



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

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FEBRUARY TO MAY 2009 (6.1.09)**

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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
73/08 (8.8.08)	Building schools for the future (BSF) BSF is a long-term programme of investment and change in England that will help transform education for secondary age students by providing 21 st century learning environments that engage and inspire young people, their teachers and the wider community. BSF was launched by the Department for Children Schools & Families (DCSF) in February 2003. The Council has been selected for an accelerated start to BSF as part of 7 other local authorities joining the programme in Interim Wave 6a and together will share funding of £625m. Approval is requested to proceed with the BSF for the Future project.	Cabinet	Karen Adderley 653303	Head teachers, LNPs, Children's services, regeneration officers	Councillor Zahid Ali	4 February 2009
111/09 (8.12.09)	Academy programme: Shelfield and Darlaston are potential academies and if they become academies the Department of Children Schools & Families will make available to the Council capital allocation to carry out major capital work. Partnership for Schools are working with the Council to identify the scheme that should be carried out first, the sample scheme. Cabinet to make a decision on the sample scheme	Cabinet	Susan Lupton 686231, Walsall Children's Services, Serco	Sponsors for proposed academies, Walsall Council children's services and property services	Councillor Zahid Ali	4 February 2009

3/09 (6.1.09)	Education capital programme: approval of further schemes:	Cabinet	Susan Lupton 686231, Walsall Children's Services, Serco	Stakeholders, including schools, diocesan authorities and foundation representatives, Walsall Council – property services and finance	Councillor Zahid Ali	4 February 2009
2/09 (6.1.09)	Equalities and diversity policies: The report will set out all the equality and diversity policies which are being used by the Council and recommend Council to adopt these policies for listing in the Council's Constitution	Cabinet Council	Julie Gethin 654706	Corporate Equality Group	Councillor Perry	4 February 2009 23 February 2009
1/09 (6.1.09)	Strategic regeneration programme in Brownhills, Moxley and Goscote Lane corridor: Approval of collaboration agreement between the Council and WHG governing the procedural basis for joint working and delivery principles of the strategic partnering arrangement to deliver the strategic regeneration framework programme in Brownhills, Moxley and Goscote Lane corridor	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 2489	Estates, housing strategy, legal services, finance, WHG	Councillor Andrew	4 February 2009
102/08 (8.12.08)	Corporate revenue and capital budget plan 2009/10 to 2012 – To approve the budget plan and make appropriate recommendations to Council	Cabinet Council	Vicky Buckley 652349	Public consultation, scrutiny panels	Councillor Griffiths	4 February 2009 23 February 2009
103/08 (8.12.08)	Annual review of treasury management and investment strategy 2009/10 onwards – to approve the Council's investment and treasury management policy statement as required by the CIPFA Code of Practice	Cabinet Council	Vicky Buckley 652349	Internal	Councillor Griffiths	4 February 2009 23 February 2009

113/08 (8.12.08)	Walsall Arboretum – To submit stage 2 of the lottery application, approve the intended procurement process for the Arboretum Restoration Programme and approve the Council's finance commitment to the restoration programme	Cabinet	Chris Holliday/Louise Harris	Ward Councillors, internal	Councillor Harrison	4 February 2009
98/08 (7.11.08)	St. Matthews Quarter redevelopment: market management – Options for the future management of the new permanent Walsall market and agree the preferred approach to this management as an integral element of the redevelopment	Cabinet	Paul Nicholson 652489 Richard Chadwick 652576	Scrutiny panel, Market traders association, Town Centre Management Partnership	Councillor Andrew	4 February 2009
94/08 (9.10.08)	A4148 Broadway Red Route – Approval of proposals for the A4148 Broadway Red Route scheme Phase 1 – Arboretum to A34	Cabinet	Stuart Everton 652560	Legal, procurement, finance, neighbourhoods, regeneration	Councillors Andrew/Harris	4 February 2009
95/08 (9.10.08)	A34 South Park and Ride – Approval of outline proposals and to submit a planning application for the A34 South Par and Ride site at Aston University	Cabinet	Stuart Everton 652560	Legal. Procurement, finance, neighbourhoods, regeneration	Councillors Andrew/Harris	4 February 2009
100/08 (7.11.08)	Children's Trust arrangements for commissioning services to reduce child poverty – The report will describe how the Council and Walsall Partnership will commission services to reduce child poverty	Cabinet	Darrell Harman	Children's Trust, Walsall Partnership, Regeneration, Head Teachers in pilot areas	Councillor Zahid Ali	18 March 2009

4/09 (6.1.09)	Education capital programme: approval of further schemes:	Cabinet	Susan Lupton 686231, Walsall Children's Services, Serco	Stakeholders, including schools, diocesan authorities and foundation representatives, Walsall Council – property services and finance	Councillor Zahid Ali	18 March 2009
92/08 (9.10.08)	Options appraisal for delivery of connexions within Young People's Integrated Services – approval of delegated authority to accept tenders for delivery of connexions service to ensure that service commence as soon as possible in 2009. This process will be tied into the partnerships target action planning process to ensure these services fit into delivering Local Area Agreement and joined up partnership working.	Cabinet	Louise Hughes 652895		Councillor Zahid Ali	18 March 2009
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 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	18 March 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	18 March 2009
5/09 (6.1.09)	Education capital programme: approval of further schemes	Cabinet	Susan Lupton 686231, Walsall Children's Services, Serco	Stakeholders, including schools, diocesan authorities and foundation representatives, Walsall Council – property services and finance	Councillor Zahid Ali	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
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

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FROM JUNE 2009**

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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