



**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](mailto:cabinetoffice@walsall.gov.uk). The forward plan can also be accessed from the Council's website at [www.walsall.gov.uk](http://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

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS  
FEBRUARY TO MAY 2014 (13.1.14)**

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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
60/13 (11.11.13)	<b>Corporate Asset Management Plan:</b> Adoption of the Council's Corporate Asset Management Plan 2014-15 to 2019-20	Cabinet	Steve Law 65652	Capital Strategy Board, Regeneration Scrutiny Panel, Capital Asset & Review Group, Directorate Capital and Asset groups	Councillor A. Andrew	5 February 2014
66/13 (11.11.13)	<b>Walsall Local Plan – review of Local Development scheme</b> To agree a revised timetable for the preparation of the Site Allocation Document for the borough and area action plan for Walsall Town Centre	Cabinet	Mike Smith 658024	Regeneration Scrutiny Panel working group, legal services	Councillor A. Andrew	5 February 2014
1/14 (13.1.14)	<b>Walsall Wood Football Club:</b> Approval to granting a lease of 25 years to the Club for land adjacent to Oak Park Leisure Centre, Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood	Cabinet	Ann Llewellyn 652661	Ward Councillors, Legal, finance, leisure services	Councillor A. Andrew	5 February 2014
2/14 (13.1.14)	<b>Education capital programme - further schemes:</b> 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	5 February 2014

5/14 (13.1.14)	<b>Electricity supply contract for Council owned buildings, traffic signals and public lighting:</b> To delegate authority to enter into an agreement with the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation to access the YPO flexible purchasing 4-year framework contract with the preferred supplier	Cabinet	Ian Andrews 653778	Finance, legal, HR	Councillor A. Andrew	5 February 2014
6/14 (13.1.14)	<b>Provision of statutory, compliance, repair and maintenance contracts:</b> To delegate authority to award contracts for the provision of statutory, compliance repair and maintenance contracts	Cabinet	Ian Andrews 653776	Finance, legal, HR	Councillor A. Andrew	5 February 2014
10/14 (13.1.14)	<b>Sale of land at Hollyhedge Lane Private session:</b> Report contains commercially sensitive information relating to a disposal to a third party	Cabinet	Nick Ford 652659	Legal, finance, HRD, planning	Councillor A. Andrew	5 February 2014
69/13 (9.12.13)	<b>The future of the School Estate in Walsall:</b> To approve vision and agree an increase in school reception places for September 2015	Cabinet	Alan Michell 652895	Head teachers, Regeneration	Councillor R. Andrew	5 February 2014
7/14 (13.1.14)	<b>Children's Centres:</b> To note and approve the revised delivery model for children's centres	Cabinet	Louise Hughes 652985	Legal, finance, procurement, HR	Councillor R. Andrew	5 February 2014
68/13 (9.12.13)	<b>Walsall's active living scheme:</b> To consider options analysis, old for new financial model and the proposed business case, proposals for two new 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	5 February 2014
62/13 (11.11.13)	<b>Corporate budget and capital programme:</b> To approve the final budget and Council tax for approval by the Council	Cabinet	Vicky Buckley 652349	Scrutiny panels, residents, business representatives, voluntary and community sector	Councillor Towe	5 February 2014 27 February 2014

8/14 (13.1.14)	<b>Social value policy:</b> To adopt a social value policy and propose ways of incorporating social value within all commissioning and procurement activity in the Council	Cabinet	Lawrence Brazier 650987 Isobel Woods 655987	Legal, finance, property services, public health	Councillor Towe	5 February 2014
58/13 (11.11.13)	<b>Mental Health Capacity Act and Appointeeships:</b> Approval of the policy	Cabinet	John Bolton 654700	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	5 February 2014
55/13 (11.11.13)	<b>Accommodation based services:</b> Approval to award a new framework contract for accommodation based services	Cabinet	Andy Rust 654713	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	5 February 2014
9/14 (13.1.14)	<b>Better Care Fund:</b> To agree the Council's contribution to the new better care fund. The Government has announced that it is bringing together some existing funding in the NHS and in Councils for health and social care services in the form of the 'Better Care Fund'. NHS agencies and Councils are expected to work together to develop a plan for this funding that will lead to more effective co-ordination of services and thus support older people to remain at home. This in turn is intended to reduce emergency admissions to hospital and the number of people who have to move into a care home.	Cabinet	John Bolton 654700		Councillor McCracken	5 February 2014

44/13 (12.8.13)	<b>Black Country Enterprise Zone – Phoenix 10 project:</b> To advise on the outcome and endorse the detailed business case and seek approval for the proposed delivery mechanism of the project. <b>Private session:</b> A separate report will be presented in private session containing commercially sensitive information	Cabinet	Joel Maybury 654748	Finance, legal, procurement, property, ward Councillors	Councillor A. Andrew	19 March 2014
52/13 (7.10.13)	<b>Centro “Prospectus” for West Midlands Rail devolution submission to the Department for Transport:</b> To assess the risk implications (financial and otherwise) for Walsall, review and approve the proposed governance arrangements for a devolved rail franchise and approve a letter outlining Walsall Council’s support for rail devolution in the West Midlands to the DfT.	Cabinet	Matt Crowton 654358	Regeneration, neighbourhoods, legal, finance	Councillor A. Andrew	19 March 2014
65/13 (11.11.13)	<b>New model for funding of category 2 crossing patrol wardens:</b> Approval for a delivery mechanism for schools funded chargeable category 2 crossing patrol service	Cabinet	Ian Andrews 653776	Finance, legal, ward Councillors	Councillor A. Andrew	19 March 2014
3/14 (13.1.14)	<b>Education capital programme - further schemes:</b> 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	19 March 2014

11/14 (13.1.14)	<b>Children's services commissioning plan 2014-17:</b> 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	19 March 2014
4/14 (13.1.14)	<b>Education capital programme - further schemes:</b> 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
12/14 (13.1.14)	<b>Assisted transport and taxi services:</b> 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
54/12 (8.10.12)	<b>Walsall's Second Play Strategy:</b> Adoption of 5 year plan	Cabinet	Gareth Perrins-Seedhouse 650788	Play Partnership	Councillor Harris	Future meeting - date to be confirmed