



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. 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.P. Coughlan
Regeneration – Councillor Nazir
Children’s services and education – Councillor Cassidy
Community, leisure and culture – Councillor Hussain
Environment and transport – Councillor Jeavons
Health – Councillor Robertson
Personnel and business support – Councillor Chambers
Social care – Councillor D. Coughlan

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. With regard to key decisions the Council’s Constitution states:

- (1) In these regulations a “key decision” means an executive decision, which is likely:
 - (a) to result in the relevant local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
 - (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the relevant local authority.
- (2) In determining the meaning of “significant” for the purpose of paragraph (1) this will be if it results in incurring expenditure which either exceeds that included in any approved revenue or capital budget, or results 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 a capital budget, subject to a de minimus level of £100,000.

Dates of Cabinet meetings 2014/15

2014	10 September
	29 October
	17 December
2015	4 February
	18 March
	29 April

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
MARCH TO JUNE 2015 (9.2.15)**

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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
4/15 (9.2.15)	<p>Council's liability insurance arrangements: Approval of the renewal of liability insurance arrangements from 1 April 2015 following a tender process using the Crown Commercial Framework</p> <p>Private session: Report contains commercially sensitive information</p>	Cabinet	Vicky Buckley 652326	Finance and procurement	Councillor S. Coughlan	18 March 2015
60/14 (8.12.14)	<p>Council-wide security services: To award the contracts for the provision of Council-wide security services</p>	Cabinet	Ian Andrews 653776	Procurement, legal	Councillor Nazir	18 March 2015
61/14 (8.12.14)	<p>Darlaston Local Development Order: To approve the adoption of a revised Darlaston Local Development Order</p>	Cabinet	Joel Maybury 654748	Planning, building control, legal services	Councillor Nazir	18 March 2015
3/15 (9.2.15)	<p>Walsall Gala Baths: To consider proposals for improvements to the baths in line with the 2015/16 capital programme and to award contracts as necessary</p>	Cabinet	Chris Holliday 650339 Ben Percival 654341	Property, procurement, legal, finance	Councillor Hussain	18 March 2015
50/14 (6.10.14)	<p>Public health contracts To award contracts as set out in the report to Cabinet on 10 September 2014, including adult healthy weight services, healthy child programme and drug and alcohol services</p> <p>Private session: Report contains commercially sensitive information</p>	Cabinet	Adrian Roche 653746	Finance, procurement, legal	Councillor Robertson	18 March 2015

58/14 (8.12.14)	Better Care Pooled Fund: To approve the Section 75 (National Health Act 2006) agreement for a pooled better care fund	Cabinet	Andy Rust 654713	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor D. Coughlan	18 March 2015
62/14 (8.12.14)	Charging policy for community based services To decide the future policy based on new statutory requirements and feedback received through formal consultation	Cabinet	Terry Hawkins	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor D. Coughlan	18 March 2015
5/15 (9.2.15)	Residential and nursing care: To approve transitional arrangements for Walsall providers of residential and nursing care and to approve the financial arrangements around preferred accommodation	Cabinet	Andy Rust 654713	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor D. Coughlan	18 March 2015
6/15 (9.2.15)	Broadway North site: To receive outcomes of consultation with mental health users at Broadway North and consequently decide on the future of the site	Cabinet	Keith Skerman	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor D. Coughlan	18 March 2015
40/14 (11.8.14)	Conversion of street lighting lanterns to LED technology: To approve the capital investment required to replace existing street lighting lanterns with LED technology controlled by a central monitoring system. This will mitigate against the impacts of electricity price inflation, cost of carbon reduction credits and demonstrate CO2 reductions as required by the Climate Change Act 2008 whilst also providing the ability to finely control street lighting infrastructure	Cabinet	Elizabeth Thomas 652555	Finance, legal, procurement	Councillor Jeavons	29 April 2015
7/15 (9.2.15)	Walsall Crisis Support Scheme 2015/16: To approve the continuation of the current scheme pending further investigation into possible alternative ways of delivering the scheme	Cabinet	Patrick Morrison 650760	Councillors, public	Councillor D. Coughlan	18 March, 2015

