



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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NOVEMBER 2019 TO FEBRUARY 2020 (7.10.19)

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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 |
| 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 |
| 48/19 (7.10.19) | Carbon neutral Council: To consider measures through which Walsall Council can become carbon neutral, in line with the Council resolution of 16 September 2019 | Cabinet (Non key decision) | Simon Neilson 01922 652004 | Internal | Councillor Bird | 11 December 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 | 11 December 2019 |

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| 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 | 11 December 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 | 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 |

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| 49/19 (7.10.19) | Corporate Budget Plan 2019/20 to 2022/23 and treasury management and investment strategy 2020/21: To approve the final budget and Council tax for approval by Council | Cabinet (Key/non decisions) | Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 | Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations | Councillor Bird | Cabinet – 12 February 2020 Council – 27 February 2020 |
| 50/19 (7.10.19) | Corporate financial performance To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2019 | Cabinet (Non key decision) | Vicky Bukley 01922 652326 | Internal | Councillor Bird | 12 February 2020 |