



FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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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 is 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
	30 April

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APRIL TO JULY 2014 (10.3.14)

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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
44/13 (12.8.13)	Black Country Enterprise Zone – Phoenix 10 project: To advise on the outcome of work undertaken to identify a way forward and present a series of recommendations relating to project delivery. Private session: A separate report will be presented in private session containing commercially sensitive information that cannot be included in the public session report	Cabinet	Joel Maybury 654748	Finance, legal, procurement, property, ward Councillors	Councillor A. Andrew	30 April 2014
4/14 (13.1.14)	Education capital programme - further schemes: Approval of capital schemes and budget estimates for works on the school estate to address priority condition works	Cabinet	Denis O'Rourke 686339	Relevant stakeholders, children's services, legal, finance	Councillor A. Andrew	30 April 2014
20/14 (10.3.14)	Walsall Market feasibility study: Approval to take forward the findings of the Regeneration Scrutiny Panel with regard to the permanent location and design of Walsall market and approval of budget to implement the project	Cabinet	Emma Segal 654749	Regeneration, legal, finance	Councillor A. Andrew	30 April 2014

24/14 (10.3.14)	Clothier Street and Holman Close, Willenhall: Approval of terms for the sale of sites located on Clothier Street and Holman Close Private session: To be considered in private session due to commercial sensitivity of a disposal to a third party	Cabinet	Nick Ford 652659	Ward Councillors, Legal, finance, HRD, Planning	Councillor A. Andrew	30 April 2014
11/14 (13.1.14)	Children's services commissioning plan 2014-17: To approve the children's services commissioning plan. Children's services commissions services worth c£25 million per annum and the report will describe plans to deliver and manage this spend and plan procurements in a way that meets corporate, health and wellbeing, safeguarding and children's partnership priorities	Cabinet	Darrell Harman 658320	Clinical Commissioning Group , Joint Commissioning Unit, children's services	Councillor R. Andrew	30 April 2014
12/14 (13.1.14)	Assisted transport and taxi services: Award contracts for assisted transport and taxi services covering children's special educational needs transport services, adult social care and other vulnerable users	Cabinet	Darrell Harman 658320	Parents, adult users and providers	Councillor R. Andrew	30 April 2014
19/14 (10.3.14)	Post 16 transport policy statement: To approve the updated Post 16 transport policy statement	Cabinet	Darrell Harman 658320	Legal, commissioning, transport	Councillor R. Andrew	30 April 2014
21/14 (10.3.14)	Review of support by Walsall Council to voluntary and community sector: To advise on the outcomes of the review conducted by Improvement Efficiency West Midlands and approve a framework to enable a change in direction based on taking a strategic approach to local commissioning	Cabinet	John Leach 653702	Finance, legal, procurement, property	Councillor I. Shires	30 April 2014

23/14 (10.3.14)	Devolution through Area Partnerships: Review and evaluation of proposals approved at Council on 24 April 2013 and recommendations for progressing area partnerships through devolution	Cabinet	Jo Lowndes 653703	Scrutiny panel, partners (Police, WHG, Clinical Commissioning Group, Fire, Probation Service)	Councillor I. Shires	30 April 2014
68/13 (9.12.13)	Walsall's active living scheme: To consider options analysis, old for new financial model and the proposed business case, proposals for investment in leisure centres and consideration of appropriate delivery/management model	Cabinet	Chris Holliday 650339 Ben Percival 654341	Internal, Sport England, Amateur Swimming Assoc., NHS Public Health, West Midlands Pension Fund	Councillor Harris	30 April 2014
18/14 (10.2.14)	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 Gillis 653747	Health and Wellbeing Board	Councillor Ali	30 April 2014
22/14 (10.3.14)	Borough Domestic Abuse Strategy: To approve the domestic abuse strategy for 2014-17	Cabinet	Adrian Roche 653746	Internal, Safer Walsall Partnership (including Police, Probation, NHS, Fire service and representatives from whg and voluntary sector)	Councillor Ali	30 April 2014
58/13 (11.11.13)	Mental Health Capacity Act and Appointeeships: Approval of the policy	Cabinet	Keith Skerman 654700	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	30 April 2014