

22 June 2010

Consideration of Panel Work Programme for 2010/11

Ward(s) All

Portfolio Holders:

Summary of report:

The purpose of this report is to provide relevant background information for Members so that the Panels work programme can be agreed for 2010/11.

It is important for Members to consider the wide range of potential issues within their remits that they could consider during the year which could range from council specific to completely external issues.

When agreeing items it is important that consideration is given to what, value the Panel can add and what tools and performance measures are available to support them in their work.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Member's consider the range of items within their remit available to them and agree a work programme for 2010/11 along with any potential working groups and their membership.

Background papers:

Scrutiny Annual Report 2009/10
Minutes of previous meetings
Citizen Panel Consultations

Resource and legal considerations:

In terms of resources it is important that the right balance and number of items and working groups are selected so that the work programme can be completed during the year without placing undue pressure on Member capacity.

Legal considerations for specific items will need to be addressed as and when necessary based on the items that are selected for inclusion on the work programme.

Citizen impact:

An effective work programme will enable the Panel to focus its work on the most important issues within its remit. Consideration of these issues and subsequent recommendations, if accepted, could improve the quality of services delivered to local residents.

Environmental impact:

The level of environmental impact will be dependant on which issues are selected to become a part of the panels work programme for 2010/11. The borough's Sustainable Community Strategy places an importance on considering the impact of present decisions on future generations which includes environmental issues.

Performance management:

The report asks Members to consider performance management information when deciding on their work programme, and also to consider how they wish to use performance management information and tools in assisting them with their work over the course of the year.

Equality Implications:

Ensuring equality for all is a key theme in the boroughs Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement as well as being one of the Council's core values. Members are advised to consider what, if any, equality implications there are for any items on their work programme.

Consultation:

Members may wish to consider the results of any formal or informal consultation exercises, including that with the public and partners, when considering what items they wish to include in their work programme. Whilst Council officers carry out a range of consultation activity on behalf of the Council, Members themselves engage with the public on a much more frequent basis and it is valuable to consider feedback from these sources as well.

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Introduction

At the start of each municipal year it is good practice for scrutiny and performance panels to spend some time discussing and agreeing its work programme for the year ahead for issues within its remit.

For information the Panels remit in Article 6 of the Walsall Council Constitution reads as:

Health Scrutiny and Performance Panel

All aspects and general services related to health service matters, for example, health partnership matters and the public health agenda as conferred under the Health and Social Care Act 2001 within the functions set out in section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

Work Programme

In agreeing its work programme for 2010/11 the Panel will be informed from a range of sources, including all 60 Members, last years Panel work streams and suggested carry over items , Council Officers, Partners and the Public.

When agreeing the items to be included in its work programme focus should be given to the range of performance management information available that could assist the Panel with each particular issue. A whole host of performance information is available on a range of subjects that Members could utilise to measure success or otherwise.

Working Groups

Members need to decide whether they want to operate any working groups for this year. Working Groups are at their most effective when they are considering broad policy areas that require detailed investigation time that cannot be completed at Panel level. The Panel will set the working group remit, its membership and once a working group has completed its investigations it will report its findings and recommendations to the Panel for consideration and adoption.

It is very important that Member capacity is considered when deciding on what working groups are formed as many members sit on more than one panel and their respective working groups. As such getting suitable dates in the municipal diary and getting suitable attendance at those meetings is difficult if too many working groups are formed. In previous years experience and given the increased number of Panel's in this years municipal diary, it is suggested that each Panel should look to run only one working group at any one time. Panels that wish to operate more than working group during the year could timetable the second to start as the first finishes.

A copy of the councils working group toolkit has been despatched separately to Members and is available to members of the public by request. Member's are asked to familiarise themselves with this toolkit ahead of deciding what, if any, working groups they wish to run.

Value for Money Service Reviews

The Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Panel has developed a value for money (vfm) toolkit to assist Members if it is decided to complete a service review. Last year the Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Panel used the value for money toolkit to review the Councils Communication and Payroll and Pensions services. The two reviews were well received by both Members and Officers and resulted in positive recommendations for both services. The Corporate Panel recommended that other Panel's also look to use this toolkit and this recommendation was endorsed by the scrutiny working group of Chair's and Vice-Chairs.

The vfm assessment tool provides a framework for members in partnership with services to work through and is divided into 3 broad themes:

1. What does it cost to provide this service? (economy)
2. How is this service performing? (efficiency)
3. What quality is the service being provided? (effectiveness)

For each of these themes there is the opportunity/potential for scrutiny panels with the service being assessed to benchmark with other service providers to give a clearer picture of relative performance.

The aim is that on completing this assessment scrutiny members will be able to make a judgement regarding the vfm provided by the service and identify and recommend any potential further action.

The vfm toolkit can be used to support the investigations of working groups or independently. When used independently the Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Panel appointed a lead member who liaised with the service area whilst the toolkit is completed and then reports back their findings to the Panel for agreement of recommendations and any other further action that may be necessary.

Appendices

Appendix 1: RESIDENT CONSULTATION ACTIVITY FINDINGS

This briefing note sets out findings from the local place survey and budget consultation. Members may wish to consider the findings of this community engagement work and use it to influence the selection of work programme topics.

Further to this is a series of tables illustrating the outcome of the place survey consultation by question and neighbourhood management areas.

Suggested Items

Appendix Two contains a number of suggested items completed on a standard template to assist Members with deciding what they wish to include on their work programme. This template requires the following points to be considered-

- o **What the Issue Is**
- o **Where it has come from-** for example it could be a carry over item from last year's panel, a suggestion from a Councillor or member of the public or it could be a new item officers are aware of that is coming up this year,
- o **Why it is important-** with limited time available to Members they need to be able to prioritise their work and concentrate on those things that really matter.
- o **Who it affects-** Does it impact on any particular ward or user group? Does it concern partner agencies or staff groups? Any potential equalities issues may be highlighted here if the item is likely to have a disproportionate affect on any particular group.
- o **How can scrutiny add value-** What specifically can Scrutiny do? E.g. provide feedback and recommendations ahead of a Cabinet (or partner executive) decision, support the development of policy, service review, public engagement etc. Suggestions have also been made here for it the item is particular suited to a particular method of scrutiny such as a working group or value for money review.
- o **Timings-** This will highlight any critical timings that would need to be taking into consideration such as statutory deadlines which would dictate when scrutiny would need to have considered the item by if they are to have any valuable input
- o **Performance Information-** This includes any relevant performance indicators that can provide Members with a guide on current levels of performance and also give a benchmark to measure future improvement.

