



WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH 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 in the middle of 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, Cabinet Office, 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
Deputy Leader and Resources
Children’s Services
Environment and Transport
Housing and Community Safety
Local Partnerships
Leisure and Culture
Regeneration
Social Care and Health

Councillor Tom Ansell
Councillor John O’Hare
Councillor Eddie Hughes
Councillor Marco Longhi
Councillor Melvin Pitt
Councillor Zahid Ali
Councillor Garry Perry
Councillor Adrian Andrew
Councillor Alan Paul

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 three weekly 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.

Cabinet meetings for 2005/2006 at 6.00 p.m.

2005

13 July
7 September
28 September
19 October
9 November
30 November
21 December

2006

18 January
8 February
1 March
22 March
12 April

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SEPTEMBER 2005 TO JANUARY 2006 (19.9.05)**

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102/05 (19.9.05)	Capital bid for the refurbishment of Essington Lodge	Cabinet	Pauline Pilkington 652756	CSCI, staff groups, internal	Cllr. O'Hare	28 Sept. 2005
87/05 (19.7.05)	Charging policy for provision of information – approval for a charging policy for information under key regulatory regimes (freedom of info. data protection, environment info. regulations)	Cabinet	John Pryce-Jones 652077	Internal and other local authorities	Cllr. Zahid	28 Sept. 2005
120/04 (9.10.03)	Putting the Citizen First Project. The project seeks to transform service delivery in a wide range of services/functions through a strategic partnership with the private sector. This will see a huge investment in services and modernise working practices and procedures leading to a step-change in service delivery and a more customer focused service.	Cabinet Council	Jamie Morris 653203 David Johnson 653623		Cllr. Ansell	19 October 2005
105/05 (19.9.05)	Corporate Asset Management Plan	Cabinet	Steve Law		Cllr. O'Hare	19 October 2005

90/05 (19.8.05)	Land disposal for Tesco development on land south of Littleton Street – to agree in principle land exchange with WALCAT to help facilitate the Tesco element of the Business Learning Campus project	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 652489	Walsall Regeneration Company, property advisers to Council, WALCAT	Cllr. O'Hare Cllr. Andrew	19 October 2005
81/05 (19.7.05)	Youth offending service action plan – the plan emanates from the youth justice inspection which took place earlier in the year	Cabinet	Kathy McAteer 658218	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Cllr. Hughes	19 October 2005
79/05 (19.7.05)	Procuring independent children's placements – tender submission and submissions process – authority to accept tenders for residential care of children	Cabinet	Pauline Pilkington 652756	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Cllr. Hughes	19 October. 2005
103/05 (19.9.05)	School balances – annual report on schools balances across the borough	Cabinet	Helen Denton 686213		Cllr. Hughes	19 October 2005
104/05 (19.9.05)	Disability Discrimination Act – schools	Cabinet	Helen Denton 686213		Cllr. Hughes	19 October 2005
45/05 (19.4.05)	Traffic Management Act 2004 – to advise of the implications of the new income programme	Cabinet	Fiona Taylor 652565	Adjoining local authorities, Department of Transport	Cllr. Longhi	19 October 2005
88/05 (19.7.05)	Appointment of schedule of rates contractor and approval of situational measures policy – to appoint six contractors to carry out situational measures across the borough and approve a policy including the criteria for prioritisation	Cabinet	Steve Gittins 611400	Environmental regeneration, contracts development, procurement	Cllr. M. Pitt	19 October 2005

