



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. 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.

The Cabinet Members and their responsibilities are as follows:

Leader of the Council	Councillor Bird
Deputy Leader and Regeneration	Councillor Andrew
Business support services	Councillor Arif
Children’s services	Councillor Flower
Communities and partnerships	Councillor Perry
Environment	Councillor Walker
Finance and personnel	Councillor Towe
Leisure and culture	Councillor Sanders
Social care, health 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 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 2009/2010

2009

24 June
15 July
16 September
21 October
18 November
18 December

2010

13 Cabinet
3 February
17 March
14 April

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
JULY TO OCTOBER 2009 (5.6.09)**

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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
39/09 (5.6.09)	Walsall Partnership Programmes and resources – Approve proposed allocations of funding recommended by the Walsall Partnership the matic groups to proposed programmes to deliver the Local Area Agreement and national indicator set and receive update regarding target action planning process	Cabinet	Jo Lowndes 653957	Council and partners	Councillor Bird	15 July 2009
31/09 (5.6.09)	Green Rivers Community Centre – Following decision of Cabinet on 22 April 2009 to approve the fixed cost price for the construction of the Green Rivers Community Centre and approve the funding package for the delivery of the scheme	Cabinet	Jo Nugent 652483	Children's Services, Neighbourhoods, legal, finance, WHG, NHCE, user groups	Councillors Bird, Andrew	15 July 2009
28/09 (8.5.09)	Walsall Gigaport – To consider and agree the principles of the partnership agreement with Advantage West Midlands for the delivery of the Gigaport, to advise on the bid to AWM for project, funding, to endorse, in principle, the use of compulsory purchase powers where necessary, to agree the process for the procurement of a development partner and the identification of a delivery model	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 652489 Richard Chadwick 652576	Walsall Regeneration Company	Councillor Andrew	15 July 2009

26/09 (5.5.09)	Strategic Development Agreement between the Council and WHG – Approval of arrangements for managing issues of best consideration, development claw back and the preferred social housing provider resulting from the Collaboration Agreement to deliver the strategic framework programme in Brownhills, Moxley and Goscote Lane corridor	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 652489 Caroline Glover 653692	Estates, housing, legal services. Finance, Walsall Housing Group, Homes and Communities Agency	Councillor Andrew	15 July 2009
35/09 (5.6.09)	The future of Sneyd Community – A Specialist Maths and Computing College – Inform Cabinet of the outcome of the consultation on the future of Sneyd and to seek permission for the next stage of the review	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686231	Finance, Human resources, legal, ward Councillors	Councillor Flower	15 July 2009
36/09 (5.6.09)	Phase Three Children's Centres – To seek Cabinet permission to progress phase 3 of the development of Children's Centres in Walsall	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686231	Finance, Human resources, legal, ward Councillors	Councillor Flower	15 July 2009
37/09 (5.6.09)	Education capital programme – further schemes – To seek the permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686231	Finance, Human resources, legal, ward Councillors	Councillor Flower	15 July 2009
38/09 (5.6.09)	Community Safety Plan – Approval of the Borough Community Safety Plan refreshed annual based on the findings of a borough wide strategic assessment	Cabinet	Steve Gittins	Community members and other key stakeholders, partners	Councillor Perry	15 July 2009

41/09 (5.6.09)	Fair access protocol - Cabinet to approve the Fair Access Protocol in order to comply with changes required by the revised Schools Admissions Code. (We are currently consulting with Head Teachers, representatives of the teaching unions and diocesan representatives on the new protocol).	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686231	Ward Councillors	Councillor Flower	15 July 2009
40/09 (5.6.09)	Project W2R – waste to energy project with Staffordshire County Council – Update PFI process managed by Staffs CC, note decision by Staffs CC to shortlist preferred bidders and consider the revised affordability gap	Cabinet	Keith Stone 652100	Street pride, finance, procurement	Councillor Walker	15 July 2009
32/09 (5.6.09)	Bloxwich Library Theatre – Delegated authority for the Executive Director Neighbourhood Services to accept tenders and award contract	Cabinet	Bernard Rose 471240	N/A	Councillor Sanders	15 July 2009
33/09 (5.6.09)	Combined Health Centre, Children's Centre and Library at Pelsall – acquisition of freehold interest in land from NHS Walsall for the development. Capital funding is available for the proposed Children's Centre and library and a leasehold interest of the health centre element will be granted to NHS Walsall for which a capital sum will be paid to cover the cost of construction	Cabinet	Sue Grainger 650338 Steve Pugh 652034	Library Services, Children's Services, Serco	Councillors Andrew, Sanders, Flower	15 July 2009

72/08 (8.8.08)	Links to Work – Links to Work assumed responsibility for the transfer of the former Walsall Windows 3 years ago including time limited transitional funding. To agree the strategic direction of Links to Work and the restructure arrangements that will deliver that.	Cabinet	John Greensill		Councillor McCracken	15 July 2009
63/08 (7.7.08) (Replace s items 41/07, 41/08 & 42/08)	Implementation of charging policies within Social Care and Inclusion The fairer charging policy in place within social care & inclusion needs to be up - dated 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 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	15 July 2009
12/09 (9.2.09)	Extra care housing services – 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	15 July 2009
15/09 (b) (9.2.09)	Highways maintenance strategy – 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 Ansell	15 July 2009

38/08 (9.5.08)	Police station – 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	16 September 2009
34/09 (5.6.09)	Chuckery Air Quality Action Plan – This is a mandatory requirement when an air quality management area has been declared. Report will detail how the authority intends to improve pollutant levels	Cabinet	John Roseblade 652278 Steve Pretty 652598	Neighbouring authorities, NHS Walsall, Environment Agency, Highways Agency, Secretary of State	Councillor Walker	16 September 2009

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISION
FROM NOVEMBER 2009**

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(8.5.09)	Gating Orders Policy – consideration of final gating orders policy and two proposed trial gating orders in Definitive Footpath 38 Willenhall (part) between Stroud Avenue and Redpine Crest and adopted public footpath between Chester Road (adjacent to no. 167) and Thorney Road	Cabinet	Joanne Sheeran 652445	Safer Walsall Partnership, LNPs, Police Neighbourhood Watch, Local Access Forum, local residents and statutory organisations under the Highways Act 1980	Councillor Ansell	18 November 2009