The items highlighted at appendix one are not an exhaustive list, but only those that it is possible to provide in advance of the meeting. Members should consider these alongside any items they wish to raise themselves and use them to develop a balanced work programme that concentrates on what is important to them and on where they believe they can make a difference.

Appendix Three is a copy of the forward plan for May to September 2010.

Appendix Four is the outcome of a recent public survey on what local residents believe scrutiny and performance panels should consider. The survey closed on 31 May 2010 with the results of the survey to be tabled at the meeting.

BRIEFING NOTE**TO: HEALTH SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL****DATE: 22 JUNE 2010****RE: RESIDENT CONSULTATION ACTIVITY FINDINGS****Purpose**

To inform the Panel regarding recent consultation activity which provides guidance regarding local residents views on what should be the council's priorities. The Panel may choose to use this guidance to inform their decisions in relation to the work programme for this year.

Consultation activity

A budget consultation event was held in October 2009. The attendees heard about the council's budget setting process as well as current and future spending and savings targets. Through informal discussion in small groups, local residents had the opportunity to give their views as to what should be the council's spending priorities for the coming financial year. In addition, between September and December 2008 the national Place Survey was undertaken. This was a statutory consultation used to identify, from the perspective of local residents, priorities for Walsall.

Findings**Budget consultation October 2009:**

Event attendees wanted a borough to be proud of, one where people respect one another and their surroundings, is safe, clean and easy to get around. Where young people and adults are aspiring and do well in education and training. Whilst continuing to deliver services to those who are vulnerable, attendees want to see a greater allocation of money to make the borough a more attractive place to live in, with the regeneration of all areas not just Walsall town centre. Clean streets and level of crime are both important to local quality of life.

The Place Survey 2008:

Respondents identified the following top 5 priorities for improvement:

- Activities for teenagers;
- Road and pavement repairs;
- Level of crime;
- Clean streets;
- Level of traffic congestion.

Respondents identified the following top 5 issues as most important for quality of life:

- Level of crime;
- Clean streets;
- Health Services;
- Affordable decent homes;
- Public transport.

A number of other issues and concerns were raised by respondents:

- Anti-social behaviour remains a concern for residents, with many feeling a lack of activities for children and young people in need of improvement;
- Residents want to see continued regeneration of the borough with a focus on stimulating a thriving economy. Residents are concerned that about the job situation and ensuring that buildings are not left derelict, and that empty shops are reused. Residents want to see investment across the whole borough;
- Investment and regeneration is thought to be a key catalyst for prompting community spirit and proactive behaviour, whilst also helping raise the aspirations of residents and the feeling of pride;
- Whilst views about the impact of the new Walsall ring road are generally divided, residents feel that further improvements to transport links and services could be made. Walsall bus station and town centre car parking being highlighted as particular areas requiring attention;
- Residents want a borough that is clean and tidy, a borough they can feel proud of. Litter picking and street sweeping in all areas of the borough is important to residents, as well as targeting run down areas and maintaining the borough's roads, pavements and footpaths;
- Whilst residents feel it is important to ensure a clean and green borough, it should not be at the detriment of other critical services e.g. care for the vulnerable, adults and children, which are seen as a priority. Residents are worried that cuts may lead to reduced services which then impact on the most vulnerable. Maintaining quality services, particularly in the current economic climate and the years ahead is of vital importance;
- Throughout the challenging economic climate, supporting people when they need it most and the delivery of preventative services is seen by some as a key area for investment. The community and voluntary sector want the council working hard to support families throughout the borough to help prevent them breaking down and prioritising those most at risk from harm;
- Investing in education is a top priority for many, particularly basic skills and life-long learning. Libraries are seen as a potentially vital resource;
- Concerns were expressed that young professionals and graduates may not take up jobs here. Regenerating the borough so that it is attractive to young qualified professionals and businesses is seen as a priority;
- When recruiting staff, businesses most frequently state that accessing the right higher level skills, lack of basic skills and recruitment costs are barriers;
- Businesses identify costs in the form of overheads including business rates, high cost of energy and premises costs as barriers to operating in the borough;
- Residents and representatives from the community and voluntary sector feel that there are emerging opportunities arising from the current economic climate. Investing in and supporting volunteering opportunities in the borough and working more closely with the voluntary sector was thought to offer many benefits and cost savings;
- There is widespread consensus that the council needs to do more to tap into the expertise, knowledge and skills of the community and voluntary sector, which would in turn help the council achieve its efficiency targets and help this sector survive.
- Residents expressed the view that they were generally unable to influence decisions in their local area;
- Considering the role of local people in decision-making, a majority of respondents to the Place Survey feel that they currently are not adequately informed about local public

services. Research has highlighted the link between the extent to which residents are informed about local services and their level of satisfaction;

- Representatives from the community and voluntary sector feel that local people don't adequately understand what services the council provides. Having a better understanding is thought to benefit local people and the council;
- There was strong consensus that working more closely with the community and voluntary sector is very important and that this sector can help spread information about council services to the people and communities they work with.

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PLACE SURVEY

Perception on National Indicators

National Indicator	Bloxwich/ Blakenall, Birchills Leamore	Brownhills / Pelsall / Rushall- Shelfield	Darlaston / Bentley	St Matthew's / Paddock / Palfrey / Pleck	Streetly / Pheasey / Aldridge / Walsall Wood	Willenhall / Short Heath	Walsall (GAR based on National position)
NI 001 % who agree that their local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together	different backgrounds get on well together 55.1%	different backgrounds get on well together 75.3%	different backgrounds get on well together 75.4%	different backgrounds get on well together 72%	different backgrounds get on well together 78.9%	different backgrounds get on well together 70%	different backgrounds get on well together 70.9%
NI 002 % who feel they belong to their immediate neighbourhood	feel they belong 51.7%	feel they belong 56.8%	feel they belong 51.2%	feel they belong 54.3%	feel they belong 62.7%	feel they belong 54.3%	feel they belong 55.8%
NI 003 % who have been involved in decisions that affect the local area in the past 12 months	have been involved in decisions that affect the local area 13.9%	have been involved in decisions that affect the local area 13.8%	have been involved in decisions that affect the local area 14.9%	have been involved in decisions that affect the local area 21.8%	have been involved in decisions that affect the local area 11.5%	have been involved in decisions that affect the local area 7.7%	have been involved in decisions that affect the local area 14%
NI 004 % who agree that they can influence decisions in their local area	Influence decisions 24.2%	Influence decisions 21.0%	Influence decisions 21.5%	Influence decisions 30.7%	Influence decisions 17.7%	Influence decisions 20.9%	Influence decisions 22.7%
NI 005 % who are satisfied with their local area as a place to live	Local area satisfaction 64.0%	Local area satisfaction 76.3%	Local area satisfaction 65.1%	Local area satisfaction 66.7%	Local area satisfaction 84.1%	Local area satisfaction 67.9%	Local area satisfaction 71.4%
NI 006 % who have given unpaid help at least once per month over the last 12 months	Participation in volunteering 13.4%	Participation in volunteering 14.2%	Participation in volunteering 14.9%	Participation in volunteering 28.7%	Participation in volunteering 19.0%	Participation in volunteering 16.8%	Participation in volunteering 18.5%

