

Education and Children's Services 2017/18: Areas of Focus

Priority Areas	20 Jun	5 Sep	10 Oct	21 Nov	9 Jan	15 Feb	27 Mar
Improving Education							
Academies		X					
Education Challenge Board & SENDI Challenge Board reports			X				X
Five year school places strategy					X		
Pupil Premium					X		
Teacher supply and recruitment				X			
Educational attainment						X	
Children's Services performance scorecard	X	X		X		X	
Safeguarding							
Child Sexual Exploitation			X				
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services				X			
Corporate Parenting Board annual report							X
Walsall Safeguarding Children Board annual report					X		
Missing children			X				
Looked after Children and Leaving Care Processes & Procedures			X				
Young Homelessness team				X			



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 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 S. Coughlan
- Deputy Leader and Regeneration - Councillor Jeavons
- Children’s Services and Education - Councillor Nawaz
- Community Leisure and Culture - Councillor Shires
- Clean and Green - Councillor Jones
- Health - Councillor Robertson
- Social Care - Councillor D. Coughlan
- Agenda for Change/Personnel and Business Support - Councillor Chambers

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.

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. 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 Cabinet meetings 2017/18

2017	21 June 26 July 6 September 25 October 13 December
2018	7 February 14 February 21 March 25 April

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2017 (7.8.17)

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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
3/16 (11.1.16)	Major transport scheme proposals at M6 Junction 10: Approval to sign agreements with Highways England in order to proceed with the development and eventual construction of the scheme	Cabinet	Steven Edwards 654771	Legal, procurement, finance	Councillor Jeavons	6 September 2017
20/15 (10.8.15)	Road safety framework: To consider and approve the road safety framework for the period 2016 to 2019. The framework will set out the road safety plan to support the delivery of road safety work through the borough recognising and building on the cross department work between engineering and transportation, children's services and public health in the delivery of statutory functions emanating from the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Education and Inspections Act 2006	Cabinet	John Roseblade 654695	Risk and insurance, legal services, public health, finance	Councillor Jeavons	6 September 2017
26/16 (5.12.16)	Local Planning Enforcement Plan: To approve the updated local enforcement plan for managing the processing of planning enforcement cases including the prioritisation of cases, time scales for investigation and responding to informants	Cabinet	Shawn Fleet 650453	Legal, communities and public protection, regulatory services	Councillor Jeavons	6 September 2017

26/17 (7.8.17)	Outdoor Pursuits Service – options: To consider the future management arrangements for the service (Aldridge Airport and Sneyd Reservoir) and authorise a formal procurement exercise for the future management, governance and funding arrangements for the service	Cabinet	Chris Holliday 650339 Ben Percival 654341	Procurement, finance, legal, human resources	Councillor Shires	6 September 2017
23/17 (5.6.17)	Black Country Wyrley and Essington Local Nature Reserve: To declare a Local Nature Reserve in Walsall covering the Wyrley & Essington Canal and to enter into a collaboration agreement with the Canal and River Trust and City of Wolverhampton Council	Cabinet	Kevin Clements 654267	Residents and stakeholders	Councillor Jones	6 September 2017
27/17 (7.8.17)	Better Care Fund: To approve the Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19	Cabinet	Kerrie Allward	Elected members, Health and Wellbeing Board members	Councillor D. Coughlan	6 September 2017
22/17 (8.5.17)	Darlaston Town Hall: To approve the finalised leasing arrangements for Darlaston Town Hall	Cabinet	Paul Gordon 07792 920257	Ward Councillors, internal	Councillor Chambers	6 September 2017
25/17 (10.7.17)	Walsall 0-19 Early Help Locality Model: To approve and award the contract including Children’s Centre South and Central in September 2017	Cabinet	Isabel Vanderheeren 650432 Andrea Cooke 655871	Commissioning, legal, procurement, finance, stakeholders	Councillor Nawaz	25 October 2017
28/17 (7.8.17)	Special School places: To approve proposals to increase the number of special school places at a number of named schools over the next 5 years	Cabinet	Claire Goss 655761 Phillips Wells 655897	Internal	Councillor Nawaz	25 October 2017
29/17 (7.8.17)	Expansion of primary schools: To consider the expansion of Old Church, Salisbury, Short Heath Federation, Manor, Leighswood and St. Michael’s CE Primary Schools	Cabinet	Alex Haigh 652583	Schools Student Council, school governors, school staff, parents, other local authorities, other local schools	Councillor Nawaz	25 October 2017

30/17 (7.8.17)	New Art Gallery: To note the results from the Expressions of Interest exercise and to authorise a formal procurement exercise for the future management, governance and funding arrangements of the Gallery	Cabinet	Chris Holliday 650339	Procurement, finance, legal, human resources	Councillor Shires	25 October 2017
31/17 (7.8.17)	Call handling and response services: To consider the adult social care options appraisals and recommendations for the future of calling handling and response services	Cabinet	Tracy Simcox 655989	Members of the public	Councillor D. Coughlan	25 October 2017
32/17 (7.8.17)	Walsall Housing Standards and Improvement Enforcement Policy: To approve the housing standards and enforcement policy	Cabinet	David Lockwood 658459	Legal, public, health finance	Councillor D. Coughlan	25 October 2017
33/17 (7.8.17)	Walsall Adult and Community College and Walsall College: To approve the proposed joining of WACC and Walsall College	Cabinet	Simon Neilson 652004	WACC Board, Walsall College Board, regeneration and development, children's services consultant	Councillor Nawaz	13 December 2017