108/05 (19.9.05)	Development clawback – to review clawback referred to in Section 16 of LSVT transfer document relating to the Council's entitlement from that agreement	Cabinet	Sue Byard		Cllr. M. Pitt	19 October 2005
72/05 (20.6.05)	Human Resources strategy	Cabinet	Carol Brown 652863		Cllr. Zahid	19 October 2005
92/05 (19.8.05)	Funding to community and voluntary organisations – half-yearly monitoring report 2005/6 and proposals for 2006/7	Cabinet	John Pryce-Jones 652077	Walsall Voluntary Action, Community Empowerment Network	Cllr. Zahid	19 October 2005
93/05 (19.8.05)	Shopmobility – progress report towards delivery of pledge to establish a scheme for Walsall town centre	Cabinet	John Pryce-Jones 652077	Disability Forum, disability organisations, other community and voluntary groups	Cllr. Zahid Cllr. Andrew Cllr. Longhi	19 October 2005
34/05 (18.3.05)	Black Country study – to consider issues in relation to emerging regeneration proposals	Cabinet	Mike Smith 652435	Legal and financial services	Cllr. Andrew	19 October 2005
76/05 (20.6.05)	Darlaston Strategic Development Area – progress	Cabinet	Ian Hunt 652514	Advantage West Midlands, Urban Regeneration Company	Cllr. Andrew	19 October 2005
94/05 (19.8.05)	Local authority business growth initiative – to agree key priorities and delegated powers to the Executive Director for Regeneration	Cabinet	Jane Kaur-Gill 652573	Internal	Cllr. Andrew	19 October 2005

91/05 (19.8.05)	Walsall Statement of Community Involvement – the statement of involvement sets out how and when communities within Walsall will be involved in the plan and policy making and planning application decisions. Approval is sought for revisions to the statement, prior to it being sent to the Secretary of State for examination.	Cabinet Council	Jon Lord 652478	Local communities, Council members, internal	Cllr. Andrew	19 October 2005 7 November 2005
85/05 (19.7.05)	Buildings of local architectural and historic interest – to recommend additions to the current list	Cabinet	Claire Hines 652449		Cllr. Andrew	19 October 2005
86/05 (19.7.05)	Local Area Agreements	Cabinet	Tim Johnson 652431		Cllr. Andrew	19 October 2005
49/05 (19.4.05)	Reprovision of community meals service – approval of service specification and tendering process	Cabinet	Kathy McAteer 658218	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Cllr. Paul	19 October 2005
50/05 (19.4.05)	Redesign and reprovision of older peoples services – approval of tendering and selection process	Cabinet	Kathy McAteer 658218	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Cllr. Paul	19 October 2005
80/05 (19.7.05)	Delivery improvement statement and annual performance assessment outcomes – key headlines from outcome of these statutory reviews	Cabinet	David Martin 652700	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Cllr. Paul	19 October 2005
29/05 (18.3.05)	Amendments to Constitution of Walsall MBC	Council	Bhupinder Gill 654820	Internal	Cllr. Ansell	7 November 2005

70/05 (20.6.05)	School Organisation Committee membership – to review the membership of the schools group and ask Council to appoint members to the schools group	Council	Susan Lupton 666231		Cllr. Hughes	7 November 2005
71/05 (20.6.05)	Race Equality Plan	Cabinet Council	Karen Adderley 652058		Cllr. Zahid	9 November. 2005
96/05 (19.8.05)	Inspection report and action plan following an inspection of Walsall Youth Offending Service (YOS) – action plan from YOS joint inspection service	Cabinet	Pauline Pilkington 652756	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Cllr. Hughes	9 November 2005
100/05 (19.8.05)	Fire sprinkler policy in schools and residential establishments	Cabinet	Lorenzo Vinsentin 652057	West Midlands Fire, Zurich Municipal, Internal	Cllr. Hughes Cllr. Paul	9 November 2005
99/05 (19.8.05)	Library Service review	Cabinet	Tim Challans 650336		Cllr. Perry	9 November 2005
101/05 (19.8.05)	Proposed Leather Heritage Conservation Area – new conservation area in the town centre directly to the north of the railway station	Cabinet	Claire Hines 652449/ Steve Lewis	National and local heritage organisations, Walsall Leather Museum, Walsall Regeneration Co.	Cllr. Andrew	9 November 2005
106/05 (19.9.05)	Draft revenue support grant settlement 2006/7	Cabinet	Vicky Crowshaw 652349		Cllr. O'Hare	30 November 2005
107/05 (19.9.05)	Annual review of treasury management policy statement and annual on report on treasury management activity for 2004/5	Cabinet	Vicky Crowshaw 652349		Cllr. O'Hare	30 November 2005