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NI 017 % who think that anti-social behaviour is a problem in their local area	Perceptions of ASB 37.9%	Perceptions of ASB 20.8%	Perceptions of ASB 35.5%	Perceptions of ASB 26.3%	Perceptions of ASB 18.1%	Perceptions of ASB 23.5%	Perceptions of ASB 26.1%
NI 021 % who agree that the police and other local public services are successfully dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime in their local area	Dealing with concerns about ASB and crime 20.4%	Dealing with concerns about ASB and crime 25.8%	Dealing with concerns about ASB and crime 12.0%	Dealing with concerns about ASB and crime 28.8%	Dealing with concerns about ASB and crime 19.7%	Dealing with concerns about ASB and crime 13.5%	Dealing with concerns about ASB and crime 20.8%
NI 022 % who agree that in their local area parents take enough responsibility for the behaviour of their children	Parent responsibility for children's behaviour 19.6%	Parent responsibility for children's behaviour 23.3%	Parent responsibility for children's behaviour 16.8%	Parent responsibility for children's behaviour 29.6%	Parent responsibility for children's behaviour 26.5%	Parent responsibility for children's behaviour 13.6%	Parent responsibility for children's behaviour 22.4%
NI 023 % who think there is a problem with people not treating each other with respect and consideration in their local area	People not treating each other with respect and consideration 51.2%	People not treating each other with respect and consideration 37.8%	People not treating each other with respect and consideration 43.4%	People not treating each other with respect and consideration 30.6%	People not treating each other with respect and consideration 28.3%	People not treating each other with respect and consideration 39.4%	People not treating each other with respect and consideration 37.5%
NI 027 % who agree that the police and other local public services seek people's views about anti-social behaviour and crime in their local area	Local concerns about ASB and crime 24.1%	Local concerns about ASB and crime 21.9%	Local concerns about ASB and crime 20.6%	Local concerns about ASB and crime 29.3%	Local concerns about ASB and crime 18.9%	Local concerns about ASB and crime 16.1%	Local concerns about ASB and crime 22.0%
NI 037 % who feel informed about what to do in the event of a large-scale emergency	Awareness of civil protection arrangements 15.4%	Awareness of civil protection arrangements 12.5%	Awareness of civil protection arrangements 7.2%	Awareness of civil protection arrangements 13.1%	Awareness of civil protection arrangements 13.8%	Awareness of civil protection arrangements 12.4%	Awareness of civil protection arrangements 13.0%
NI 041 % who think that drunk and rowdy behaviour is a problem in their local area	Perceptions of drunk and rowdy behaviour 34.8%	Perceptions of drunk and rowdy behaviour 25.2%	Perceptions of drunk and rowdy behaviour 30.0%	Perceptions of drunk and rowdy behaviour 36.1%	Perceptions of drunk and rowdy behaviour 24.3%	Perceptions of drunk and rowdy behaviour 24.5%	Perceptions of drunk and rowdy behaviour 29.2%
NI 042 % who think that drug use or drug dealing is a problem in their local area	Perceptions of drug use / dealing as a problem 50.6%	Perceptions of drug use / dealing as a problem 30.7%	Perceptions of drug use / dealing as a problem 47.4%	Perceptions of drug use / dealing as a problem 45.7%	Perceptions of drug use / dealing as a problem 27.4%	Perceptions of drug use / dealing as a problem 35.7%	Perceptions of drug use / dealing as a problem 39.1%
NI 119 % who say their health is good or very good	Self reported measure of health and well-being 67.8%	Self reported measure of health and well-being 66.8%	Self reported measure of health and well-being 57.7%	Self reported measure of health and well-being 70.4%	Self reported measure of health and well-being 72.9%	Self reported measure of health and well-being 73.7%	Self reported measure of health and well-being 69.4%
NI 138 % aged 65 and over who are satisfied with both home and neighbourhood	Satisfaction of 65+ with home and neighbourhood 71.7%	Satisfaction of 65+ with home and neighbourhood 84.3%	Satisfaction of 65+ with home and neighbourhood 61.2%	Satisfaction of 65+ with home and neighbourhood 69.7%	Satisfaction of 65+ with home and neighbourhood 85.1%	Satisfaction of 65+ with home and neighbourhood 79.5%	Satisfaction of 65+ with home and neighbourhood 77.8%
NI 139 % who think that older people in their local area get the help and support they need to continue to live at home for as long as they want to	Perceptions of older people receiving support to live at home 33.6%	Perceptions of older people receiving support to live at home 31.5%	Perceptions of older people receiving support to live at home 40.4%	Perceptions of older people receiving support to live at home 29.0%	Perceptions of older people receiving support to live at home 30.4%	Perceptions of older people receiving support to live at home 32.2%	Perceptions of older people receiving support to live at home 32.0%
NI 140 % who would say that they have been treated with respect and consideration by their local public services in the last year	Fair treatment by local services 58.6%	Fair treatment by local services 63.7%	Fair treatment by local services 53.5%	Fair treatment by local services 60.6%	Fair treatment by local services 70.8%	Fair treatment by local services 62.3%	Fair treatment by local services 62.8%

PLACE SURVEY 2008/9

General perceptions on effectiveness of local public services, the council, how well informed on issues, fear of crime

