



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
- Economy and development
- Care and safeguarding
- Clean and green
- Community, leisure and culture
- Learning skills and apprenticeships
- Personnel and business support
- Public health and wellbeing
- Shared services and procurement

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) 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.

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JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2016 (9.5.16)

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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	Portfolio holder for Economy and Environment	June 2016
2/16 (11.1.16)	Solihull Contract: To review the contract for the provision of reactive building, mechanical and electrical repairs, statutory compliance and planning projects between Walsall MBC and the Metropolitan Borough of Solihull (Private session: Report in private session contains commercially sensitive information.)	Cabinet	Sarah Hart		Portfolio holder for Economy and Environment	June 2016
18/15 (10.8.15)	Street lighting invest to save: To consider the detailed business case for the conversion of street lighting lanterns to LED technology that would be controlled by a central monitoring system	Cabinet	Paul Leighton 654695	Finance, legal, procurement	Portfolio holder for Economy and Environment	June 2016
25/15 (9.11.15)	Walsall Councils CCTV Public Space: To consider the detailed options appraisal for the future delivery of close circuit (CCTV) services.	Cabinet	Kate Bowers 658984	Legal, procurement, finance	Portfolio holder for Economy and Environment	June 2016

8/15 (9.3.15)	Walsall Transport Strategy: To endorse the updated strategy for the period 2015 to 2020	Cabinet	Matt Crowton 654358	Regeneration, neighbourhoods, legal services, finance, HRD	Portfolio holder for Economy and Environment	June 2016
19/15 (10.8.15)	Network management duty plan: To consider and approve the plans for management of the public highway to ensure its operation supports the requirements of the local economy whilst delivering the statutory requirements of the Traffic Management Act 2004 for the period 2016 to 2019	Cabinet	Paul Leighton 654695	Finance, legal	Portfolio holder for Economy and Environment	June 2016
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	Portfolio holder for Economy and Environment	June 2016
7/16 (9.5.16)	Waste 2 Resource Inter Authority agreement and project: Approval to change the definition of the upper treatment threshold from 300,000 to 340,000 tonnes Private session: Report in private session contains commercially sensitive information	Cabinet	Stephen Johnson 654227 Heather Growcott 654209	Legal, finance	Portfolio holder for Clean and green	June 2016

6/16 (9.5.16)	Regional Supported Accommodation Framework: Authority to join framework and authority to award contracts to be delegated to Executive Director, Children's Services	Cabinet	David DeMay 650359	Legal, procurement, finance, HR, property services, Public Health, Looked After Children Service	Portfolio holder for Care and safeguarding	June 2016
4/16 (11.1.16)	0 to 5 Healthy Child programme (Health visiting service): Approval to procure a new service model so that health visitors are enabled to offer a more cohesive and intensive service to expectant and new parents in Walsall and children to age 5 and approval to develop a new healthy pregnancy service and develop a service to support vulnerable parents	Cabinet	Esther Higdon 653724	Residents and key stakeholders including Council officers	Portfolio holder for Public Health and Wellbeing	June 2016
5/16 (11.1.16)	Healthy eating programme in schools: Approval to design and procure a new healthy eating programme in schools	Cabinet	Esther Higdon 653724	Residents and key stakeholders included Council officers	Portfolio holder for Public Health and Wellbeing	June 2016

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07/12/2015	Pensnett Estate Development	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Pensnett Estate Development project – with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.	Papers TBC – Alan Lunt alan.lunt@dudley.gov.uk	Dudley MBC	22/06/2016
07/12/2015	Airfield Drive, Aldridge	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Airfield Drive, Aldridge project – with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.	Papers TBC – Simon Neilson simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk	Walsall MBC	22/06/2016
07/12/2015	Pope's Lane Oldbury - main scheme	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Pope's Lane Oldbury - main scheme – with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.	Papers TBC – nick_bubalo@sandwell.gov.uk	Sandwell MBC	22/06/2016
07/03/2016	Changes to the Local Growth Fund Programme	Approval of the updated project expenditure and outputs for the Growth Deal projects.	Papers TBC – Sarah Middleton sarah_middleton@blackcountryconsortium.co.uk	BCC Walsall MBC	22/06/2016
09/05/2016	Constitution and Timetable of Meetings 2016/17	Re-confirm the Constitution. Approve the timetable of meetings for 2016/17.	Papers TBC – Simon Neilson simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk	Dudley MBC Sandwell MBC Walsall MBC Wolverhampton CC	22/06/2016

