



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” 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:

Leader of the Council	Councillor Bird
Deputy Leader and Regeneration	Councillor Andrew
Business support services	Councillor Arif
Children’s services	Councillor Walker
Communities and partnerships	Councillor Perry
Environment	Councillor Flower
Finance and personnel	Councillor Towe
Leisure and culture	Councillor Sanders
Social care, health and housing	Councillor McCracken
Transport	Councillor Ansell

The Cabinet agenda and reports are available for inspection by the public 7 days prior to the meeting of the Cabinet. The papers can be seen at First Stop Shop at the Civic Centre, Walsall. The papers are also available on the Council’s website referred to above shortly before the meeting. Background papers are listed on each report submitted to the Cabinet and members of the public are entitled to see these documents unless they are confidential. The report also contains the name and telephone number of a contact officer. These details can also be found in the forward plan.

Meetings of the Cabinet are open to the public and take place in Conference Room 2 at the Council House, Walsall 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 2009/2010

2009

24 June
15 July
16 September
21 October
18 November
18 December

2010

13 Cabinet
3 February
17 March
14 April

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
OCTOBER 2009 TO JANUARY 2010 (7.9.09)**

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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
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	Councillor Andrew	21 October 2009
56/09 (7.8.09)	Site of 10 and 12 Beddows Road – sale of freehold interest at less than best consideration as part of the wider redevelopment of the site	Cabinet	Steve Pugh 2034	Development team, Strategic housing, legal services	Councillor Andrew	21 October 2009
61/09 (7.8.09)	Sub regional and borough wide lettings scheme and allocation policy Establishment of a borough wide choices and letting scheme which will allow all applicants for social housing in Walsall to use a single system of application. Consideration of the new Council allocation policy.	Cabinet Council	Debbie Parkes	Housing Associations, tenants	Councillor Andrew	21 October 2009 9 November 2009
48/09 (6.7.09)	Education capital programme – further schemes – To seek the permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686231	Ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	21 October 2009

45/09 (6.7.09)	Ethic Minority Achievement (EMA) – To approve recommendations for further activity needed to take place to secure further improvements, but essentially asking for additional investment into EMA	Cabinet	Sue Wedgwood Walsall Children's Services, Serco 656239	Ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	21 October 2009
52/09 (7.8.09)	Sneyd Community – A Specialist Maths and Computing College: outcome of consultation – Outcome of consultation on option A and decide whether to proceed with the closure proposal	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR and ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	21 October 2009
53/09 (7.8.09)	Early Years – children care, quality and access to capital funding – Consider capital proposal for expenditure to improve early years environments in Walsall	Cabinet	Carl Brittain, Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686282	Finance, legal, HR and ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	21 October 2009
69/09 (7.9.09)	Youth provision – To approve how the allocation of Youth Capital Fund Plus resources will be used	Cabinet	Louise Hughes 652895	Young, people, officers and members	Councillor Walker	21 October 2009
70/09 (7.9.09)	Secondary strategy – To approve the secondary strategy which outlines the strategic direction for secondary education for 2009-2012	Cabinet	Sue Wedgwood, Walsall Children's Services Serco 686239	Finance, Legal; HR and ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	21 October 2009
64/09 (7.8.09)	Local Neighbourhood Partnerships - developing a model for neighbourhood management in Walsall	Cabinet	Clive Wright 654723	Elected members, Neighbourhood Partnerships, Partners on the LSP	Councillor Perry	21 October 2009
67/09 (7.8.09)	Placarding for community events – Proposals for addressing advertising of certain community events within the context of the current no-tolerance policy on fly posting	Cabinet	Judith Sunley 652213 Chris Holliday	Legal, events team, street pride	Councillor Flower Councillor Sanders	21 October 2009

