



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). 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
- Deputy Leader and Regeneration
- Business support services
- Children's services
- Community engagement and voluntary sector
- Finance and personnel
- Leisure and culture
- Public protection
- Social care and housing
- Transport and environment

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 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 2013/2014 (subject to approval at Adjourned Council on 22 May 2013)

2013	19 June
	24 July
	11 September
	23 October
	11 December
2014	5 February
	19 March
	14 May

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JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2013 (13.5.13)**

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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
43/12 (10.9.12)	Green deal: To seek approval of the proposed Council role in the provision of the green deal	Cabinet	Neil Hollyhead 655411	Legal, finance, Black Country local authorities	Regeneration portfolio	19 June 2013
15/13 (11.3.13)	Black Country Core Strategy: To agree the core strategy is in conformity with the government's National Planning Policy Framework so it can continue to be applied with full weight and provide the basis for the future of planning in the borough	Cabinet	Mike Smith 658024	Dudley, Sandwell and Wolverhampton Councils, Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, Planning Inspectorate	Regeneration portfolio	19 June 2013
19/13 (13.5.13)	Walsall business and sport hub: Following receipt of further business planning information, Cabinet to consider the disposal of the Council's land to enable delivery of the project Private session – reason: Commercially sensitive information	Cabinet	Richard Chadwick 654747	Finance, property, legal services	Regeneration portfolio	19 June 2013
20/13 (13.5.13)	Electricity supply contract: Extension of the electricity supply contract to Council owned buildings, traffic signals and street lighting	Cabinet	Mark Bassett 655918	Legal, finance, property, HRD, Heads of Service Equality	Regeneration/ Transport and environment portfolio	19 June 2013
63/12 (10.9.12)	Darlaston Strategic Development Area access project: Full approval submission to the Department of Transport and agreement of final cost before construction works start on site	Cabinet	Stuart Everton 654770		Transport and environment portfolio	19 June 2013

16/13 (8.4.13)	IT system for Human Resources: To award a contract for the replacement or upgrade of the IT system for Human Resources	Cabinet	Martin Sadler 654882	Relevant internal services	Finance and personnel portfolio	19 June 2013
22/13 (13.5.13)	Adults Services and Special Education Needs transport: To delegate to the Director of Children's Services and Director of Adults Services, in consultation with the portfolio holders, power to oversee an OJEU procurement process and enter into a series of new transport contracts	Cabinet	Tracy Simcox 652454 Darrell Harman 658320	Parents, head teachers, service users, carers	Regeneration/ Social care and health portfolio	19 June 2013
25/13 (13.5.13)	Enlargement of Phoenix Special School: To provide feedback on consultation carried out following public consultation on the proposal to enlarge the school and seek permission to proceed with the proposal, dependent on the outcome of the consultation	Cabinet	Alan Michell 652895	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Children's services portfolio	19 June
54/12 (8.10.12)	Walsall's Second Play Strategy: Adoption of 5 year plan commencing in January 2013	Cabinet	Gareth Perrins-Seedhouse 650788	Play Partnership	Leisure and culture portfolio	19 June 2013
27/13 (13.5.13)	Assisted transport policy: To seek permission to consult on the development of an assisted transport policy	Cabinet	Tracy Simcox 652454	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Social care and health portfolio	19 June 2013
28/13 (13.5.13)	Broadway North Centre: To seek approval to enter a period of consultation on the closure of the residential provision at the Centre	Cabinet	Andy Rust 654710	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Social care and health portfolio	19 June 2013
17/13 (8.4.13)	Highway improvement scheme at M6 Junction 10: To allocate mainstream 2013/14 capital resources to develop a major highways improvement scheme	Cabinet	Matt Crowton 654358	Regeneration, neighbourhoods, legal, finance	Transport and environment portfolio	19 June 2013

29/13 (13.5.13)	York's Bridge, Pelsall: Positioning of new road bridge in relation to the existing bridge. Consequence of long term closure of Norton Road on Pelsall, Brownhills and Brownhills wards and on common land.	Cabinet	Paul Leighton 654695 Paul Screen 655920	Pelsall residents, statutory consultees, ward Councillors	Transport and Environment portfolio	19 June 2013
20/13 (13.5.13)	Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs): To approve revisions to two of the Council's SPDs first adopted in 2007 and 2008. The documents offer updated detailed guidance on national planning policy and the Council's own local planning policy relating to urban design and natural environment. .	Cabinet	Matt Stanczyszyn 658022	Public consultation, stakeholders	Regeneration portfolio	24 July 2013
23/13 (13.5.13)	Commissioning provision of early help services (including child care) through children's centres: To decide on the preferred commissioning option for the provision of early help services (including child care) through children's centres	Cabinet	Darrell Harman 658320	Public health, neighbourhoods, regeneration, early years, Ward Councillors, head teachers, Children's Centres staff, Healthcare Trust	Regeneration portfolio	11 September 2013
24/13 (13.5.13)	Commissioning short break services for children with a disability: To delegate powers to the Director of Children's Services to accept tenders for contracts to provide short break services for children with a disability	Cabinet	Darrell Harman 658320	Parents, children, health services, providers and other stakeholders	Children's services portfolio	11 September 2013
26/13 (13.5.13)	Enlargement of Phoenix Special School: Consideration of the final proposal following 4 weeks statutory notice period to seek permission to full approval	Cabinet	Alan Michell 652895	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Children's services portfolio	11 September 2013