



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 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 January
3 February
17 March
14 April

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS JANUARY TO APRIL 2010 (7.12.09)

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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
86/09 (9.11.09)	New Horizons Community Enterprise Walsall's New Deal for Communities end 31.3.2011. The Department for Communities and Local Government are encouraging New Deal partnerships to develop succession strategies beyond the end of the programme. As accountable body the Council is required by the DCLG to formally approve the succession strategy.	Cabinet	Paul Rowlands 712858	New Horizons Community Enterprise, Department for Communities and Local Government, Government Office, West Midlands	Councillor Andrew	13 January 2010
101/09 (7.12.09)	Civic Centre investment strategy – approval of strategy to enable the creation of more space to enable the release of leased office accommodation and delegation to the Executive Director to invite tenders and place orders for works	Cabinet	Kevin Kendall 471259	Finance, legal, ward members	Councillor Andrew	13 January 2010
102/09 (7.12.09)	Relocation of the Council depot – to approve relocation of depot at Norfolk and Suffolk Place and provision of new Council depot in exchange for Council's land asset at Norfolk and Suffolk place	Cabinet	Kevin Kendall 471259	Finance, legal, ward members	Councillor Andrew	13 January 2010
105/09 (7.12.09)	Supply of meat products – to award a 4 year contract for the supply of meat products to schools in the borough currently contracted to Catering Services for the supply of school meals	Cabinet	Hilary Hollington 653967	Procurement, Sandwell Council, Welsh Bros. (butchers), Grosvenors (butcher)	Councillor Arif	13 January 2010

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	13 January 2010
95/09 (9.11.09)	Secondary education strategy – to approve the secondary strategy which will outline the strategic direction for secondary education for 2009-2012	Cabinet	Sue Wedgwood, Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686239	Finance, legal, HR and ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	13 January 2010
91/09 (9.11.09)	Environmental crime enforcement – update of arrangements for improving environmental crime and approval of improvement plan	Cabinet	Judith Sunley 652213	Partners, police, fire, social landlords	Councillor Perry	13 January 2010
89/09 (9.11.09)	Project W2R provision for energy from waste capacity from Staffordshire County Council – to consider the draft and “in principle” contract between Walsall and Staffordshire County Council	Cabinet	Keith Stone 652100	Legal, procurement, finance, Staffordshire County Council	Councillor Flower	13 January 2010
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

92/09 (9.11.09)	Darlaston Academy – to give delegated authority to the Executive Directors for Regeneration/Children’s Services in consultation with the portfolio holder to sign the outline business case for the funding allocation from partnerships for schools	Cabinet	Kevin Kendall 652801	Ward members, legal services, financial services	Councillor Walker Councillor Andrew	13 January 2009
88/09 (9.11.09)	Carbon management plan –to reduce the Council’s carbon emissions by 40% by 2019 through a range of projects	Cabinet	Daniel Cairns 652545	All service areas	Councillor Flower	3 February 2010
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	3 February 2010
84/09 (9.11.09)	Revenue and capital budget – To propose the final budget and Council tax and recommend to Council	Cabinet Council	Vicky Buckley 652349	Scrutiny and Performance Panels	Councillor Towe	3 February 2010 22 February 2010
98/09 (7.12.09)	Education capital programme – further schemes – To seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children’s Services, Serco 686231	Ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	3 February 2010
103/09 (7.12.09)	Integrated young people’s support service- information, advice and guidance – tender evaluations and options for service delivery	Cabinet	Kay Child 652756	Finance, corporate services, legal	Councillor Walker	3 February 2010
104/09 (7.12.09)	Intensive family support – to delegate authority to Executive Director for Children’s Services to tender for Intensive family support services	Cabinet	Kay Child 652756	Children’s specialist services, Children’s universal services, Serco lead officers	Councillor Walker	3 February 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
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	17 March 2010
99/09 (7.12.09)	Education capital programme – further schemes – To seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686231	Ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	17 March 2010
90/09 (9.11.09)	Project W2R – provision of energy from waste capacity from Staffordshire County Council – To consider the affordability of the W2R contract over the life time of the project	Cabinet	Keith Stone 653301	Legal, procurement, finance, Staffordshire County Council	Councillor Flower	17 March 2010

100/09 (7.12.09)	Education capital programme – further schemes – To seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686231	Ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	14 April 2010
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