



FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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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 Democratic Services, Walsall MBC, Council House, Walsall, WS1 1TW, 01922 654522. The forward plan can also be accessed from the Council’s website at www.walsall.gov.uk. The Cabinet is allowed to make urgent decisions which do not appear in the forward plan, however, a notice will be included on the agenda for the relevant Cabinet meeting which explains the reasons why.

Please note that the decision dates are indicative and are subject to change. Please contact the above addressee if you wish to check the date for a particular item.

Cabinet responsibilities are as follows

- Leader of the Council – Councillor S. Coughlan
- Deputy Leader and Regeneration - Councillor Jeavons
- Children’s Services and Education - Councillor Nawaz
- Community Leisure and Culture - Councillor Shires
- Clean and Green - Councillor Jones
- Health - Councillor Robertson
- Social Care - Councillor D. Coughlan
- Agenda for Change/Personnel and Business Support - Councillor Chambers

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 Democratic Services on 01922 654522.

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.

Dates of Cabinet meetings 2017/18

2017	21 June 26 July 6 September 25 October 13 December
2018	7 February 14 February 21 March 25 April

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APRIL TO JULY 2018 (5.3.18)

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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
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	Paul Leighton 654695	Risk and insurance, legal services, public health, finance	Councillor Jeavons	25 April 2018
3/16 (11.1.16)	M6 Junction 10: Approval of the development agreement with Highways England and publication of statutory orders Private session: Report contains commercially sensitive information	Cabinet	Matt Crowton 654358	Legal, procurement, finance, economy and environment	Councillor Jeavons	25 April 2018
7/18 (5.2.18)	Revised Walsall Statement of Community Involvement (SCI): To adopt the revised SCI after public consultation. The revised SCI will provide up-to-date and clear guidance on how the Council consult local communities, businesses and key partners on the production of local plans and the planning application process	Cabinet	Mike Smith 658024 Charis Blythe 658023	Development management, legal services, finance, consultation and equalities	Councillor Jeavons	25 April 2018

43/17 (9.10.17)	Green Space Strategy: To consider a review of the Green Space Strategy 2012-17 and a new 5 year plan for the future management, maintenance and development of green spaces across the borough	Cabinet	Kevin Clements 654267	Residents and stakeholders	Councillor Jones	25 April 2018
52/17 (6.11.17)	Regional Family Drug and Alcohol Court: To approve Walsall's engagement in the Regional Family Drug and Alcohol Court and social impact bond funding	Cabinet	Debbie Carter 652756	Legal, finance, HR, procurement	Councillor Nawaz	25 April 2018
10/18 (5.3.18)	Primary and special schools expansion programme: To note the progress of the expansion schemes through the RIBA project development stages and approve the revised budget estimates.	Cabinet	Phillip Wells 655897	Elected members	Councillor Nawaz	25 April 2018
9/18 (5.2.18)	Information Governance policy framework: To approve updates to the policy framework. As a result of the recent Information Commissioner Office audit the policy framework required updating to ensure compliance going forward	Cabinet	Paul Withers 650970	Internal	Councillor Chambers	25 April 2018