



Forward Plan Of Key Decisions

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WIGAN METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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:-

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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 October 2008.

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

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

Description	Date of Decision	Decision Taker	Key Dec	Relevant Documents	Consultation	Responsible Officer
Lease of Chapel Lane to Virgin Trains	27/11/2008	Cabinet	10	There are no relevant documents	Ward members have been consulted for their views, concerns were raised regarding any parking displacement.	Michell Woodburn Ext 2450
Sustainable Community Strategy	27/11/2008	Council	1	Vision 2026	Public consultation; Local Strategic Partnership; Partnerships and other stakeholders	Simon Dale Ext 2320
Waste Treatment Options	27/11/2008	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	27/11/2008	Cabinet	1	Childcare Sufficiency Strategy/Brokerage	public consultation/Children and Young People's Panel/Cabinet	Dawn Leigh Tel: 01942 828903
Business Case for WALH Participation in New Housing Development	27/11/2008	Cabinet	1	Affordable Housing Strategy	Cabinet (10th April) Community Protection Panel (2nd June) Overview and Scrutiny (19th May)	Peter Layland Ext 3983 / Janice Barton Ext 5711

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Building Schools for the Future: Expression of Interest for earlier entry	27/11/2008	Cabinet	1	Wigan's Strategy for School Places and Buildings 2007/08	To be added	Lynn Mappin Tel: 01942 486028

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DECEMBER

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

Description	Date of Decision	Decision Taker	Key Dec	Relevant Documents	Consultation	Responsible Officer
Approval of contractors for tender for Cyclical External Repairs Programme (Council Houses)	01/12/2008	Officer Delegation (Director of Environmental Services)	6	Official Journal of the European Union Notice Ref No 2008/5 142-190357 Result of Tenders report (ready December) Tender Evaluation Report (ready after above)	N/A – decision is about award of repairs contracts	Mike Sterlicchi, WALH Ext 5846
H/8509 - A580 East Lancashire Road/A579 Newton Road Junction Improvements	11/12/2008	Cabinet	6	There are no relevant documents	There is no relevant consultation	Chris Wilson Ext 4325
Bickershaw Family Employment Project and Education Centre	11/12/2008	Cabinet	4	1. Adult Services Tender for the Family Employment Project. 2. Proposal for Education Centre.	Consultation with the Coalfields Regeneration Trust and English Partnerships.	Christine Bainbridge Ext 3960

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Westwood Park - Development Costs Update	11/12/2008	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
Strategic Management Arrangements for Bickershaw Country Park	11/12/2008	Cabinet	1	The project has been subject to planning approval. The application is available for inspection.	There has been substantial consultation as the project has developed. This has been with ward members and the community using a range of methods.	Martin Kimber Ext 4201

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JSC Final Business Case	11/12/2008	Cabinet	6, 8, 9, 11	Outline Business Case Previous reports to Cabinet	Consultation was carried out to develop the Outline Business Case and is summarised within the OBC. Further consultation has taken place throughout 2008 to refine the scheme's design. Consultation took place with a variety of parties to in	Katherine Fairclough Ext 2130

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JANUARY

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

Description	Date of Decision	Decision Taker	Key Dec	Relevant Documents	Consultation	Responsible Officer
Annual Performance Assessment outcome	22/01/2009	Cabinet	1	DCSF guidance on the Annual Performance Assessment process. Wigan Council CYPS Annual Performance Assessment 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 Tel: 01942 486230/01942 828831
Proposal to close Leigh St Peter's CE Infant and Junior Schools and establish a new primary School.	22/01/2009	Cabinet	1	Wigan's Strategy for School Places and Buildings 2007/08	Schools, parents, wider community	Lynn Mappin Tel: 01942 486028
Proposal to close Ince St Mary's CE and Britannia Bridge primary schools and open a new school through competition	22/01/2009	Cabinet	1	Wigan's Strategy for School Places and Buildings 2007/08. Primary Strategy for Change.	CYP Panel, Schools, Parents, Wider Community.	
Maypole Development	22/01/2009	Cabinet	2	Wigan's Strategy for School Places and Buildings	None	Lynn Mappin Tel: 01942 486028
Low Hall Park - Local Nature Reserve Designation	22/01/2009	Cabinet		None	The Friends of Low Hall Park Group, Ward Members, the Township Forum, Natural England.	Bernard Walker (Ext. 2780); Martin Kimber (Ext. 4200); Graham Workman (Ext. 3906)

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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
Makerfield Way – Expenditure review	22/01/2009	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