Local public services.....	Bloxwich/ Blakenall, Birchills Leamore	Brownhills / Pelsall / Rushall Shelfield	Darlaston / Bentley	St Matthew's / Paddock / Palfrey / Pleck	Streety / Pheasey / Aldridge / Walsall Wood	Willenhall / Short Heath	Walsall	
Q6 a) Local public services are working to make the area safer - a great deal some extent	Making the area safer? 133 (56%)	Making the area safer? 107 (54%)	Making the area safer? 43 (37%)	Making the area safer? 156 (47%)	Making the area safer? 161 (46%)	Making the area safer? 108 (48%)	Making the area safer? 708 (53%)	3rd worst authority nationally
Q6 b) Local public services are working to make the area cleaner and greener - a great deal some extent	Making area cleaner greener? 138 (54%)	Making area cleaner greener? 136 (68%)	Making area cleaner greener? 59 (50%)	Making area cleaner greener? 156 (56%)	Making area cleaner greener? 197 (65%)	Making area cleaner greener? 112 (48%)	Making area cleaner greener? 797 (58%)	11th worst authority nationally
Q6 c) Local public services promote the interests of local residents - a great deal some extent	Promote interests of local residents 88 (40%)	Promote interests of local residents 65 (35%)	Promote interests of local residents 18 (18%)	Promote interests of local residents 96 (36%)	Promote interests of local residents 98 (35%)	Promote interests of local residents 57 (28%)	Promote interests of local residents 421 (33%)	7th worst authority nationally
Q6 d) Local public services act on the concerns of local residents - a great deal some extent	Act on concerns 94 (41%)	Act on concerns 61 (33%)	Act on concerns 33 (31%)	Act on concerns 108 (41%)	Act on concerns 104 (38%)	Act on concerns 57 (28%)	Act on concerns 456 (36%)	13th worst authority nationally
Q6 e) Local public services treat all types of people fairly - a great deal some extent	Treat people fairly 134 (62%)	Treat people fairly 111 (65%)	Treat people fairly 60 (64%)	Treat people fairly 174 (71%)	Treat people fairly 161 (63%)	Treat people fairly 113 (61%)	Treat people fairly 752 (64%)	21st worst authority nationally
Q8 a) How satisfied are you with Walsall Council keeping public land clear of litter and refuse - satisfied	Satisfied with Cleanliness standards 108 (41%)	Satisfied with Cleanliness standards 88 (42%)	Satisfied with Cleanliness standards 39 (32%)	Satisfied with Cleanliness standards 139 (49%)	Satisfied with Cleanliness standards 160 (51%)	Satisfied with Cleanliness standards 95 (38%)	Satisfied with Cleanliness standards 629 (43%)	8th worst authority nationally
Q10) To what extent do you agree or disagree that Walsall Council provides value for money - agree	Council provides VFM 64 (27%)	Council provides VFM 37 (19%)	Council provides VFM 27 (22%)	Council provides VFM 49 (18%)	Council provides VFM 74 (26%)	Council provides VFM 51 (22%)	Council provides VFM 302 (22%)	11th worst local council
Q11) Taking everything into account, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way Walsall Council run things - satisfied	Satisfaction with council 94 (37%)	Satisfaction with council 64 (31%)	Satisfaction with council 36 (29%)	Satisfaction with council 84 (29%)	Satisfaction with council 106 (35%)	Satisfaction with council 72 (30%)	Satisfaction with council 456 (32%)	12th worst local council

Local public services.....	Bloxwich/ Blakenall, Birchills Leamore	Brownhills / Pelsall / Rushall Shelfield	Darlaston / Bentley	St Matthew's / Paddock / Palfrey / Pleck	Streetly / Pheasey / Aldridge / Walsall Wood	Willenhall / Short Heath	Walsall	
Q12 c) How well informed do you feel about how to get involved in local decision making - informed	How to get involved in local decision making 61 (27%)	How to get involved in local decision making 51 (28%)	How to get involved in local decision making 21 (21%)	How to get involved in local decision making 69 (27%)	How to get involved in local decision making 71 (26%)	How to get involved in local decision making 58 (27%)	How to get involved in local decision making 331 (26%)	35th worst authority
Q12 d) How well informed do you feel about what standard of service you should expect from local public services - informed	Informed about standards of service 79 (32%)	Informed about standards of service 65 (34%)	Informed about standards of service 43 (38%)	Informed about standards of service 96 (35%)	Informed about standards of service 108 (37%)	Informed about standards of service 68 (30%)	Informed about standards of service 458 (34%)	32nd worst authority
Q12 e) How well informed do you feel about how well public services are performing - informed	Informed about how well services are performing 95 (39%)	Informed about how well services are performing 76 (40%)	Informed about how well services are performing 35 (33%)	Informed about how well services are performing 80 (31%)	Informed about how well services are performing 91 (31%)	Informed about how well services are performing 56 (24%)	Informed about how well services are performing 433 (33%)	47th worst authority
Q12 h) How well informed do you feel about how well informed you feel about public services - informed	how well informed you feel about public services 90 (35%)	how well informed you feel about public services 68 (33%)	how well informed you feel about public services 26 (22%)	how well informed you feel about public services 96 (34%)	how well informed you feel about public services 104 (33%)	how well informed you feel about public services 57 (23%)	how well informed you feel about public services 441 (31%)	12th worst authority
Q14) Generally speaking would you like to be more involved in decisions that affect your local area - Yes	would like to be more involved in local decisions 58 (22%)	would like to be more involved in local decisions 51 (25%)	would like to be more involved in local decisions 33 (28%)	would like to be more involved in local decisions 102 (36%)	would like to be more involved in local decisions 82 (27%)	would like to be more involved in local decisions 47 (19%)	would like to be more involved in local decisions 373 (26%)	151 worst authority (350)
Q22) How safe or unsafe do you feel when outside in your local area after dark safe	feel safe outside in local area after dark 28%	feel safe outside in local area after dark 40%	feel safe outside in local area after dark 28%	feel safe outside in local area after dark 39%	feel unsafe outside in local area after dark 45%	feel safe outside in local area after dark 38%	feel safe outside in local area after dark 37%	19th worst authority
Q22) How safe or unsafe do you feel when outside in your local area during the day - safe	feel safe outside in local area during the day 79%	feel safe outside in local area during the day 81%	feel safe outside in local area during the day 83%	feel safe outside in local area during the day 78%	feel safe outside in local area during the day 90%	feel safe outside in local area during the day 86%	feel safe outside in local area during the day 83%	45th worst authority

PLACE SURVEY 2008/9

Top 5 issues for improvement

Bloxwich/ Blakenall, Birchills Leamore	Brownhills / Pelsall / Rushall- Sheffield	Darlaston / Bentley	St Matthew's / Paddock / Palfrey / Pleck	Streetly / Pheasey / Aldridge / Walsall Wood	Willenhall / Short Heath	Walsall
level of crime 51%	Activities for teenagers 64%	Activities for teenagers 53%	level of traffic congestion 45%	Activities for teenagers 57%	Activities for teenagers 52%	Activities for teenagers 52%
Road and Pavement repairs 50%	Road and Pavement repairs 48%	Road and Pavement repairs 43%	Road and Pavement repairs 42%	Road and Pavement repairs 53%	Road and Pavement repairs 48%	Road and Pavement repairs 48%
Activities for teenagers 48%	level of traffic congestion 35%	level of crime 43%	Activities for teenagers 41%	level of crime 31%	Clean Streets 34%	level of crime 36%
Clean Streets 45%	Clean Streets 33%	Clean Streets 42%	level of crime 36%	Clean Streets 31%	level of crime 32%	Clean Streets 36%
Job prospects 29%	Facilities for young children 27%	Job prospects 30%	Clean Streets 34%	level of traffic congestion 30%	Job prospects 26%	level of traffic congestion 29%
	level of crime 27%					

