



FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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WIGAN METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS 1 FEBRUARY 2008 TO 31 MAY 2008

This is the Forward Plan of executive Key Decisions to be taken in the next four months and is published by the executive leader. Plans will be published in June, October and February of each Municipal Year and then updated each month in between.

Set out below are the criteria for Key Decisions approved by the Council at its meeting held on 24th April 2002, as amended by Council at its meetings on 14 January 2006 and 28 February 2007:-

'A decision of the Cabinet or a Member of the Cabinet will be a Key Decision if it comes within one or more of the following categories:-

1. It is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more Wards or electoral divisions of the Council.
2. It is likely to have a major impact on the day to day life of a community living or working in one Ward or electoral division of the Council. An example would be the closure of a school or a major traffic regulation scheme.
3. It forms part of the development of or a change to the Policy Framework or the Budget Framework.
4. It involves revenue expenditure which is not within the Budget.
5. It involves virement in excess of that set out in the Budget.
6. It involves capital expenditure which is estimated to exceed £150,000 or is not within the Budget.
7. It involves a significant reduction in or change to a service or facility provided by the Council, such reduction or change not being within the Policy Framework or the Budget.
8. It involves the declaration of land or property, the estimated value of which exceeds £500,000 as surplus to the Council's requirements.
9. It involves the acquisition or disposal of land or property and the settling of compensation payments the value of which is estimated to exceed £500,000.
10. It involves the granting, determination or variation of leases, licences, easements or wayleaves at rents/considerations in excess of £50,000 per annum.
11. It involves the taking of licences or leases at rent values of more than £10,000 per annum.

12. Its consequences are likely to result in compulsory redundancies or major changes to the terms and conditions of employment of a significant number of employees across the Council's functions'.

All Decision takers can be contacted via the Chief Executive as follows:-

“(Name of) The Decision taker”
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Open reports and background documents relating to Key Decisions are available to the public and can be obtained from the same address as and when they become available. Alternatively, they can be viewed on the Council's Website www.wigan.gov.uk.

This Forward Plan was issued on 1 February 2008. The monthly update was published on 15 March 2008. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider the monthly update to this report which was current as at 17 March 2008.

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FEBRUARY

KEY DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1/2/2008 TO 31/5/2008

Description	Date of Decision	Decision Taker	Key Dec	Relevant Documents	Consultation	Responsible Officer
Award of contract for additional fire protection and internal redecoration to Douglas House, Scholes Village	07/02/2008	Cabinet	6	None	None	Steve Martlew
Exception to standing orders report - 1 year extension to Partnering Contracts	07/02/2008	Cabinet	6	None	None	Steve Martlew
A49 Goose Green to Westwood Park Link Road	07/02/2008	Cabinet	6	None	None	Mark Crossfield
Extension of Select List for Highway Works	07/02/2008	Cabinet	6	None	None	Mark Jackson
Fair Access to Care Eligibility Criteria	21/02/2008	Cabinet	1	Fair Access to Care Guidance	None	Louise Sutton Tel: 01942 827798 Ext 2798
Schedule of Rates Contract	21/02/2008	Cabinet	6	N/A	N/A	Mr R H McMutrie (ext. 5587)

Please note – items shaded grey have previously been considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Westwood Park – Development Proposals	21/02/2008	Cabinet	1, 2, 4, 6 & 8	A background paper will be circulated with the reports. Draft details of the proposed development are available if members require this.	Consultation was undertaken with the community in 2005. Stakeholder event was 27th September 2005 and 29th September – community consultation was undertaken in relation to the existing planning consent (5th Dec 2006). Further consultation w	Keith Molloy / Steve Burns

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Development Proposal Heads of Terms (HoTs) - Chinagateway	21/02/2008	Cabinet	1, 2, 4, 6 & 8	A background paper will be circulated with the reports. Draft details of the proposed development are available if members require this. A copy of the HoTs are also available to members if required.	Consultation was undertaken with the community in 2005. Stakeholder event was 27th September 2005 and 29th September – community consultation was undertaken in relation to the existing planning consent (5th Dec 2006). Further consultation w	Keith Molloy / Steve Burns
Partnerships and Communities Together (PACT)	21/02/2008	Cabinet	1	None	Consultation with Partners and members	Ian Harrison

