



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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FEBRUARY TO MAY 2018 (8.1.18)

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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
44/17 (6.11.17)	Corporate budget plan and treasury management and investment strategy 2018/19: To approve the final budget and Council tax for approval by Council	Cabinet	Vicky Buckley 652326	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations	Councillor S. Coughlan	Cabinet – 14 February 2018 Council – 28 February 2018
1/18 (8.1.18)	West Midlands Combined Authority – borrowing powers: To approve borrowing powers to the WMCA and amendments to the key route network	Cabinet	Stuart Portman 654821	Finance	Councillor S. Coughlan	14 February 2018
2/18 (8.1.18)	Insurance contracts: To award insurance contracts following a procurement exercise using the Crown Commissioning Service framework for 3 years from 1 April 2018	Cabinet	Vicky Buckley 652326 Neil Pearson 650543	Finance, procurement	Councillor S. Coughlan	14 February 2018
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 Private session: Report contains commercially sensitive information	Cabinet	Steven Edwards 654771	Legal, procurement, finance, Highways England	Councillor Jeavons	14 February 2018
46/17 (7.11.17)	Black Country Enterprise Zone – land acquisition: To amend terms for the acquisition of land within the Darlaston locality of the Black Country Enterprise Zone. Private session: Report contains commercially sensitive information	Cabinet	Caroline Harper 654754	Asset management, finance, legal, pollution control	Councillor Jeavons	14 February 2018

47/17 (6.11.17)	Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership – appointment of advisors: Approval for the Council acting in its role as accountable body for the BCLEP to enter into appropriate contracts to appoint technical and legal advisors to support the delivery of the Black Country Local Growth Fund programme.	Cabinet	Mark Lavender 654772	Legal, finance, procurement	Councillor Jeavons	14 February 2018
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	14 February 2018
58/17 (4.12.17)	Black Country Major Transport scheme: To approve the Black Country Major Transport Scheme priorities	Cabinet	Matt Crowton 654358	Legal, procurement, finance, economy and environment	Councillor Jeavons	14 February 2018
51/17 (6.11.17)	Regional Adoption Agency: To approve Walsall’s full engagement in Regional Adoption Agency and approve the implementation plan	Cabinet	Debbie Carter 652756	Legal, finance, HR, procurement	Councillor Nawaz	14 February 2018
3/18 (8.1.18)	Admission arrangements: Determination of admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools	Cabinet	Kate Mann 652581	6 week public consultation, Finance, legal services, HR	Councillor Nawaz	14 February 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	14 February 2018
4/18 (8.1.18)	Outdoor Pursuits Service – options: To consider the future management options for the outdoor pursuits service (Aldridge Airport and Sneyd Reservoir) and authorise a formal procurement exercise for the future management, governance and funding arrangements of the service	Cabinet	Chris Holliday 650339 Ben Percival 654341	Procurement, finance, legal, human resources	Councillor Shires	14 February 2018
6/18 (8.1.18)	Playing pitch strategy: Adoption of the borough’s strategy in relation to the provision of sports playing pitches, their development, retention and disposal	Cabinet	Ben Percival 654341 Kate Williams 658074	Sports clubs, schools, Sport England, national governing bodies of sport	Councillor Shires	14 February 2018
37/17 (11.9.17)	Supported living and domiciliary care services: Approval for the procurement of a framework agreement for supported living and shared accommodation services for adult complex care and in the meantime to award a temporary contract for domiciliary care services for complex care	Cabinet	Kerrie Allward	Legal, procurement, finance	Councillor D. Coughlan	14 February 2018
57/17 (4.12.17)	Houses in multiple occupation: To approve the adoption of a set of minimum property and management standards for houses in multiple occupation in Walsall	Cabinet	David Lockwood 658459	Legal	Councillor D. Coughlan	14 February 2018
5/18 (8.1.18)	ICT Cloud services: To approve a change in the way in which the Council delivers its in-house ICT service, moving from being “on-premise” to being hosted externally	Cabinet	Carol Williams 654881	Service users	Councillor Chambers	14 February 2018

59/17 (4.12.17)	Strategic Transport Plan Capital Programme: To approve the Strategic Transport Plan Capital Programme 2018/19	Cabinet	Matt Crowton 654358	Legal, procurement, finance, economy and environment	Councillor Jeavons	21 March 2018
49/17 (6.11.17)	Willenhall and Darlaston train station: To approve the commencement of land negotiations for the land required to deliver the train station. Private session: Report contains commercially sensitive information relating to commencing land negotiations.	Cabinet	Matthew Pain 654328	Legal, finance, economy and environment	Councillor Jeavons	21 March 2018
56/17 (6.11.17)	High Needs Funding Formula: To approve changes to the high needs funding formula to be used for the allocation of High Needs Dedicated Schools Grant funding from the 2018/19 academic year	Cabinet	Lloyd Haines 652340	Schools Forum, special schools	Councillor Nawaz	21 March 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	21 March 2018
36/17 (11.9.17)	Walsall Homelessness Strategy: To approve the homelessness strategy	Cabinet	Neil Hollyhead 655411	Legal, finance, adult social care, children's services, housing providers	Councillor D. Coughlan	21 March 2018