



FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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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 Walker
Communities and partnerships	Councillor Perry
Environment	Councillor Flower
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. 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 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 NOVEMBER 2009 TO FEBRUARY 2010 (8.10.09)

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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
58/09 (7.8.09)	Corporate Asset Management 2009-2014 – 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 Andrew	18 November 2009
56/09 (7.8.09)	Site of 10 and 12 Beddows Road – sale of freehold interest at less than best consideration as part of the wider redevelopment of the site	Cabinet	Steve Pugh 2034	Development team, Strategic housing, legal services	Councillor Andrew	18 November 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	18 November 2009

80/09	Bloxwich toilets – demolition and reconstruction – to approve plans for the demolition and reconstruction of the public conveniences in High Street and to delegate authority to the Executive Director Regeneration to approve construction costs and appoint contractors.	Cabinet	Steven Edwards 653614	General public, local traders, Red routes workshops and consultation events, toilet specific consultation events (Sept 2008) and ward Councillors	Councillor Andrew Councillor Ansell	18 November 2009
82/09 (8.10.09)	Joint Core Strategy – approval of publication document and its policies, that will go out to consultation to shape decisions on our land use until 2026	Cabinet	Neville Ball 652450	Legal and finance. Public consultation will commence on 30 November 2009	Councillor Andrew	18 November 2009
49/09 (6.7.09)	Education capital programme – further schemes – To seek the permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686231	Ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	18 November 2009
64/09 (7.8.09)	Local Neighbourhood Partnerships - developing a model for neighbourhood management in Walsall	Cabinet	Clive Wright 654723	Elected members, Neighbourhood Partnerships, Partners on the LSP	Councillor Perry	18 November 2009
62/09 (7.8.09)	Bereavement and Registration Services – fees and charges – Consider the level of increase in fees associated with burials, cremations and registration activities.	Cabinet	Judith Sunley 652213 Steve Billings 655588	N/A	Councillor Flower	18 November 2009
73/09 (7.9.09)	Leisure centres – to agree a strategic approach to the borough-wide replacement, modernisation and upgrading of leisure centres	Cabinet	Chris Holliday 650339	Education, Walsall, Walsall Regeneration Company, the training Primary Care Trust	Councillor Sanders Councillor Andrew	18 November 2009
79/09 (8.10.09)	Red routes – Pleck Road/Bescot Road – to approve the introduction of Red Routes along the A4148 Pleck Road/Bescot Road	Cabinet	Richard Banner 652550	Legal, procurement, finance, neighbourhoods and regeneration	Councillor Ansell	18 November 2009

77/09 (8.10.09)	Walsall Partnership Programmes and Resources – to approve proposed allocations of funding by Walsall Partnership thematic groups to proposed programmes to deliver the Local Area Agreement and National Indicator Set, receive a progress report in relation to WNF funding activity and receive an update regarding the target action planning process.	Cabinet	Jo Lowndes, Walsall Partnership	Council and partners	Councillor Bird	16 December 2009
83/09 (8.10.09)	Reedwood Golf Course – transfer of Council's freehold interest in land in return for a right of way from Reedwood Way for the benefit of a future development of the golf course	Cabinet	Steve Pugh 652034	Development team, legal services	Councillor Andrew	16 December 2009
53/09 (7.8.09)	Early Years – children care, quality and access to capital funding – Consider capital proposal for expenditure to improve early years environments in Walsall	Cabinet	Carl Brittain, Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686282	Finance, legal, HR and ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	16 December 2009
51/09 (6.7.09)	Education capital programme – further schemes – To seek the permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686231	Ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	16 December 2009
54/09 (7.8.09)	Co-ordinated mid-year admissions scheme – Agree co-ordinated scheme for mid-year admission to Walsall schools (This scheme is a requirement of the Schools Admissions Code, February 2009)	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors, admission authorities, diocesan bodies and neighbouring local authorities	Councillor Walker	16 December 2009
81/09 (8.10.09)	University Technology College – decision to submit a formal expression of interest in establishing a University Technology College (14-19 years)	Cabinet	Pauline Pilkington 652081		Councillor Walker	16 December 2009

67/09 (7.8.09)	Placarding for community events – Proposals for addressing advertising of certain community events within the context of the current no-tolerance policy on fly posting	Cabinet	Judith Sunley 652213 Chris Holliday	Legal, events team, street pride	Councillor Flower Councillor Sanders	16 December 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	13 January 2009
71/09 (7.9.09)	Sneyd Community – A specialist maths and computing college Determination of statutory proposal to close the school. (Subject to Cabinet deciding to proceed with closure when outcome of consultation is considered on 21 October 2009)	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR and ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	13 January 2010
78/09 (8.10.09)	Implementation of Early Years funding formula - The Department for Children Schools and Families require every local authority to introduce an Early Years Single Funding Formula with effect from 1 April 2010. The purpose of the new formula is to fund all early years providers, whether they are in the maintained, voluntary, private or independent sector, in an equitable manner. The move to hourly rates, based on actual termly participation, constitutes a major change for the maintained sector	Cabinet	Julie Taylor, Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686495	Finance, legal, HR and ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	13 January 2010

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	3 February 2010
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