



## FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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# WIGAN METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

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1 OCTOBER 2008 TO 31 JANUARY 2009

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, 28 February 2007, and 14 May 2008:-

'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 £200,000 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 £100,000 per annum.
11. It involves the taking of licences or leases at rent values of more than £100,000 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](http://www.wigan.gov.uk).

This Forward Plan was issued on 1 October 2008.

**WIGAN METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OCTOBER**

**KEY DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1/10/2008 TO 31/01/2009**

**Please note – the item shaded grey has previously been considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Date of Decision</b>	<b>Decision Taker</b>	<b>Key Dec</b>	<b>Relevant Documents</b>	<b>Consultation</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>
Draft Municipal Solid Waste Management Strategy	02/10/2008	Cabinet	3 & 6	Draft Municipal Solid Waste Management Strategy	Consultation will be carried out on the draft strategy once it has been approved by Cabinet	Steve Woods ext 4305
Free Swimming: Capital Investment in Swimming Pools	02/10/2008	Cabinet	1, 6	Department for Culture, Media & Sport letter to Council: 29 July 2008	Primary Care Trust/Council/Wigan Leisure & Culture Trust	Martin Eden (tel: 488578)
Makerfield Way – Expenditure review	02/10/2008	Cabinet	6	Unitary Development Plan / Economic Development Zone Action Plan / Marketing Material for the Economic Development Zone (including specific marketing for Makerfield Way Site).	There has been Planning Application Consultation for Makerfield Way as a full development site within the Economic Development Zone and also of individual Planning Applications for plots within the Makerfield Way Site.	Steve Burns Ext 3986
North West Coalfields Communities Regeneration Programme - Phase 2	02/10/2008	Cabinet	4	North West Regional Development Agency Concept Form and Commissioning Framework	Consultation has taken place with the 8 Local Authorities representatives at Allerdale, Bolton, Copeland, Knowsley, Salford, St Helens, Warrington	Stuart Hurst ext 3975
Local Transport Plan 2 Progress Report	16/10/2008	Cabinet	1	Local Transport Plan 2 Progress Report	Local Strategic Partnership - 15 September 2008	Martin Kimber ext 4200 and Carmel Foster- Devine ext 4687

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Westwood Park - Development Costs Update	16/10/2008	Cabinet	6	A background paper will be circulated with the report. A master plan document is also available if members require this.	Consultation was undertaken with the community in 2005. Stakeholder event was 27th Sept 2005 and 29th September - Community Consultation was undertaken.	Steve Burns ext 3986 and Keith Molloy ext 3988
Wigan Heritage Services/Acquisitions and Disposal Policy	29/10/2008	Full Council	3	The New Vision for Heritage Services - Council 25 April 2007	Heritage Network/Heritage Sub-Group/Regeneration Panel	Pete Gascoigne (ext. 3503) and Bernard Walker (ext. 2780)

**WIGAN METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL****NOVEMBER****KEY DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1/10/2008 TO 31/01/2009**

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Waste Treatment Options	13/11/2008	Cabinet	3 & 6	Wigan Council's Municipal Solid Waste Management Strategy	Consultation will be carried out prior to the adoption of the new strategy	Steve Woods ext 4305
Childcare Sufficiency Strategy	13/11/2008	Cabinet	1	Childcare Brokerage Strategy	public consultation/Children and Young People's Panel/Cabinet	Dawn Leigh Tel: 01942 828903

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**JANUARY**

**KEY DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1/10/2008 TO 31/01/2009**

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APA outcome	22/01/2009	Cabinet	1	DCSF guidance on the APA process. Wigan Council CYPS APA self assessment	All members of the CYPF Strategic Partnership, C & Y P Panel, Cabinet, extensive consultation with Children and Young People.	Deborah Brownlee/Tim Carroll
Municipal Solid Waste Management Strategy	22/01/2009	Cabinet	3 & 6	Municipal Solid Waste Management Strategy	Consultation will be carried out prior to the adoption of the new strategy	Steve Woods ext 4305
Appointment of contractors for Arts & Heritage Learning Centre, Trencherfield Mill	22/01/2009	Cabinet	6	Cabinet reports 28/06/07 and 21/02/08	Cultural Champion	Paul Parry, Telephone: 01942 488386