



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 John O’Hare
Deputy Leader and Regeneration	Councillor Adrian Andrew
Children’s services	Councillor Zahid Ali
Communities and partnerships	Councillor Garry Perry
Environment	Councillor Rachel Walker
Finance and personnel	Councillor Al Griffiths
Leisure and culture	Councillor Louise Harrison
Procurement, transformation and performance management	Councillor Mohammed Arif
Social care, health and housing	Councillor Barbara McCracken
Transport	Councillor Anthony Harris

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.

Dates of Cabinet meetings for 2008/2009

2008

18 June
16 July
17 September
22 October
19 November
17 December

2009

14 January
4 February
18 March
22 April

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
APRIL TO JULY 2009 (9.3.09)**

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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
5/09 (6.1.09)	Education capital programme: approval of further schemes	Cabinet	Susan Lupton 686231, Walsall Children's Services, Serco	Stakeholders, incl. schools, diocesan authorities and foundation representatives, Walsall Council – property services and finance	Councillor Zahid Ali	22 April 2009
20/09 (9.2.09)	Darlaston School – Determination of statutory proposal to close the school to enable an academy to be opened	Cabinet	Susan Lupton 686231, Walsall Children's Services, Serco	Stakeholders	Councillor Zahid Ali	22 April 2009
24/09 (9.3.09)	Local Neighbourhood Partnership consultation – Summary of findings of LNP consultation and approval of continued funding to support the LNP Team	Cabinet	Jo Lowndes 654714	Group Leaders, Walsall Partnership Board	Councillor Perry	22 April 2009
105/08 (8.12.08)	Contract for treatment, recovery and final disposal of municipal waste – Approval to re-tender for the following three contracts which expire in 2011: Reprocessing of recyclable materials, management of household waste recycling centres and transfer station and final disposal of municipal waste	Cabinet	Dave Roberts 653957	Internal	Councillor Walker	22 April 2009

21/09 (9.3.09)	Strategic Partnering Agreement in conjunction with Walsall Housing Group and Homes and Communities Agency – approval of preferred delivery model to deliver the Strategic Regeneration Framework programme in Brownhills, Moxley and Goscote Lane corridor	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 652489 Caroline Glover 653692	Walsall Housing Group, Homes and Communities Agency, Estates, Housing, Finance	Councillor Andrew	22 April 2009
22/09 (9.3.09)	Willenhall Statutory Area Action Plan Stage 2 – following consideration by Willenhall Project Reference Group approval of a new draft land use options plan and related delivery mechanisms	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 652489 Hannah Thompson 652494	Strategic planning, legal services, finance	Councillor Andrew	22 April 2009
23/09 (9.3.09)	Shelfield Academy: Delegation request for Executive Director, Children’s Services to approve the outline business case for the new academy before submission to partnerships for schools	Cabinet	Kevin Kendall 471259	Finance, legal services, procurement	Councillor Andrew	22 April 2009
106/08 (8.12.08)	Joint commissioning of residential and nursery care services – Outcome of tenders and decision in relation to contract, policies, procedures and approach	Cabinet	Margaret Willcox	Service users, providers, commissioners and practitioners	Councillor McCracken	22 April 2009
72/08 (8.8.08)	Links to Work – Links to Work assumed responsibility for the transfer of the former Walsall Windows 3 years ago inc. time limited transitional funding. To consider a range of options to address budget issues prior to the service being externalised as a social enterprise	Cabinet	John Greensill		Councillor McCracken	22 April 2009 and June 2009

25/09 (9.3.09)	Major adaptations eligibility criteria and provision: The existing system for the provision of major adaptations is inadequate to meet the level of demand for these services . Approval of proposals with particular reference to changing the eligibility, priority and service provision criteria.	Cabinet	Julie Metcalf 658387	Staff, service users	Councillor McCracken	22 April 2009
15/09 (a) (9.2.09)	Streetly Crematorium – Seek approval to the proposed timetable for the procurement of refurbishment work to be carried out in relation to mercury abatement and replacement cremators	Cabinet	Judith Sunley 652213/ Steve Billings 655588	N/A	Councillor Walker	June 2009
38/08 (9.5.08)	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.	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 652489 Richard Chadwick 652576	Walsall Regeneration Company	Councillor Andrew	June 2009

63/08 (7.7.08) (Replace s 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 and 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 be requested 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	June 2009
12/09 (9.2.09)	Extra care housing services – Outcome of consultation on charging new users in receipt of extra care housing and ratification of the policy	Cabinet	Margaret Willcox	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	June 2009
15/09 (b) (9.2.09)	Highways maintenance strategy – The “Well-maintained Highways” code of practice for highway maintenance management recommends how highway authorities should properly maintain their networks. Cabinet to approve publication of the Draft Highways Maintenance Strategy 2009-11 which sets out how policies, procedures and standards adopted locally may differ from the code.	Cabinet	Clive Betts 652536		Councillor Harris	June 2009