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MARCH

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Description	Date of Decision	Decision Taker	Key Dec	Relevant Documents	Consultation	Responsible Officer
Mesnes Park Restoration Project Phase 2	13/03/2008	Cabinet	1 & 6	Mesnes Park Masterplan which has been agreed by Cabinet	Friends of Mesnes Park	Stuart Murray - Tel: 488555 (Ext. 8555)
Borsdane Precinct	13/03/2008	Cabinet	6 & 9	N/A	N/A	Mr D F Winstanley (ext. 5584)
Proposal to amend Primary Decision Making Model	13/03/2008	Cabinet	1	Wigan's Strategy for School Places and Buildings.	CYP Panel	Lynn Mappin Tel: 01942 486028
Primary Strategy for change: First Stage Consultation response	13/03/2008	Cabinet	1	Wigan's Strategy for School Places and Buildings	CYP Panle, schools, early years and childcare providers, elected members, MPs, public, pupils, Dioceses, PCT and Trade Unions.	Steve Robertson 01942 486004
Transport DSO Vehicle Replacement Programme 2008-2009	13/03/2008	Cabinet	6	None	None	Mark Rotherham
Acceptance of schedule of rates tender for Pavement Slurry Seal Surfacing works expected to total over £150,000	13/03/2008	Cabinet	1 & 6	LTP ideals, BVPI Targets, Delivering Best Value in Highway Maintenance Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance.	None	Elwyn Holt

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Approval of Highway Structural Maintenance programme for 2008/09	13/03/2008	Cabinet	1 & 6	LTP Ideals, BVPI Targets, Delivering Best Value in Highway Maintenance Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance	None	Elwyn Holt
Approval of Highway Preventative Maintenance Programme for 2008/09	13/03/2008	Cabinet	1 & 6	LTP Ideals, BVPI Targets, Delivering Best Value in Highway Maintenance Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance	None	Elwyn Holt
Acceptance of Schedule of Rates Tender for Carriageway Surface Dressing expected to total over £150,000	13/03/2008	Cabinet	1 & 6	LTP Ideals, BVPI Targets, Delivering Best Value in Highway Maintenance Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance	None	Elwyn Holt
Dog Warden Contract	13/03/2008	Cabinet	7	Yes	Partner Local Authorities, Staff	Sally Wolstencroft
Objections to the Advertisement of Orders and Proposals for Pedestrian Improvements on Wallgate, Wigan Town Centre	13/03/2008	Cabinet	2	TMU October 2006	October to December 2006	Emma Barton-Freel
Ashton Town Centre Safety and Accessibility Improvements	27/03/2008	Cabinet	6	None	None	Bob Merry
Childcare Sufficiency Assessment	27/03/2008	Cabinet	1	Not Applicable	Parents, Providers, Employers, Strategic Partnership.	Tim Carroll Tel: 01942 828831

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Makerfield Way Phase 2 - Drainage and Car Park Scheme	27/03/2008	Cabinet	6	None	None	Mark Jackson

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APRIL

KEY DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1/2/2008 TO 31/5/2008

Description	Date of Decision	Decision Taker	Key Dec	Relevant Documents	Consultation	Responsible Officer
Marketing Income	10/04/2008	Cabinet	4	None	Members of the Town Centre Management Officers Group and Town centre Partnership	Mike Matthews
Bickershaw Country Park - Site Management Arrangements	10/04/2008	Cabinet	1	N/A	Previously reported to Cabinet on 24.1.08	Mr D F Winstanley (ext. 5584)
Proposed Disposal of land at St Nathaniels Primary School, Platt Bridge, Wigan	10/04/2008	Cabinet	9	N/A	Ward Members to be consulted prior to report being submitted	Mr J Dean (ext. 5569)
One School Pathfinder (Abraham Guest) Acceptance of Asset Management Plan	10/04/2008	Cabinet	6	Not Applicable	Pre consultation meeting	Jeff Cunliffe Tel: 01942 486017
Leigh Primary Capital Project (acceptance of tender)	10/04/2008	Cabinet	6	Not Applicable	Pre consultation planning	Jeff Cunliffe Tel: 01942 486017
Children & Young People's Plan	10/04/2008	Cabinet	1	Not Applicable	Strategic Partnership, Schools, Colleges, Young people, key stakeholders, Diocesan Authorities	Tim Carroll Tel: 01942 828831

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Update on Affordable Housing Development and Housing Policy	10/04/2008	Cabinet	1 & 8	None	None	Peter Layland ext 3983
Regeneration Programmes	10/04/2008	Cabinet	6	Regeneration Fund Delivery Plan	Regeneration Fund Board	Patricia Evans
Joint Service Centre	10/04/2008	Cabinet	6	Report to Cabinet & Overview and Scrutiny Committee 7 February 2008	Overview and Scrutiny Committee 31 March 2009	Katherine Fairclough, Service Director Business Transformation (Ext. 2130)
Future Waste Disposal Arrangements	10/04/2008	Cabinet	6	Municipal Solid Waste Management Strategy	Yes	Gary Taylor
Determination of Admission Arrangements 2009/10	23/04/2008	Council	1	School Admissions Code of Practice, Admission Forum Agenda and Minutes.	CYP Panel and Cabinet, School Governing Bodies, Admission Forum.	Lynn Mappin Tel: 01942 486028
Proposed Disposal of land at Scot Lane, Wigan	24/04/2008	Cabinet	9	N/A	Ward Members were consulted on a previous report to Cabinet on 12.10.05	Mr J Dean (ext. 5569)
Disposal of land off Warrington Road, Goose Green, Wigan	24/04/2008	Cabinet	8	N/A	Ward Members to be consulted	Ms A Campbell-Smith (ext. 5565)
Disposal of land at former Pemberton Colliery	24/04/2008	Cabinet	8	N/A	Ward Members to be consulted	Ms A Campbell-Smith (ext. 5565)
Transforming Social Care	24/04/2008	Cabinet	7	Putting People First Concordat - December 2007	None	Bernard Walker Tel: 01942 827780 Ext 2780

