Adult services external transport provision</b> – approve tender for transport provision for the support of vulnerable services users to and from day care and rehabilitation provision and delegated authority for the Executive Director to determine the operational details of the tender and subsequent award of the contract	Cabinet	Wendy Woodward 658377	Procurement, legal services, financial services, human resources, adult service providers, service users	Councillor McCracken	18 March 2009
14/09 (9.2.09)	<b>Leamore Lane railway bridge strengthening</b> – Seek authority to enter into an agreement with Network Rail to procure and implement the necessary strengthening works with the Council meeting the full costs	Cabinet	Ian Townsend 652467	Network Rail	Councillor Harris	18 March 2009
5/09 (6.1.09)	<b>Education capital programme:</b> approval of further schemes	Cabinet	Susan Lupton 686231, Walsall Children's Services, Serco	Stakeholders, including schools, diocesan authorities and foundation representatives, Walsall Council – property services and finance	Councillor Zahid Ali	22 April 2009

20/09 (9.2.09)	<b>Darlaston School</b> – Determination of statutory proposal to close the school to enable an academy to be opened	Cabinet	Susan Lupton 686231, Walsall Children's Services, Serco	Stakeholders	Councillor Zahid Ali	22 April 2009
105/08 (8.12.08)	<b>Contract for treatment, recovery and final disposal of municipal waste</b> – Approval to re-tender for the following three contracts which expire in 2011: Reprocessing of recyclable materials, management of household waste recycling centres and transfer station and final disposal of municipal waste	Cabinet	Dave Roberts 653957	Internal	Councillor Walker	22 April 2009
15/09 (9.2.09)	<b>Streetly Crematorium</b> – Seek approval to the proposed timetable for the procurement of refurbishment work to be carried out in relation to mercury abatement and replacement cremators	Cabinet	Judith Sunley 652213/ Steve Billings 655588	N/A	Councillor Walker	22 April 2009
98/08 (7.11.08)	<b>St. Matthews Quarter redevelopment: market management</b> – Options for the future management of the new permanent Walsall market and agree the preferred approach to this management as an integral element of the redevelopment	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 652489 Richard Chadwick 652576	Scrutiny panel, Market traders association, Town Centre Management Partnership	Councillor Andrew	22 April 2009
72/08 (8.8.08)	<b>Links to Work</b> – Links to Work assumed responsibility for the transfer of the former Walsall Windows 3 years ago inc. time limited transitional funding. To consider a range of options to address budget issues prior to the service being externalised as a social enterprise	Cabinet	John Greensill		Councillor McCracken	22 April 2009



38/08 (9.5.08)	<b>Police station</b> – The West Midlands Police Authority has identified a preferred location for its new Walsall Police HQ. The Council is a considerable landowner in the preferred location and the Police Authority has approached the Council with a view to purchasing its interest and securing its support to assemble the remainder of the site. Approval is sought “in principle” to pursue a compulsory purchase order to help deliver the police station relocation and for the sale of land to the Police Authority.	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 652489 Richard Chadwick 652576	Walsall Regeneration Company	Councillor Andrew	June 2009
63/08 (7.7.08) (Replace s items 41/07, 41/08 & 42/08)	<b>Implementation of charging policies within Social Care and Inclusion –</b> The fairer charging policy in place within social care and inclusion needs to be updated and amended. Officers will be required to undertake a formal 12 week consultation. Also there are no policies currently in place for transport, neighbourhood care officers or extra care charging. Cabinet to be requested to authorise officers to consult on the charging proposals and report back to Cabinet at the end of the consultation period.	Cabinet	Steph Simcox 652703	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	June 2009

15/09 (9.2.09)	<b>Highways maintenance strategy</b> – The “Well-maintained Highways” code of practice for highway maintenance management recommends how highway authorities should properly maintain their networks. Cabinet to approve publication of the Draft Highways Maintenance Strategy 2009-11 which sets out how policies, procedures and standards adopted locally may differ from the code.	Cabinet	Clive Betts 652536		Councillor Harris	June 2009
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