

29 June 2017

Areas of focus for 2017/18

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: Councillor Robertson – Health
Councillor Diane Coughlan - Social Care

Report:

The purpose of this item is to provide relevant background information for Members so that the Committees work programme can be agreed for 2017/18.

It is important for Members to consider the wide range of potential issues within their remit which they could consider during the year.

When agreeing items, it is important that consideration is given to the level of value the Committee could add taking into account the tools and performance measures available to support them in their work. The report includes the Forward Plan of Walsall Council at appendix 1.

Items recommended from previous year

The following items were recommended for consideration by the committee in the last municipal year:

- Mortality rates at Walsall Healthcare Trust,
- Walsall Healthcare Trust recovery plan,
- Outpatient appointments at Walsall Healthcare Trust,
- CCG recovery plan,
- Primary Care Services in Walsall
- Mental Health Services in Walsall.

Recommendations:

That Member's consider the range of issues within the remit of the Committee and agree a work programme for the year.

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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 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

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

AUGUST TO NOVEMBER 2017 (10.7.17)

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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	Councillor Jeavons	6 September 2017
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	Councillor Jeavons	6 September 2017
26/16 (5.12.16)	Local Planning Enforcement Plan: To approve the updated local enforcement plan for managing the processing of planning enforcement cases including the prioritisation of cases, time scales for investigation and responding to informants	Cabinet	Shawn Fleet 650453	Legal, communities and public protection, regulatory services	Councillor Jeavons	6 September 2017

25/17 (10.7.17)	Walsall 0-19 Early Help Locality Model: To approve and award the contract including Children's Centre South and Central in September 2017	Cabinet	Isabel Vanderheeren 650432 Andrea Cooke 655871	Commissioning, legal, procurement, finance, stakeholders	Councillor Nawaz	6 September 2017
23/17 (5.6.17)	Black Country Wyrley and Essington Local Nature Reserve: To declare a Local Nature Reserve in Walsall covering the Wyrley & Essington Canal and to enter into a collaboration agreement with the Canal and River Trust and City of Wolverhampton Council	Cabinet	Kevin Clements 654267	Residents and stakeholders	Councillor Jones	6 September 2017
22/17 (8.5.17)	Darlaston Town Hall: To approve the lease and memorandum of understanding	Cabinet	Nick Ford 652659		Councillor Jeavons	6 September 2017