



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 – Councillor Bird
- Deputy Leader and Regeneration – Councillor A. Andrew
- Business support services – Councillor Arif
- Children's services – Councillor R. Andrew
- Community engagement and voluntary sector – Councillor I. Shires
- Finance and personnel – Councillor Towe
- Leisure and culture – Councillor Harris
- Public protection – Councillor Z. Ali
- Social care and housing – Councillor McCracken
- Transport and environment – Councillor Ansell

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 2012/2013

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| 2012 | 20 June 25 July 12 September 24 October 12 December |
| 2013 | 23 January 13 March 24 April |

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
MARCH TO JUNE 2013 (11.2.13)**

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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 |
| 75/12 (10.12.12) | West Midlands University Technical College To enter into a contract for the construction of the college | Cabinet | Mark Bassett 655918 | Children's services, property, legal, finance, procurement | Councillor A. Andrew | 13 March 2013 |
| 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 | Councillor A. Andrew | 13 March 2013 |
| 4/13 (14.1.13) | Black Country Regional Growth Fund: To sign a collaboration agreement with the three other Black Country authorities regarding the "Growing key sectors in the Black Country Regional Growth Fund" | Cabinet | Paul Nicholson 654746 | Finance, legal services | Councillor A. Andrew | 13 March 2013 |
| 6/13 (11.2.13) | Black Country University Technical College: Grant of lease of part of the playing fields at the UTC, Vernon Way, Bloxwich to the Construction Industry Training board for the development of a national construction college | Cabinet | Nick Ford 652659 | Children's services, legal, finance HRD, planning, ward Councillors | Councillor A. Andrew | 13 March 2013 |
| 7/13 (11.2.13) | Phoenix 10 project: To consider the options and approve the preferred delivery mechanism for the reclamation and development of the site (off Darlaston Road/Reservoir Place) and agree actions to enable this to be progressed | Cabinet | Joel Maybury 654748 | Finance, legal, procurement, property, ward Councillors | Councillor A. Andrew | 13 March 2013 |
| 1/13 (14.1.13) | Enlargement of Elmwood Special School: To seek permission to progress the project further | Cabinet | Frank Barnes 686319 | Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors | Councillor R. Andrew | 13 March 2013 |

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| 2/13 (14.1.13) | Early Education Capital funding – 2 year old allocation: To seek permission to progress the project | Cabinet | Carol Boughton 686212 | Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors | Councillor R. Andrew | 13 March 2013 |
| 40/12 (10.9.12) | Transition of Education services: future shape of education services: To agree proposed services to support the educational success of children and young people in Walsall | Cabinet | Louise Hughes 652048 | Head teachers, children and young people, stakeholder group | Councillor R. Andrew | 13 March 2013 |
| 68/12 (10.12.12) | Education capital programme: To seek permission to progress further projects | Cabinet | Melanie Harmitt 686285 | Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors | Councillor R. Andrew | 13 March 2013 |
| 70/12 (10.12.12) | Determination of admission scheme and admission arrangements To seek approval of the admission scheme and arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools 2013/14 | Cabinet | Julie Taylor 686212 | Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors | Councillor R. Andrew | 13 March 2013 |
| 8/13 (11.2.13) | Revised Schools Funding formula: The Department of Education has changed the way that all schools are funded. Cabinet and Schools Forum have previously designed and authorised a new schools funding formula. An extension of this is now required to look at high needs places across the borough. | Cabinet | Dan Mortiboys 652328 | Schools Forum | Councillor R. Andrew | 13 March 2013 |
| 9/13 (11.2.13) | Joint commissioning: To approve the transfer of the Section 75 agreement for joint commissioning between Walsall Council and NHS Walsall, to be between Walsall Council and Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group from April 2013 | Cabinet | Andy Rust 654713 | | Councillor McCracken | 13 March 2013 |
| 10/13 (11.2.13) | Personal budgets To approve the proposed arrangements for personal budgets for adults who are eligible for social care in Walsall | Cabinet | John Bolton 6542700 | Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors | Councillor McCracken | 13 March 2013 |

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| 3/13 (14.1.13) | Local Transport Plan Capital Programme: To agree the capital programme for 2013/14 | Cabinet | Matt Crowton 654358 | Regeneration, neighbourhoods, legal, finance | Councillor Ansell | 13 March 2013 |
| 69/12 (10.12.12) | Education capital programme: To seek permission to progress further projects | Cabinet | Melanie Harmitt 686285 | Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors | Councillor R. Andrew | 24 April 2013 |
| 57/12 (8.10.12) | Draft Stay Put (in Foster Care) Policy: To approve the fee rate and budget model subject to the Council approving the policy | Cabinet | Louise Watts 658360 | Human resources, legal services, finance | Councillor R. Andrew | 24 April 2013 |
| 64/12 (12.11.12) | Sport and leisure strategy: Consider the findings of the working smarter review specifically: consideration of the options analysis, old for new financial model and the proposed business case, proposals for two new leisure centres, consideration of an appropriate deliver/management model | Cabinet | Chris Holliday 650339 Ben Percival 654341 | Legal. HR, property, finance, procurement, social care, ICT, Sport England, Amateur Swimming Association, NHS Public Health, West Midlands Pension Fund | Councillor Harris | 24 April 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 | | Councillor Ansell | 24 April 2013 |

KEY DECISIONS FROM JUNE 2013

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| 31/12 (13.8.12) | Various schools, Willenhall: Sale of freehold interest in Little London Junior, Stafford Street, Lakeside Junior, Holman Close and Clothier Street Junior | Cabinet | Nick Ford 652659 | Legal services, finance, HRD | Councillor A. Andrew | June 2013 |
| 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 | Councillor Harris | June 2013 |