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09/05/2016	Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to amend the existing Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills project – with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.	Papers TBC – Tim Johnson tim.johnson@wolverhampton.gov.uk	City of Wolverhampton Council	22/06/2016
09/05/2016	Removal of Metro Improvement Lines	Approval for the removal of the following Metro Improvement Lines from any local development plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A34 Varsity Route • Part of the '5W's' route between Walsall and Wednesbury 	Papers TBC – Stuart Everton Stuart.Everton@wolverhampton.gov.uk	City of Wolverhampton Council	22/06/2016
09/05/2016	Accessing Growth - 'Top Slicing' to support major scheme development	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to amend the existing Grant Agreement with the City of Wolverhampton Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the following development projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolverhampton to I54 (A449 Corridor) • Black Country Route – A454 Walsall to Wolverhampton 	Papers TBC – Stuart Everton Stuart.Everton@wolverhampton.gov.uk	City of Wolverhampton Council	22/06/2016

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09/05/2016	Extension of the Growth Deal Housing Infrastructure Fund	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal Housing Infrastructure Fund (Sandwell Council) to amend the end date of the Fund to 31 st March 2017	Papers TBC – Nick Bubalo Nick_bubalo@sandwell.gov.uk	Sandwell MBC	22/06/2016
7/12/2015	Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro - Tranche 2	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro - Tranche 2 - with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.	Papers TBC – Alan Lunt alan.lunt@dudley.gov.uk Stuart Everton stuart.everton@wolverhampton.gov.uk	Dudley MBC	22/06/2016
07/12/2015	Sandwell College – New Talent Studio	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Sandwell College New Talent Studio project - with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.	Papers TBC – Nick Bubalo Nick_bubalo@sandwell.gov.uk	Sandwell MBC	07/09/2016
07/12/2015	Music Institute and Student Accommodation	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Music Institute and Student Accommodation project - with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.	Papers TBC – Alan Lunt alan.lunt@dudley.gov.uk	Dudley MBC	07/09/2016

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05/01/2016	East Park Gateway	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of East Park Gateway scheme - with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.	Papers TBC – tim.johnson@wolverhampton.gov.uk	City of Wolverhampton Council	07/09/2016
11/05/2015	Dudley Town Centre Gateway	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Dudley Town Centre Gateway project - with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.	Papers TBC – Alan Lunt alan.lunt@dudley.gov.uk	Dudley MBC	07/09/2016
11/05/2015	Relocation of Wolverhampton City College	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Relocation of Wolverhampton City College project - with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.	Papers TBC – Tim Johnson tim.johnson@wolverhampton.gov.uk	City of Wolverhampton Council	07/09/2016
03/06/2015	Cable Street - Wolverhampton	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Cable Street - Wolverhampton project - with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.	Papers TBC – Tim Johnson tim.johnson@wolverhampton.gov.uk	City of Wolverhampton Council	23/11/2016

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12/10/2015	Chances Glassworks Development - main programme	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Chances Glassworks Development project - with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.	Papers TBC – nick_bubalo@sandwell.gov.uk	Sandwell MBC	23/11/2016
30/07/2015	Redevelopment of Former Mckechnie Brass Site	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Redevelopment of Former Mckechnie Brass Site project - with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.	Papers TBC – Simon Neilson simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk	Walsall MBC	23/11/2016
11/05/2015	Black Patch Improvement Project	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Black Patch Improvement project - with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.	Papers TBC – Nick Bubalo Nick_bubalo@sandwell.gov.uk	Sandwell MBC	23/11/2016
7/12/2015	Accessing Growth - Wolverhampton Science Park Access	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the existing Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Accessing Growth - Wolverhampton Science Park Access project – with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.	Papers TBC – Tim Johnson tim.johnson@wolverhampton.gov.uk Stuart Everton Stuart.Everton@wolverhampton.gov.uk	City of Wolverhampton Council	23/11/2016

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7/12/2015	Accessing Growth - Salters Road, Walsall	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to the appropriate form of Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Accessing Growth - Salters Road, Walsall project – with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.	Papers TBC – Simon Neilson simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk Stuart Everton stuart.everton@wolverhampton.gov.uk	Walsall MBC	23/11/2016
7/12/2015	Accessing Growth - Cannock Road Cross Street North	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the existing Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Accessing Growth - Cannock Road Cross Station North project – with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.	Papers TBC – Tim Johnson tim.johnson@wolverhampton.gov.uk Stuart Everton Stuart.Everton@wolverhampton.gov.uk	City of Wolverhampton Council	23/11/2016
7/12/2015	Accessing Growth - Metro Line 1 Turnback	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Accessing Growth - Metro Line 1 Turnback project – with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.	Papers TBC – Nick Bubalo Nick_bubalo@sandwell.gov.uk Stuart Everton stuart.everton@wolverhampton.gov.uk	Sandwell MBC	23/11/2016