



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
JANUARY TO APRIL 2009 (8.12.08)**

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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
54/08 (6.6.08)	Housing Strategy 2008-11 – Endorsement of the Council’s Housing Strategy 2008-11 which details the Council’s priorities to increase housing choice and opportunity, improve the standard and sustainability of existing and future homes and address diverse needs and promote independent living.	Cabinet Council	Neil Hollyhead 655411	Key stakeholders	Councillor McCracken	12 January 2009
77/08 (8.9.08)	Area Based Grant (ABG) – To approve proposed allocations of funding recommended by WBSP Executive Committee to proposed programmes to deliver the Local Area Agreement and receive an update regarding the Target Action planning process	Cabinet	Jo Lowndes, 654714		Councillor O’Hare	14 January 2009
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	Cabinet	Karen Adderley 653303	Head teachers, LNPs, Children’s services, regeneration officers	Councillor Zahid Ali	14 January 2009

	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.					
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	Cabinet1	Darrell Harman	Children's Trust, Walsall Partnership, Regeneration, Head Teachers in pilot areas	Councillor Zahid Ali	14 January 2009
108/08 (8.12.08)	Birchills CE Primary School – determination of statutory proposal to significantly enlarge the school to two forms on entry from 1 September 2009	Cabinet	Susan Lupton 686231, Walsall Children's Services, Serco	Stakeholders, including school and CE diocesan authority	Councillor Zahid Ali	14 January 2009
109/08 (8.12.08)	Education capital programme – Approval of further schemes and addition of target capital allocation to capital programme	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	14 January 2009
110/08 (8.12.08)	Primary capital programme – outcome of submission to Department of Children, Schools and Families and implementation arrangements for capital investment in Walsall schools	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	14 January 2009

111/09 (8.12.09)	Academy programme – Sheffield 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	14 January 2009
112/08 (8.12.08)	Information system for parents and providers – To approve the capital allocation of grant funding for the purchase of information system for parents and providers (ISPP)	Cabinet	Carl Britton Walsall Children's Services, Serco	Stakeholders	Councillor Zahid Ali	14 January 2009
101/08 (8.12.08)	Council Tax base – To set the Council tax base for 2008/2009. The authority is legally obliged to set the Council tax base by 31 January each year and notify the precepting authorities accordingly	Cabinet	Vicky Buckley 652349	Internal	Councillor Griffiths	14 January 2009
104/08 (8.12.08)	West Midlands Legal Panel – To enter into a legal panel, comprising of 16 public bodies entering into a tendering process for legal services to be supplied via a framework panel arrangement. The panel to operate for a period of 4 years starting August/September 2009	Cabinet	Stuart Portman 654821	West Midlands local authorities, West Midlands Probation Service	Councillor Griffiths	14 January 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	14 January 2009

75/08 (8.8.08)	Learning disability short breaks – Short breaks are offered by the Council to give carers of people with a learning disability a break from 24/7 care and are allocated on an assessed number of nights per year basis. Cabinet to consider a range of options to ensure the equitable and affordable allocation of short breaks.	Cabinet	John Greensill 658383	Staff, partner organisations, users, carers	Councillor McCracken	14 January 2009
74/08 (7.7.08)	Gating Orders Policy – gating orders were introduced under the Clean Neighbourhoods Act 2005. They can be used to gate highways where anti-social behaviour and crime is experienced. It is necessary to amend the existing situational crime interventions policy to allow implementation of this new legislation. Walsall Borough's Rights of Way Improvement Plan became approved Council policy on 19 April 2008 highlighted that the policy review should be completed within 12 months	Cabinet Council	Joanne Sheeran 652445	LNPs, Local Access Forum, statutory consultees	Councillor Harris	14 January 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	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 Park and Ride site at Aston University	Cabinet	Stuart Everton 652560	Legal. Procurement, finance, neighbourhoods, regeneration	Councillors Andrew/Harris	4 February 2009
107/08 (8.12.08)	Older peoples reprovion – land at Northgate – granting of a lease for the installation and management of substation and associated cables and rights of access on land currently being developed by Housing 21 as part of the older peoples reprovion project	Cabinet	Ann Llewellyn 652092	Internal	Councillor Andrew	4 February 2009

<p>63/08 (7.7.08) (Replaces items 41/07, 41/08 & 42/08)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Steph Simcox 652703</p>	<p>Staff, partner organisations, users, carers</p>	<p>Councillor McCracken</p>	<p>4 February 2009</p>
<p>92/08 (9.10.08)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Louise Hughes 652895</p>		<p>Councillor Zahid Ali</p>	<p>18 March 2009</p>
<p>106/08 (8.12.08)</p>	<p>Joint commissioning of residential and nursery care services – Outcome of tenders and decision in relation to contract, policies, procedures and approach</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Margaret Willcox</p>	<p>Service users, providers, commissioners and practitioners</p>	<p>Councillor McCracken</p>	<p>18 March 2009</p>

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
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