Job prospects (Walsall = 25%); facilities for young children (Walsall = 24%)
XX% denotes 'better than borough average'
XX% denotes 'worse than borough average'

Must Do's (Valued for 'local quality of life' vs 'most in need of improvement')

Bloxwich/ Blakenall, Birchills Leamore	Brownhills / Pelsall / Rushall- Sheffield	Darlaston / Bentley	St Matthew's / Paddock / Palfrey / Pleck	Streetly / Pheasey / Aldridge / Walsall Wood	Willenhall / Short Heath	Walsall
level of crime	level of crime	level of crime	level of crime	level of crime	level of crime	Activities for teenagers
Clean Streets	Clean Streets	Clean Streets	Clean Streets	Clean Streets	Clean Streets	level of crime
Road and Pavement repairs	Activities for teenagers	Activities for teenagers	Affordable decent housing	Activities for teenagers	Activities for teenagers	Clean Streets
Activities for teenagers			Job prospects	Road and Pavement repairs	Job prospects	

PLACE SURVEY

Anti-social behaviour (Top 3 issues by Neighbourhood Management Area)

Bloxwich/ Blakenall, Birchills Leamore	Brownhills / Pelsall / Rushall- Sheffield	Darlaston / Bentley	St Matthew's / Paddock / Palfrey / Pleck	Streetly / Pheasey / Aldridge / Walsall Wood	Willenhall / Short Heath	Walsall
Teenagers hanging around on the streets 62%	Teenagers hanging around on the streets 50%	Rubbish or litter lying around 69%	Rubbish or litter lying around 47%	Teenagers hanging around on the streets 45%	Teenagers hanging around on the streets 52%	Teenagers hanging around on the streets 51%
Rubbish or litter lying around 61%	Rubbish or litter lying around 50%	Teenagers hanging around on the streets 64%	People using or dealing drugs 46%	Rubbish or litter lying around 37%	Rubbish or litter lying around 51%	Rubbish or litter lying around 50%
Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles 51%	Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles 38%	Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles 48%	Teenagers hanging around on the streets 40%	Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles 31%	People using or dealing drugs 36%	Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles 39%
People using or dealing drugs 51%						People using or dealing drugs 39%
NI 17 (ASB perceptions) 38%	NI 17 (ASB perceptions) 21%	NI 17 (ASB perceptions) 36%	NI 17 (ASB perceptions) 26%	NI 17 (ASB perceptions) 18%	NI 17 (ASB perceptions) 24%	NI 17 (ASB perceptions) 26%

XX% denotes 'better than borough average'

XX% denotes 'worse than borough average'

Proposed Items for Scrutiny Work Programme

Issue	Major cost savings in the NHS					
Who from	Trust Officer					
Why is it important?	All NHS Trusts will be expected to make significant savings, and at the same time still deliver the same level of services.					
Who does it affect?	Residents of Walsall and users of Walsall Manor Hospital					
Who needs to be involved?	Manor Hospital, NHS Walsall.					
How can scrutiny add value?	By requesting information from the hospital and patients groups to evidence that services have not been detrimentally impacted due to financial cuts.					
Timings	To be confirmed.					
Performance Information	<i>Include any relevant performance information that will inform members of current performance levels and provide baseline for future monitoring.</i>					
Corporate Priority	Improving Health					

Proposed Items for Scrutiny Work Programme

Issue	Dementia					
Who from	Previous years panel					
Why is it important?	The panel were aware that the National Dementia Strategy (2009) had been launched and were interested in implementation at a local level to ensure improvements in dementia care in Walsall.					
Who does it affect?	Residents of Walsall, all people with dementia and their carers.					
Who needs to be involved?	All key partners including, NHS Walsall, Manor Hospital, Walsall Council, DWMHPT.					
How can scrutiny add value?	By considering this issue through a working group. Members were aware of the following factors and wanted the working group to make recommendations to add value at a local level					
Timings	To be confirmed					
Performance Information	<i>Include any relevant performance information that will inform members of current performance levels and provide baseline for future monitoring.</i>					
Corporate Priority	Improving Health					

Proposed Items for Scrutiny Work Programme

Issue	Health Inequalities					
Who from	Previous years panel					
Why is it important?	Health Inequalities are significant in Walsall, with gaps in health between different groups in Walsall. It continues to underpin the health economy of Walsall.					
Who does it affect?	All residents of Walsall.					
Who needs to be involved?	NHS Walsall, Walsall Council, Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership.					
How can scrutiny add value?	The Health Scrutiny Panel is in a unique position of being able to bring partners together to consider the response to this problem, and monitor progress against recommendations made by National Support Team.					
Timings						
Performance Information	<i>Include any relevant performance information that will inform members of current performance levels and provide baseline for future monitoring.</i>					
Corporate Priority	Improving Health,					

Proposed Items for Scrutiny Work Programme

Issue	Consultation on Transforming Community Services					
Who from	Previous years panel					
Why is it important?	The future organisation of PCT services will be transformed, and will change the way services are commissioned.					
Who does it affect?	NHS Walsall, Hospital, Walsall Council and residents.					
Who needs to be involved?	NHS Walsall, Hospital, Walsall Council					
How can scrutiny add value?	By responding to consultation on transforming community services.					
Timings	Autumn 2010					
Performance Information	<i>Include any relevant performance information that will inform members of current performance levels and provide baseline for future monitoring.</i>					
Corporate Priority	Improving Health					

Proposed Items for Scrutiny Work Programme

Issue	Air Quality in Walsall (impact on residents health)					
Who from	Previous years panel					
Why is it important?	Walsall is classes as an 'air quality management area and the LACoRS publication 'A clean bill of health' highlights the health implications of pollution.					
Who does it affect?	Residents of Walsall, particaly those living in areas with high traffic levels, and those residents with respiratory problems					
Who needs to be involved?	Engineering & Transportation Services Public Health					
How can scrutiny add value?	By considering the impact of air quality on resident's health and challenging how this can be improved. The LACoRS publication 'A clean bill of health' also suggests how elected members can get involved in the scrutiny of air quality.					
Timings	<i>Update requested September 2010</i>					
Performance Information	<i>Include any relevant performance information that will inform members of current performance levels and provide baseline for future monitoring.</i>					
Corporate Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Health • Improving the quality of our environment 					

