



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:

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| Leader of the Council | Councillor Bird |
| Deputy Leader and Regeneration | Councillor A. Andrew |
| Business support services | Councillor Arif |
| Children’s services | Councillor R. Andrew |
| Communities and partnerships | Councillor Ali |
| Finance and personnel | Councillor Towe |
| Leisure, culture and environment | Councillor Harris |
| Social care and housing | Councillor McCracken |
| Transport | Councillor Ansell |

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 Cabinet only “key decisions” which are those decisions which have a significant effect within the community or which involve considerable expenditure or savings. The Council’s Constitution defines a key decision as an executive decision which is likely:

- “(1) to result in the Council in incurring expenditure which exceeds that included in any approved revenue or capital budget or the limits set out within an approved borrowing or investment strategy and was not the subject of a specific grant;
- (2) to result in the Council incurring expenditure, or the making of savings, which are equivalent to or more than 5% of any approved revenue budget or 10% of any capital budget, whichever is the lower, subject to a de minimus level of £50,000;
- (3) to be significant in terms of its direct effects on communities in an area comprising two or more wards in the Borough.”

Dates of Cabinet meetings for 2010/2011

2010

9 June
14 July
15 September
13 October
17 November
15 December

2011

12 January
9 February
16 March
13 April

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
MARCH TO JUNE 2011 (1.2.11)**

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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 |
| 82/10 (8.11.10) | Security in Walsall: Approval to award the security services tender. The outcome of the tender process will be a new supplier for both the First Stop Shop and New Art Gallery and a joint award for all ad hoc security in Walsall | Cabinet | Mike Duffield 650989 | Property services, First Top Shop, New Art Gallery | Councillor A. Andrew | 16 March 2011 |
| 10/11 (1.2.11) | Proposed acquisition of additional land adjacent to the new Council depot to approve the acquisition of additional land with hardstanding adjacent to the new Council depot. Cabinet also to approve the contract payment for the new depot with the use of Council assets in lieu of capital. The proposal is to exchange Council owned land and buildings at the former Redhouse school site and Baytree House. | Cabinet | Kevin Kendall 471259 | Finance, legal | Councillor A. Andrew | 16 March 2011 |
| 7/11 (1.2.11) | Birchills Strategic Regeneration Framework Strategy – to approve the framework strategy | Cabinet | Emma Segal 652520 | Estates, housing, legal, finance, green spaces, transportation Birchills Project Reference Group | Councillor A. Andrew | 16 March 2011 |

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| 89/10 (6.12.10) | Determination of admission of arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for 2012/13 academic year – determination of admission arrangements as required by the Schools Admissions Code | Cabinet | Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services – Serco 686231 | Finance, legal HR, Ward Councillors | Councillor R. Andrew | 16 March 2011 |
| 8/11 (1.2.11) | Leighswood School – to seek approval to increase the number of places | Cabinet | Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services – Serco 686231 | Finance, legal, HR, Ward Councillors | Councillor A. Andrew | 16 March 2011 |
| 9/11 (1.2.11) | Managed service provider for the supply of temporary staff – Delegated authority to award contract. The Council's current arrangement is due to expire and a replacement framework is being put in place. | Cabinet | Mark Freathy 5708 | | Councillor Towe | 16 March 2011 |
| 79/10 (8.11.10) | Office accommodation – as part of the Council's asset review, the future office estate is being considered, this report identifies the options for the future estate and seeks a Cabinet recommendation on the preferred option | Cabinet | Kevin Kendall 471259 | Finance | Councillor A. Andrew | 13 April 2011 |
| 5/11 (4.1.11) | Walsall Local Investment Plan – to approve the revised plan | Cabinet | Neil Hollyhead 655411 | Legal services, finance | Councillor A. Andrew | 13 April 2011 |
| 11/11 (1.2.11) | Smarter workplaces - to approve the business case and delivery plan for developing the smarter workplace. The proposal will require key changes to be made to the Council's office accommodation, ICT, document management and HR policies. The proposal is part of the Council's Working Smarter programme | Cabinet | Kevin Kendall 471259 | Finance, legal, ICT, HR, business change | Councillor A. Andrew Councillor Towe | 13 April 2011 |

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| 22/10 (31.3.10) | Primary Strategy – transforming learning – to seek approval on the primary strategy which will outline the strategic direction of primary education for 2009-2012 | Cabinet | Sue Wedgwood, Walsall Children's Services Serco 686369 | Finance, legal, HR and Ward Councillors | Councillor R. Andrew | 13 April 2011 |
| 8 8/10 (6.12.10) | Children's services education review and Government White Paper – to approve variations in provision in the light of new government policy | Cabinet | Louise Hughes | Key stakeholders, head teachers, educational advisers, Children's services Serco | Councillor R. Andrew | 13 April 2011 |
| 1/11 (6.12.10) | Education Capital Programme – to seek permission to progress further projects | Cabinet | Susan Lupton Walsall Children's Services – Serco 686231 | Finance, legal, HR, ward Councillors | Councillor R. Andrew | 13 April 2011 |
| 78/10 (8.11.10) | Walsall Transport Strategy 2010-14 to approve the strategy for publication | Cabinet | Mark Corbin/ John Myatt | Finance, legal | Councillor Ansell | 13 April 2011 |
| 4/11 (4.1.11) | Flood and Water Management Act – obligations and duties for the Council | Cabinet | Steve Pretty 652598 | Environment Agency | Councillor Ansell | 13 April 2011 |

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| 58/09 (7.8.09) | Corporate Asset Management 2009-2014 – approval of plan which sets out the approach to the strategic management of the Council's property portfolio | Cabinet | Steve Law 652075 | Executive Directors, Corporate Property Group | Councillor A. Andrew | June 2011 |
| 85/10 (5.7.10) | Local Economic Assessment – submission to Government – the preparation of a Local Economic Assessment by April 2011 is a statutory duty placed on all county and unitary authorities. It is proposed that Walsall Local Economic Assessment be approved in draft before public consultation and the final version submitted to government | Cabinet | Daniel Carins 652545 | Walsall Strategic Partnership, Dudley MBC, Sandwell MBC, Wolverhampton MBC, ward members, residents, businesses | Councillor A. Andrew | June 2011 |