



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). Also included on the plan are other decisions to be taken by the Cabinet (“non-key decisions”). 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 Democratic Services, Walsall MBC, Council House, Walsall, WS1 1TW, 01922 654522. 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 – Councillor Andrew
- Adult social care – Councillor Martin
- Children’s – Councillor Wilson
- Clean and green – Councillor Butler
- Community, leisure and culture – Councillor Perry
- Education and skills – Councillor Towe
- Health and wellbeing – Councillor Longhi
- Personnel and business support – Councillor Chattha

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 Democratic Services on 01922 654522.

“Key decisions” are those decisions which have a significant effect within the community or which involve considerable expenditure or savings. With regard to key decisions the Council’s Constitution states:

- (1) A key decision is:
 - (i) any decision in relation to an executive function which results in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant, having regard to the Council’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates or
 - (ii) any decision that is likely to have significant impact on two or more wards within the borough.
- (2) The threshold for “significant” expenditure/savings is £250,000.
- (3) A decision taker may only make a key decision in accordance with the requirements of the Executive Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

Dates of meetings 2019/20

2019 19 June
17 July
4 September
23 October
11 December

2020 12 February
18 March
22 April

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OCTOBER 2019 TO JANUARY 2020 (9.9.19)

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Reference No./ Date first entered in Plan	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
32/19 (5.8.19)	Draft revenue budget and capital programme 2019/20 to 2022/23: To provide an outline budget plan and options for consultation and update the capital strategy	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community associations	Councillor Bird	23 October 2019
33/19 (5.8.19)	Corporate financial performance: To report the financial position based on 6 months to September 2019	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326	Internal	Councillor Bird	23 October 2019
36/19 (5.8.19)	Microsoft licences and Microsoft cloud services: To award a 3 year contract to a Microsoft Reseller for the supply of Microsoft licences and cloud services. Private session: Report contains commercially sensitive information	Cabinet (Key decision)	Carol Williams 01922 654881	Internal	Councillor Bird	23 October 2019
14/19 (3.6.19)	Black Country Enterprise Zone – Darlaston Road masterplan: Approval to progress delivery of the former Gasholders site. Private session: Report contains commercially sensitive information	Cabinet (Key decision)	Caroline Harper 01922 654754	Internal	Councillor Andrew	23 October 2019
27/19 (8.7.9)	A34 Walsall to Birmingham sprint scheme: To approve the sprint scheme	Cabinet (Key decision)	Matt Crowton 01922 654358	Internal	Councillor Andrew	23 October 2019

35/19 (5.8.19)	West Midlands Enhanced Partnership Plan: To approve a plan to improve bus travel across the whole of the West Midlands based on TfWMs “Vision for Bus”. The plan will also help facilitate a subsequent Enhanced Partnership Scheme for the SPRINT bus services in the A34 corridor in advance of the 2022 Commonwealth Games, which will be subject to a separate Cabinet approval	Cabinet (Key decision)	Matt Crowton 01922 654358	Internal	Councillor Andrew	23 October 2019
46/19 (9.9.19)	Winter Service Operational Plan 2019 to 2022: To approve the winter service operational plan	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Paul Leighton 01922 654695	Internal	Councillor Andrew	23 October 2019
21/19 (3.6.19)	Community safety and working with the Police: To consider the creation of an integrated team, locality work and a jointly agreed Community Safety Plan to tackle Walsall’s priorities for community safety	Cabinet (Key decision)	Stephen Gunther 01922 650334	Internal	Councillor Perry	23 October 2019
38/19 (5.8.19)	Resilient communities: To approve the resilient communities model	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Stephen Gunther 01922 550334 Paula Furnival 01922 654710	Partners of the Community Safety Partnership	Councillor Perry	23 October 2019
39/19 (5.8.19)	Community Safety Plan: To approve the community safety plan	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Stephen Gunther 01922 650334 Paula Furnival 01922 654710	Partners of the Community Safety Partnership	Councillor Perry	23 October 2019
47/19 (9.9.19)	Change to district Libraries and Streetly opening hours. To withdraw Sunday opening at Walsall’s five district libraries (Aldridge, Bloxwich, Brownhills, Darlaston and Willenhall) and Streetly Community Library	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Chris Holliday 01922 650399	Stakeholders	Councillor Perry	23 October 2019

15/19 (3.6.19)	Mainstream Schools Funding Formula 2020/21: To approve the school funding formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used for the allocation of funding to mainstream schools in Walsall for the 2020/21 financial year	Cabinet (Key decision)	Lloyd Haynes 01922 652340	Schools Forum	Councillor Towe	23 October 2019
34/19 (5.8.19)	Draft revenue budget and capital programme 2019/20 to 2022/23: To provide an updated outline budget plan and options for further consultation and update on consultation to date	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations	Councillor Bird	11 December 2019
42/19 (5.8.19)	Corporate Plan delivery – Quarter 2 monitoring: To present up-to-date information regarding performance against the Council's corporate priorities	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Helen Dudson 01922 653732	Internal	Councillor Bird	11 December 2019
37/19 (5.8.19)	Microsoft contract: To vary the contract awarded to Microsoft plc on 21 March 2018. The variation is to change the scope of the work and increase the value of the awarded contract	Cabinet (Key decision)	Carol Williams 01922 654881	Internal	Councillor Bird	11 December 2019
43/18 (8.10.18)	Lighting Invest to Save: To consider proposals for a major investment in the highway lighting infrastructure by replacing all existing lighting with energy efficient LED lighting	Cabinet (Key decision)	Paul Leighton 01922 654695	Public, Walsall Public Lighting Ltd., industry companies, internal	Councillor Andrew	11 December 2019
22/19 (3.6.19)	Repairing and maintaining roads: To identify extra funding to boost the approved highways maintenance programme	Cabinet (Key decision)	Steve Pretty 01922 654696	Internal	Councillor Andrew	11 December 2019
23/19 (3.6.19)	Waste Strategy for the Borough: To consider future collection and disposal services and the provision of household waste recycling centres in the borough	Cabinet (Key decision)	Mark Holden 01922 654201	Internal	Councillor Butler	11 December 2019

40/19 (5.8.19)	Integrated Drug and Alcohol Service: To award the contract for the service	Cabinet (Key decision)	Adrian Roche 01922 653746	Internal	Councillor Longhi	11 December 2019
45/19 (9.9.19)	Walsall Healthy Child Programme: To approve the process to be used to commission the programme for 0-19 year olds	Cabinet (Key decision)	Emily Smith 01922 652724	Internal	Councillor Longhi	11 December 2019