68/09 (7.8.09)	Managing memorials on the highway Proposals for dealing with floral tributes left on the highway	Cabinet	Keith Stone 652100	Police, road safety team, contractors, street pride, bereavement services, highways	Councillor Flower Councillor Sanders	21 October 2009
72/09 (7.9.09)	Heritage centre for Walsall – In principle approval to combine Walsall Museum and Walsall Local History Centre to form new Community Heritage Centre for Walsall and to approve the preparation of a business plan to develop the project	Cabinet	Sue Grainger 650338	Service users, local and community group	Councillor Sanders	21 October 2009
65/09 (7.8.09)	Extra care housing – Outcome of consultation on charging new users in receipt of extra care housing services and ratification of policy	Cabinet	Gary Mack 658495	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	21 October 2009
75/09 (7.9.09)	Winter Service Operational Plan – to approve the operational plan for 2009/10	Cabinet	Marion Parry 653781	Risk and insurance, Tarmac	Councillor Ansell	21 October 2009
74/09 (7.9.09)	Local Government and Involvement in Health Act 2007 – new executive arrangements – report on public consultation and recommendation to Council	Cabinet Council	Tony Cox 654822		Councillor Bird	18 November 2009
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	Councillor Andrew	18 November 2009
49/09 (6.7.09)	Education capital programme – further schemes – To seek the permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services, Serco 686231	Ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	18 November 2009

62/09 (7.8.09)	Bereavement and Registration Services – fees and charges – Consider the level of increase in fees associated with burials, cremations and registration activities.	Cabinet	Judith Sunley 652213 Steve Billings 655588	N/A	Councillor Flower	18 November 2009
73/09 (7.9.09)	Leisure centres – to agree a strategic approach to the borough-wide replacement, modernisation and upgrading of leisure centres	Cabinet	Chris Holliday 650339	Education, Walsall, Walsall Regeneration Company, the training Primary Care Trust	Councillor Sanders Councillor Andrew	18 November 2009
50/09 (8.5.09)	Gating Orders Policy – consideration of final gating orders policy and two proposed trial gating orders in Definitive Footpath 38 Willenhall (part) between Stroud Avenue and Redpine Crest and adopted public footpath between Chester Road (adjacent to no. 167) and Thorney Road	Cabinet	Joanne Sheeran 652445	Safer Walsall Partnership, LNPs, Police Neighbourhood Watch, Local Access Forum, local residents and statutory organisations under the Highways Act 1980	Councillor Ansell	18 November 2009
51/09 (6.7.09)	Education capital programme – further schemes – To seek the permission to progress further projects	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children’s Services, Serco 686231	Ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	16 December 2009
54/09 (7.8.09)	Co-ordinated mid-year admissions scheme – Agree co-ordinated scheme for mid-year admission to Walsall schools (This scheme is a requirement of the Schools Admissions Code, February 2009)	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children’s Services, Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors, admission authorities, diocesan bodies and neighbouring local authorities	Councillor Walker	16 December 2009

38/08 (9.5.08)	<p>Police station – The West Midlands Police Authority has identified a preferred location for its new Walsall Police HQ. The Council is a considerable landowner in the preferred location and the Police Authority has approached the Council with a view to purchasing its interest and securing its support to assemble the remainder of the site. Approval is sought “in principle” to pursue a compulsory purchase order to help deliver the police station relocation and for the sale of land to the Police Authority.</p>	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 652489 Richard Chadwick 652576	Walsall Regeneration Company	Councillor Andrew	16 December 2009
71/09 (7.9.09)	<p>Sneyd Community – A specialist maths and computing college Determination of statutory proposal to close the school. (Subject to Cabinet deciding to proceed with closure when outcome of consultation is considered on 21 October 2009)</p>	Cabinet	Susan Lupton Walsall Children’s Services, Serco 686231	Finance, legal, HR and ward Councillors	Councillor Walker	13 January 2010

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63/08 (7.7.08) (Replaces items 41/07, 41/08 & 42/08)	Implementation of charging policies within Social Care and Inclusion. The fairer charging policy in place within social care & inclusion needs to be updated and amended. Officers will be required to undertake a formal 12 week consultation. Also there are no policies currently in place for transport, neighbourhood care officers or extra care charging. Cabinet to authorise officers to consult on the charging proposals and report back to Cabinet at the end of the consultation period.	Cabinet	Steph Simcox 652703	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	3 February 2010