109/05 (19.9.05)	Control of mercury emissions from Streetly Crematorium – statutory guidance re: proposed reductions to mercury emissions from crematoria and options available to the Council	Cabinet	Judith Sunley 652213	Adjacent local authorities	Cllr. Longhi	30 November 2005
110/05 (19.9.05)	Bereavement service fees and charges – interim report on outcome of bereavement service review and proposals for fees and charges from 1 Jan 2006	Cabinet	Judith Sunley	Stakeholders, contractors, adjacent authorities	Cllr. Longhi	30 November 2005
77/05 (20.6.05)	Waterfront development supplementary planning document - the planning policy document that supplements the Unitary Development Plan	Cabinet Council	Richard Chadwick 652576	WRC, Advantage West Midlands, Urban Splash, Chamber of Commerce, public consultation	Cllr. Andrew	30 November 2005 16 January 2006
38/05 (18.3.05)	Continued financial support for Forest of Mercia	Cabinet	Simon Phipps 652469		Cllr. Longhi	21 December 2005
111/05 19.9.05)	Environmental enforcement fees and charges – overview of new duties and responsibilities under the Clean Neighbourhood Act and proposals for fixed penalty fees and charges to take effect 1 April 2006	Cabinet	Judith Sunley 652213	Adjacent local authorities, partner enforcement service agencies, SWBP	Cllr. Longhi	18 January 2006
172/03 (4.12.03)	Procurement of Leisure Management Operations	Cabinet	Ishbel Murray 653190		Cllr. Perry	18 January 2006

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(19.9.05)	Corporate draft revenue budget 2006/7 to 2010/11	Cabinet Council	Vicky Crowshaw 652349		Cllr. O'Hare	8 February 2006 6 March 2006
(19.9.05)	Draft capital programme 2006/7 to 2010/11	Cabinet Council	Vicky Crowshaw 652349		Cllr. O'Hare	8 February 2006 6 March 2006
84/04 (28.5.04)	Gipsy and travellers strategy – future plans. Meeting the heads of gipsies and travellers	Cabinet	Andrea Little 653460	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Cllr. Paul	8 February 2006
(19.8.05)	Health care supplementary planning document – the planning policy document that supplements the Unitary Development Plan	Cabinet Council	David Elsworthy 652409	Public consultation	Cllr. Longhi	8 February 2006 6 March 2006
(19.8.05)	Education provision supplementary planning Document – the planning policy document that supplements the Unitary Development Plan	Cabinet Council	David Elsworthy 652409	Public consultation	Cllr. Longhi	8 February 2006 6 March 2006

(19.8.05)	Design guide supplementary planning document – the planning policy document that supplements the Unitary Development Plan	Cabinet Council	Jeremy Monk-Hawsworth 652594	Public consultation	Cllr. Longhi	8 February 2006 6 March 2006
(19.9.05)	Annual review of car parking charges	Cabinet Council	Paul Leighton 652500		Cllr. Longhi	8 February 2006 6 March 2006
(19.9.05)	The final West Midlands Local Transport Plan for 2006/07 to 2010/11	Cabinet Council	Mark Clough 653266	Public consultation, stakeholder events, partnership working across the West Midlands region	Cllr. Longhi	1 March 2006 24 April 2006
(19.8.05)	Open space and recreation supplementary planning document – the planning policy document that supplements the Unitary Development Plan	Cabinet Council	Andy Dennis 652450	Sport England, New Deal, public consultation	Cllr. Longhi	22 March 2006 24 April 2006