Proposed Items for Scrutiny Work Programme

Issue	Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust.					
Who from	Previous years panel					
Why is it important?	The partnership trust delivering mental health services across Dudley and Walsall needs to be monitored to ensure that the new organisation continues to deliver effective services and meets the needs of service users in Walsall.					
Who does it affect?	Residents across Walsall and Dudley accessing mental health services.					
Who needs to be involved?	Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust. Commissioners from Dudley and Walsall.					
How can scrutiny add value?	In order to scrutinise the provision of services for the borough it may be necessary to form a joint scrutiny committee with Dudley Council.					
Timings	<i>Dependent upon work programming of both panels.</i>					
Performance Information	<i>Include any relevant performance information that will inform members of current performance levels and provide baseline for future monitoring.</i>					
Corporate Priority	Improving Health					

Proposed Items for Scrutiny Work Programme

Issue	Lightfoot report and the implementation of its recommendations					
Who from	Previous years panel					
Why is it important?	The Lightfoot review suggested fundamental changes to the way that WMAS operates, these changes have the potential to impact upon residents, and commissioners.					
Who does it affect?	Residents and Health partners.					
Who needs to be involved?	WMAS (NHS Walsall)					
How can scrutiny add value?	By being involved in the development of action plans, and by being consulted on key changes to the service in Walsall.					
Timings	<i>Dependent upon WMAS timescales.</i>					
Performance Information	<i>Include any relevant performance information that will inform members of current performance levels and provide baseline for future monitoring.</i>					
Corporate Priority	Improving Health					

Proposed Items for Scrutiny Work Programme

Issue	Target action plans for National Indicators of relevance to the Health Scrutiny and Performance Panel.					
Who from	Previous years panel					
Why is it important?	NI 008, 56, 112, 120 are all red rated					
Who does it affect?	Residents of Walsall.					
Who needs to be involved?	NHS Walsall, Children's Services, Walsall Council.					
How can scrutiny add value?	By receiving the target action plans for red rated indicators and challenge action planned to improve their performance/recommend alternative action.					
Timings	<i>To be confirmed.</i>					
Performance Information	<i>Include any relevant performance information that will inform members of current performance levels and provide baseline for future monitoring.</i>					
Corporate Priority	Improving Health					

Proposed Items for Scrutiny Work Programme

Issue	Perinatal and Infant Mortality.					
Who from	Previous years panel					
Why is it important?	Concern over the level of infant deaths in Walsall, and evidence that these deaths are increasing.					
Who does it affect?	Perinatal and infant mortality impacts on families within the community.					
Who needs to be involved?	Based on analysis by NHS Walsall this item would need to engage all organisations concerned with providing services to ensure economic and social wellbeing including the PCT, hospital trust, and local authority.					
How can scrutiny add value?	<p>Using the results from the analysis of the review scrutiny can identify gaps in service provision and areas of duplication to make recommendations on improvement. Members are well placed to give advice on community engagement.</p> <p>Monitoring information can be scrutinised to ensure rates of perinatal and infant mortality have been reduced.</p>					
Timings						
Performance Information	<i>Include any relevant performance information that will inform members of current performance levels and provide baseline for future monitoring.</i>					
Corporate Priority	Improving Health					

Proposed Items for Scrutiny Work Programme

Issue	The Foundation Trust application for West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust.					
Who from	Previous years panel	Individual Member	Officer	Public	Other Council Committee	Other
Why is it important?	The change in status of WMAS will transform the way the hospital operates. Managers will have more autonomy: they will not be line managed by the Department of Health (DoH) and they will undergo less inspection and monitoring. It is therefore important for the hospital to be held to account by local councillors.					
Who does it affect?	This affects all residents of Walsall, and service users from outside of the borough.					
Who needs to be involved?	WMAS					
How can scrutiny add value?	Monitoring the performance of WMAS to ensure that services to the residents of Walsall are not adversely affected by the change to the status.					
Timings						
Performance Information	<i>Include any relevant performance information that will inform members of current performance levels and provide baseline for future monitoring.</i>					
Corporate Priority	Improving Health					

Proposed Items for Scrutiny Work Programme

Issue	Foundation Trust Status					
Who from	Previous years panel					
Why is it important?	The change in status of the Manor Hospital will transform the way the hospital operates. Managers will have more autonomy: they will not be line managed by the Department of Health (DoH) and they will undergo less inspection and monitoring. It is therefore important for the hospital to be held to account by local councillors.					
Who does it affect?	This affects all residents of Walsall, and service users from outside of the borough. It also affects staff at the hospital.					
Who needs to be involved?	At this stage it is likely that the only involvement needed will be from the Manor Hospital.					
How can scrutiny add value?	Monitoring the status of the hospital to ensure that services to the residents of Walsall are not adversely affected by the change of the hospitals status.					
Timings	<i>To tie in with Foundation Trust status application</i>					
Performance Information	<i>Include any relevant performance information that will inform members of current performance levels and provide baseline for future monitoring.</i>					
Corporate Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Health • Developing Strong and Dynamic Communities 					

BRIEFING NOTE

TO: HEALTH SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

Appendix 4

DATE: 22 JUNE 2010

RE: 2010/11 WORK PROGRAMME SURVEY FINDINGS

Purpose

To inform the Panel regarding a recent survey which was undertaken to provide guidance regarding the views of local residents on what each of the scrutiny Panels should consider including in their work programmes for 2010/11.

Survey activity

The survey was carried out during May 2010, priority themes were identified based on the work programmes from the previous year and following consultation with officers and Scrutiny and Performance Panel Chairs and Vice-Chairs. Local residents were then invited to select the two most important issues that they would like each of the Panels to consider during the new municipal year.

The survey activity included interviews with local residents undertaken in the First Stop Shop and Central Library. The survey was sent out to members of Local Neighbourhood Partnerships (LNPs), as well as those local residents who were already part of established consultation groups such as the Citizens Panel. The survey was available in paper form in the First Stop Shop and First Stop Express and was also highlighted on the council's website and a link provided to enable residents to respond using an online version. The Express and Star featured a story on the survey on 25 May 2010.

A combined total of 103 responses were received.

Findings

Corporate Scrutiny & Performance Panel

The table below sets out the key issues that local residents feel the Panel should consider during 2010/11. The council budget and ensuring the council provides value for money services were identified as the most important areas for consideration. Residents were also given the opportunity to suggest other themes with performance and value for money emerging as notable areas.

