



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. 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
- Regeneration and Transport
- Children’s services
- Community engagement and voluntary sector
- Environment
- Leisure and culture
- Public health and protection
- Resources
- Social care

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.”

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JULY TO OCTOBER 2014 (9.6.14)**

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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
25/14 (7.4.14)	Education capital programme - further schemes: 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	Regeneration and transport portfolio	2 July 2014 - date to be confirmed
29/14 (9.6.14)	Former Beechdale JMI School: Approval of terms for the sale of the site of the school to a named party. Private session: Contains commercially sensitive information relating to a disposal to a third party.	Cabinet	Nick Ford 652659	Ward Councillors, legal services, finance, HRD, planning	Regeneration and transport portfolio	2 July 2014 – date to be confirmed
30/14 (9.6.14)	Former Brownhills market: Disposal of land comprising the site of the former market at Lindon Drive and Silver Street, Brownhills as a combined sale.	Cabinet	James Ring 652660	Legal services, finance, Ward Councillors	Regeneration and transport portfolio	2 July 2014 – date to be confirmed
28/14 (9.6.14)	Direct payment support organisations: Award of contracts to provide direct payment services to support adult social care and children's services clients in receipt of a direct payment	Cabinet	Andy Rust 654713	Staff, partner organisations, carers	Social care portfolio	2 July 2014 – date to be confirmed

44/13 (12.8.13)	Black Country Enterprise Zone – Phoenix 10 project: To advise on the outcome of work undertaken to identify a way forward and present a series of recommendations relating to project delivery. Private session: A separate report will be presented in private session containing commercially sensitive information that cannot be included in the public session report	Cabinet	Joel Maybury 654748	Finance, legal, procurement, property, ward Councillors	Regeneration and transport portfolio	10 September 2014 – date to be confirmed
26/14 (6.5.14)	Education capital programme - further schemes: 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	Regeneration and transport portfolio	10 September 2014 – date to be confirmed
27/14 (6.5.14)	New Homes Bonus: To approve the future use of repaid loans from former stalled housing sites	Cabinet	Neil Hollyhead 655411	Legal, finance	Regeneration and transport portfolio	10 September 2014 – date to be confirmed
31/14 (9.6.14)	Property services: Approval of business case to review property services operational structure and associated procurement of Property Support Service contracts. Private session: Contains commercially sensitive information	Cabinet	John Stevens 650446	Legal services, finance, HRD, procurement	Regeneration and transport portfolio	10 September 2014 – date to be confirmed
32/14 (9.6.14)	Joint company arrangements with ACIVCO (Birmingham City Council): To seek approval to a proposed business plan to enter into a joint company agreement for the delivery of the Council's building control services	Cabinet	David Elsworth 654722	Legal, finance, HR	Regeneration and transport portfolio	10 September 2014 – date to be confirmed

11/14 (13.1.14)	<p>Children's services commissioning plan 2014-17: 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</p>	Cabinet	Darrell Harman 658320	Clinical Commissioning Group , Joint Commissioning Unit, children's services	Children's services portfolio	10 September 2014 – date to be confirmed
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