



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” at least 28 calendar days before they are due to be taken by the Executive (Cabinet). 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, Council House, Walsall, WS1 1TW, 01922 654366 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 is allowed to make urgent decisions which do not appear in the forward plan, however, a notice will be included on the agenda for the relevant Cabinet meeting which explains the reasons why.

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 and Transport – Councillor A. Andrew
- Children's services – Councillor R. Andrew
- Community engagement and voluntary sector – Councillor I. Shires
- Environment – Councillor Arif
- Leisure and culture – Councillor Harris
- Public health and protection – Councillor Ali
- Resources – Councillor Towe
- Social care – Councillor McCracken

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 will show where this is intended and the reason why the reports are confidential. Enquiries regarding these reasons should be directed to the Head of Democratic Services, John Garner on 01922 654366.

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 2013/2014

2013	19 June
	24 July
	11 September
	23 October
	11 December
2014	5 February
	19 March
	14 May

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
DECEMBER 2013 TO MARCH 2014 (11.11.13)**

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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
42/13 (8.7.13)	Black Country City Deal: Agreement between Black Country local authorities and government on freedoms and flexibilities for the Black Country in return for agreed outcomes in economy through interventions on land and infrastructure, skills and employment and business competitiveness. The focus of the agreement is the high value manufacturing sector but will encompass additional business sectors and skills/employment needs.	Cabinet	Mike Tichford 650944	Legal, finance, democratic services, regeneration, children's services	Councillor Bird	11 December 2013
51/13 (7.10.13)	Former Three Crowns Special School, Skip Lane: Sale of the Council's freehold interest	Cabinet	Nick Ford 652659	Children's services, Legal, finance, HRD	Councillor A. Andrew	11 December 23013
63/13 (11.11.13)	Empty dwellings: To approve the use of compulsory purchase powers for long term empty dwellings	Cabinet	David Lockwood 658459	Legal, finance, human resources	Councillor A. Andrew	11 December 2013
64/13 (11.11.13)	Rushall Primary School and former Education Development Centre: To allocate funds from capital receipts generated by the future disposal of surplus school sites to the refurbishment and improvement of of Rushall Primary School and former EDC Pelsall	Cabinet	Steve Law 652652	Children's services, legal, finance	Councillor A. Andrew	11 December 2013

67/13 (11.11.13)	Assisted transport and taxi contract: To note procurement commencing for assisted transport and taxi services (covering SEN transport, adult services transport and occasional taxi use) and delegate powers to the Director of Children's Services to award contracts in Spring 2014	Cabinet	Darrell Harman 658320	Adult services, Children's services	Councillor R. Andrew	11 December 2013
54/12 (8.10.12)	Walsall's Second Play Strategy: Adoption of 5 year plan commencing in January 2013	Cabinet	Gareth Perrins- Seedhouse 650788	Play Partnership	Councillor Harris	11 December 2013
61/13 (11.11.13)	Public Health contracts 2014/15: To seek authorisation for procurement of a range of public health services for April 2015 and authority to award contracts for public health services 2014/15	Cabinet	Isabel Gill 653747	Health and Wellbeing Board	Councillor Ali	11 December 2013
54/13 (11.11.13)	Housing 21 contract: Approval to implement changes to the Housing 21 contract in respect of day services and respite care (subject to the outcome of the consultation).	Cabinet	Andy Rust 654713	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	11 December 2013
58/13 (11.11.13)	Mental Health Capacity Act and Appointeeships: Approval of the policy	Cabinet	John Bolton 654700	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	11 December 2013
59/13 (11.11.13)	Vision for adult social care and inclusion To seek approval of the vision for adult social care and inclusion and to share the vision with all key stakeholders in Walsall and report back to Cabinet on the outcome of those discussions	Cabinet	John Bolton 654700	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	11 December 2013

44/13 (12.8.13)	Black Country Enterprise Zone – Phoenix 10 project: To advise on the outcome and endorse the detailed business case and seek approval for the proposed delivery mechanism of the project. Private session: A separate report will be presented in private session containing commercially sensitive information	Cabinet	Joel Maybury 654748	Finance, legal, procurement, property, ward Councillors	Councillor A. Andrew	5 February 2014
52/13 (7.10.13)	Centro “Prospectus” for West Midlands Rail devolution submission to the Department for Transport: To assess the risk implications (financial and otherwise) for Walsall, review and approve the proposed governance arrangements for a devolved rail franchise and approve a letter outlining Walsall Council’s support for rail devolution in the West Midlands to the DfT.	Cabinet	Matt Crowton 654358	Regeneration, neighbourhoods, legal, finance	Councillor A. Andrew	5 February 2014
60/13 (11.11.13)	Corporate Asset Management Plan: Adoption of the Council’s Corporate Asset Management Plan 2014-15 to 2019-20	Cabinet	Steve Law 65652	Capital Strategy Board, Regeneration Scrutiny Panel, Capital Asset & Review Group, Directorate Capital and Asset groups	Councillor A. Andrew	5 February 2014
66/13 (11.11.13)	Walsall Local Plan – review of Local Development scheme To agree a revised timetable for the preparation of the Site Allocation Document for the borough and area action plan for Walsall Town Centre	Cabinet	Mike Smith 658024	Regeneration Scrutiny Panel working group, legal services	Councillor A. Andrew	5 February 2014

65/13 (11.11.13)	New model for funding of category 2 crossing patrol wardens: Approval for a delivery mechanism for schools funded chargeable category 2 crossing patrol service	Cabinet	Ian Andrews 653776	Finance, legal, ward Councillors	Councillor A. Andrew	5 February 2014
62/13 (11.11.13)	Corporate budget and capital programme: To approve the final budget and Council tax for approval by the Council	Cabinet	Vicky Buckley 652349	Scrutiny panels, residents, business representatives, voluntary and community sector	Councillor Towe	5 February 2014 27 February 2014
26/13 (13.5.13)	Enlargement of Phoenix Special School: Consideration of the final proposal following 4 weeks statutory notice period to seek permission to full approval	Cabinet	Alan Michell 652895	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Councillor R. Andrew	5 February 2014
55/13 (11.11.13)	Accommodation based services: Approval to award a new framework contract for accommodation based services	Cabinet	Andy Rust 654713	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	5 February 2014
56/13 (11.11.13)	Domestic abuse: To approve changes in the way that the Council supports people experiencing domestic abuse	Cabinet	Andy Rust 654713	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	5 February 2014
57/13 (11.11.13)	Support for living at home services: Approval for the award of a new framework contract for support for living at home services	Cabinet	Andy Rust 654713	Staff, partner organisations, users, Carers	Councillor McCracken	5 February 2014