Council Budget	40.0 %
Budgets of other local service providers	7.6%
Monitoring the council's performance in key areas	23.8%
Ensuring compliance with important inspection recommendations	15.2%
Ensuring the council provides value for money services	53.3%
Revenues & Benefits	8.1%
How the council communicates	4.3%
Don't know	4.8%
Other: Getting much better value out of service partners - SERCO, Amey etc;	4.8%

Performance of each & every Councillor; Audit of other groups where Walsall MBC are the accountable body. Customer service at Walsall Council	
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Appendix 4

Children's and Young People Scrutiny & Performance Panel

The table below sets out the key issues that local residents feel the Panel should consider during 2010/11. Improving educational attainment in Walsall schools and safety of vulnerable children were key themes. Building Schools for the Future (BSF) and Looked after Children (LAC) also received significant support. Other themes suggested by local residents including truancy and discipline in schools, children's health and opportunities for activities outside of the classroom.

Improving educational attainment in Walsall schools	67.6%
Safety of vulnerable children, including those in care	44.8%
Looked after Children	17.1%
Building Schools for the Future (BSF)	36.2%
Don't Know	5.7%
Other: Truancy Children's diets Leisure pursuits e.g. sports, drama, extramural facilities for languages, science and technology - especially demonstrations and hands-on learning; Introducing basic skills for youngsters, how to behave, respect, using acceptable language and general good manners; Discipline in schools; Youth activities.	5.7%

Community Services Scrutiny & Performance Panel

The table below sets out the key issues that local residents feel the Panel should consider during 2010/11. Tackling anti-social behaviour and crime and improving local engagement were considered to be the most important issues for local residents, with leisure provision also highlighted. Other issues highlighted include provision of entertainment across different demographic groups and parks and open spaces.

Tackling anti-social behaviour and crime	70.5%
Walsall Partnership	10.5%
Improving community engagement	30.5%
Libraries	9.5%
Leisure provision	26.7%
Bryntysilio outdoor education centre	13.3%
Heritage & culture (museums, collections & archives, History Centre & the New Art Gallery)	16.2%
Don't know	2.9%

Other: Provision of live entertainment within Walsall - tends to cater mostly for older people at the moment; Town hall organ refurbished but no longer used; Replacing Bentley library service; Improving parks & other open spaces.	4.8%
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Regeneration Scrutiny & Performance Panel

The table below sets out the key issues that local residents feel the Panel should consider during 2010/11. Helping people into work and training was identified as the single most important issue, with support for business and enterprise, economic development and physical regeneration projects featuring strongly. Other themes suggested included consideration of grants for low income home owners for property maintenance.

Housing standards	16.2%
Social Housing	12.4%
Homelessness	12.4%
Helping people into work & training	54.3%
Economic development	27.6%
Physical regeneration projects	23.8%
Business and enterprise	30.5%
Don't know	4.8%
Other: Grants for low income home owners to maintain their properties; Helping small businesses; Business support.	3.8%

Environment Scrutiny & Performance Panel

The table below sets out the key issues that local residents feel the Panel should consider during 2010/11. Highways and street cleanliness proved to be the issues of greatest concern to local residents, with public transport and household waste and recycling also highlighted. Other themes suggested related to different types of pollution, as well as road safety.

Household waste and recycling	32.4%
Street cleanliness	49.5%
Public transport	34.3%
Highways	50.5%
Pollution control	14.3%
Don't know	3.8%
Other: Effects of atmospheric discharge from landfill sites; Noise pollution; Road safety - to include measures which make roads less safe e.g. large, distracting advert signs visible to motorways and roundabouts; pinch-points; road humps; strategies which force traffic to the centre of	1.9%

carriageways; Footpaths – disabled access; Street cleanliness in wards outside of the town centre; Recycling of plastics; Tackling pungent drains in the town centre; Fly-tipping on private land; Litter on streets and estates.	
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Health Scrutiny & Performance Panel

The table below sets out the key issues that local residents feel the Panel should consider during 2010/11. The delivery of services and partnership working were identified as the most important areas for consideration, with health inequalities also a significant concern for local residents. Other themes included access to health and fitness provision and assisting children with learning difficulties.

Health inequalities in Walsall (currently on average those in the east of the borough live 8 years longer than those in the west)	37.1%
Dementia	18.1%
Delivery of health care services (e.g. GPs, Dentists, ambulance service, hospital)	50.5%
Treatment of specific conditions (please specify below): Mental health Drugs and alcohol treatment High incidences of types of cancer locally Vitiligo (Chronic condition causing depigmentation of the skin) Cancer Dementia Arthritis care in the home	7.6%
How GPs, hospitals and the council work together to provide joined up care	54.3%
Don't know	4.8%
Other : Helping children with learning difficulties Disastrous multi-agency work Better active leisure to offer more health & fitness opportunities Out of hours service – Waldoc (Walsall on call doctors service) Delivery of advice from GP Manor hospital Pay & conditions of hospital staff Increase in domiciliary care charges	3.8%

Social Care and Inclusion Scrutiny & Performance Panel

The table below sets out the key issues that local residents feel the Panel should consider during 2010/11. The funding of future care for the elderly was the key concern for most local residents, while public involvement in health care services and personalisation also identified as important areas for consideration. Transport to day care was also highlighted as an issue by some respondents.

Personalisation (key changes to the way social care is provided to users)	39.0%
Funding future care for the elderly	83.8%
Public involvement in health care services	47.6%
Don't know	4.8%
Other Transport to day care	1.0%

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FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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7 May 2010

FORWARD PLAN

The forward plan sets out decisions that are termed as “key decisions” which the Executive (Cabinet) intend to take over the following 4 months. 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, Constitutional Services, Walsall MBC, Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall, WS1 1TP, 01922 653500 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 are allowed to make urgent decisions which do not appear in the forward plan.

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.