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Parks & Green Spaces Strategy	24/04/2008	Cabinet	1	Draft Parks & Green Spaces Strategy	Cabinet for principles Cultural Partnership Townships Overview & Scrutiny 31/03/08	Stuart Murray
Tyldesley Primary: responses received during representation period and final decision on proposal to temporarily extend the school.	24/04/2008	Cabinet	1	Wigan's Strategy for School Places and Buildings	Schools, parents, early years and childcare providers, elected members, MPs, public, pupils, Dioceses and Trade Unions.	Lynn Mappin Tel: 01942 486028

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MAY

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Description	Date of Decision	Decision Taker	Key Dec	Relevant Documents	Consultation	Responsible Officer
Proposed Disposal of land at Severn Drive, Pemberton, Wigan	08/05/2008	Cabinet	8 & 9	N/A	Ward Members to be consulted	Ms L Knowles (ext. 5573)
Land at Wilding Street, Ince	08/05/2008	Cabinet	9	Background Papers	Ward Members	Ian Powers (ext. 5572)
Land at Ince Moss, Ince	08/05/2008	Cabinet	9	Background Papers	Ward Members	Ian Powers (ext. 5572)
Eastern Skills Centre	08/05/2008	Cabinet	3	14-19 implementation plan	Not Applicable	Richard Powell Tel: 01942 486007
Beech Hill Primary School - Acceptance of tender	08/05/2008	Cabinet	6	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Jeff Cunliffe Tel: 01942 486017
Newton Westpark Primary - Acceptance of tender	08/05/2008	Cabinet	6	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Jeff Cunliffe Tel: 01942 486017
Draft Regional Spatial Strategy	08/05/2008	Cabinet	1	Draft Regional Spatial Strategy	Yes	Nick Clarke
Proposed New Household Waste Recycling Centre	08/05/2008	Cabinet	6	Municipal Solid Waste Management Strategy	Yes	Gary Taylor
Drugs Treatment Contract, Approval of Extension to Contract 31st March 2010	08/05/2008	Cabinet	4	No	Partner Agencies	Nicola Yates
Land at Millers Lane and Ribble Road, Platt Bridge, Wigan	29/05/2008	Cabinet	9	Background Papers	Ward Members	Ian Powers (ext. 5572)
Shackerley Pupil Referral Unit - Acceptance of Asset Management Plan	29/05/2008	Cabinet	6	Not Applicable	Public Meeting	Jeff Cunliffe Tel: 01942 486017

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Marsh Green Primary School - acceptance of tender return.	29/05/2008	Cabinet	6	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Jeff Cunliffe Tel: 01942 486017
Primary Strategy for Change: Results of consultation and submission of final strategy	29/05/2008	Cabinet	1	Wigan's Strategy for School Places and Buildings	CYP Panle, schools, early years and childcare providers, elected members, MPs, public, pupils, Dioceses, PCT and Trade Unions.	Lynn Mappin Tel: 01942 486028
PEMBEC: Results of consultation on proposals to close the school and decision on moving to representation period.	29/05/2008	Cabinet	1	Wigan's Strategy for School Places and Buildings.	CYP Panel, Schools, parents, community groups, elected members, MPs, public, pupils, Dioceses, and Trade Unions.	Lynn Mappin Tel: 01942 486028

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Review of Provision and use of resourced schools: consultation on the provision of resourced places for pupils with low severity autism at Hawkley Hall High School.	29/05/2008	Cabinet	1	Statutory guidance	In full compliance with statutory guidance consultation will involve a wide range of stakeholders, including pupils, families, staff and governors of the school in question; families, headteachers and chairs of governors of Wigan South Prim	Elaine Baulcombe Tel: 01942 486127
Things to do, places to go strategy	29/05/2008	Cabinet	1	Not Applicable	Strategic Partnership, schools, colleges, young people, key stakeholders.	Sheila Martland tel: 01942 705586