The Cabinet Members and their responsibilities are as follows: **(to be approved by the Leader of the Council)**

Leader of the Council

Deputy Leader and Regeneration

Business support services

Children’s services

Communities and partnerships

Environment

Finance and personnel

Leisure and culture

Social care, health and housing

Transport

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 on a monthly basis. 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 does not list all decisions which have to be taken by the Council 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 2010/2011 (To be approved at Adjourned Council meeting on 26 May 2010)

2010

16 June
14 July
15 September
13 October
17 November
15 December

2011

12 January
9 February
16 March
13 April

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2010 (7.5.10)**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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
86/09 (9.11.09)	New Horizons Community Enterprise Walsall's New Deal for Communities end 31.3.2011. The Department for Communities and Local Government are encouraging New Deal partnerships to develop succession strategies beyond the end of the programme. As accountable body the Council is required by the DCLG to formally approve the succession strategy.	Cabinet	Paul Rowlands 712858	New Horizons Community Enterprise, Department for Communities and Local Government, Government Office, West Midlands	Regeneration portfolio	16 June 2010
28/09 (8.5.09)	Walsall Gigaport – To consider and agree the principles of the partnership agreement with Advantage West Midlands for the delivery of the Gigaport, to advise on the bid to AWM for project, funding, to endorse, in principle, the use of compulsory purchase powers where necessary, to agree the process for the procurement of a development partner and the identification of a delivery model	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 652489 Richard Chadwick 652576	Walsall Regeneration Company	Regeneration portfolio	16 June 2010
10/10 (8.2.10)	Building Schools for the Future – approve the strategy for change part 2 prior to submission to Partnership for Schools. The document sets out a clear, robust and resourced plan to deliver educational transformation across the secondary school estate in Walsall.	Cabinet	Alison Butcher 655489	Schools, partners, scrutiny members, trade unions, community representatives	Regeneration portfolio Children's services portfolio	16 June 2010

32/10 (7.5.10)	Regional Housing Pot – approve programme of projects to be funded in 2010/11 and delegate the Executive Director in consultation with the portfolio holder authority to approve any amendments to the programme during the year to maximise the Regional Housing Pot	Cabinet	Andrea Potts 652633	Legal services, finance	Regeneration portfolio	16 June 2010
33/10 (7.5.10)	Housing Renewal Assistance – seek tenders to deliver capital grant and other assistance projects in line with the Housing Renewal Assistance policy and delegate to the Executive Director, Regeneration authority to accept tenders	Cabinet	Andrea Potts 652633	Audit, procurement, legal, finance	Regeneration portfolio	16 June 2010
34/10 (7.5.10)	Redevelopment of the Old Square, Walsall – to agree to the disposal of the Council's interests and in principle approval, to use compulsory purchase powers to facilitate the phased redevelopment of the Old Square area.	Cabinet	Richard Chadwick 652576	Walsall Regeneration Company	Regeneration portfolio	16 June 2010
22/10 (31.3.10)	Primary Strategy – transforming learning – to seek approval on the primary strategy which will outline the strategic direction of primary education for 2009-2012	Cabinet	Sue Wedgwood, Walsall Children's Services Serco 686369	Finance, legal, HR and Ward Councillors	Children's services portfolio	16 June 2010
23/10 (31.3.10)	Education capital programme – to seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton, Walsall Children's Services Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Children's services portfolio	16 June 2010
35/10 (7.5.10)	Early Years – Quality access childcare grant – to seek approval of the use of the Early Years Childcare grant	Cabinet	Carol Boughton Walsall Children's Services Serco 686420	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Children's services portfolio	16 June 2010

90/09 (9.11.09)	Project W2R – provision of energy from waste capacity from Staffordshire County Council – To consider the affordability of the W2R contract over the life time of the project	Cabinet	Keith Stone 652100	Legal, procurement, finance, Staffordshire County Council	Children's services portfolio	16 June 2010
30/10 (7.5.10)	Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre – consider progress by schools to buy into proposed additional bed space and whether there is a need to commit significant expenditure to modernise the Top Lodge	Cabinet	Chris Holliday 650339 Ben Percival 605500	Bryntysilio trustees, Primary School Head Teachers Forum, Property Services	Leisure and culture portfolio	16 June 2010
31/10 (7.5.10)	Willenhall Leisure Centre – update on progress to reduce costs and increase income and to make a decision on the future of the centre	Cabinet	Chris Holliday 650339 Ben Percival 605500	Ward Councillors, Project Reference Group, Property Services	Leisure and cultur portfolio	16 June 2010
16/10 (8.2.10)	Walsall Partnership Programmes and Resources – approval of proposed funding allocations recommended by Walsall Partnership thematic groups to deliver the Local Area Agreement and national indicator set	Cabinet	Jo Lowndes	Council and partners	Leader of the Council	14 July 2010
8/10 (8.2.10)	Designation of Jane Lane and Castle Schools – to seek permission for changes in designations of Jane Lane and Castle Schools	Cabinet	Connie Mergen, Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686232	Finance, legal, HR and ward Councillors	Regeneration portfolio	14 July 2010
25/10 (31.3.10)	Education capital programme – to seek permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton, Walsall Children's Services Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors	Children's services portfolio	14 July 2010
36/10 (7.5.10)	Waste Strategy review – to approve the draft waste strategy prior to going out to public consultation	Cabinet1	Keith Stone 653301	Approval required for public consultation	Environment portfolio	14 July 2010

37.10 (7.5.10)	Replacement wheelie bins – implementation of charging policy for replacement bins that have come to end of their natural life	Cabinet	Dave Roberts 653957	Leisure services, finance, procurement	Environment portfolio	14 July 2010
58/09 (7.8.09)	Corporate Asset Management 2009-2014 – approval of plan which sets out the approach to the strategic management of the Council's property portfolio	Cabinet	Steve Law 652075	Executive Directors, Corporate Property Group	Regeneration portfolio	15 September 2010
38/10 (7.5.10)	Integrated Youth capital strategy and youth offer – approval of strategy and related implementation plan	Cabinet	Alan Michell	Young people, stakeholders (including third sector)	Children's services portfolio	15 September 2010
27/10 (8.3.10)	Community equipment service – To approve the transformation of the service from the current equipment store system to a retail model for small items of equipment	Cabinet	Andy Rust	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Social care, health and housing portfolio	15 September 2010
28/10 (31.3.10)	Frail elderly pathway – to approve changes in working practice within in-house home care, to ensure that intermediate care services can be provided to people in their own homes that more effectively prevents avoidable hospital admissions to the Manor	Cabinet	Andy Rust	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Social care, health and housing portfolio	15 September 2010
29/10 (31.3.10)	Tender for Domiciliary care – to change procurement arrangements for independent homecare services from the current block contract to framework agreements so that the Council is better placed to support individuals to choose their own service provider in line with government policy as set out in "Putting People First".	Cabinet	Andy Rust	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Social care, health and housing portfolio	15 September 2010

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FROM OCTOBER 2010**

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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
(7.5.10)	Contracts for treatment, recovery and final disposal of municipal waste – award of contract for waste disposal – medium term arrangements, 5 year contract to various contractors	Cabinet	Dave Roberts 653957	Internal	Environment portfolio	December 2010