# **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

# FORWARD PLAN

1 May 2010 to 31 August 2010 **Councillor Christopher Garland Leader of the Council** 



#### **INTRODUCTION**

This is the Forward Plan which the Leader of the Council is required to prepare. Its purpose is to give advance notice of all the "key decisions" which the Executive is likely to take over the next 4 month period. The Plan will be up-dated monthly.

Each "key decision" is the subject of a separate entry in the Plan. The entries are arranged in date order – i.e. the "key decisions" likely to be taken during the first month of the 4 month period covered by the Plan appear first.

Each entry identifies, for that "key decision" -

- the subject matter of the decision
- a brief explanation of why it will be a "key decision"
- the date on which the decision is due to be taken
- who will be consulted before the decision is taken and the method of the consultation
- how and to whom representations (about the decision) can be made
- what reports/papers are, or will be, available for public inspection
- the wards to be affected by this decision

#### **DEFINITION OF A KEY DECISION**

A key decision is an executive decision which is likely to:

- Result in the Maidstone Borough Council incurring expenditure or making savings which is equal to the value of £250,000 or more; or
- Have significant effect on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards in Maidstone.

#### WHO MAKES DECISIONS?

The Cabinet collectively makes some of the decisions at a public meeting and individual portfolio holders make decisions following consultation with every member of the Council. In addition, Officers can make key decisions and an entry for each of these will be included in the Forward Plan.

#### WHO ARE THE CABINET?



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#### **HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE TO THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS?**

The Council encourages and welcomes anyone wishing to express his or her views about decisions the Cabinet plans to make. This can be done by writing directly to the appropriate Officer or Cabinet Member (the details of which are shown for each decision to be made).

Alternatively, the Cabinet are contactable via our <u>website</u> where you can submit a question to the Leader of the Council or any Cabinet Member on-line. There is also the opportunity to invite the Leader of the Council to speak at a function you may be organising.

Cabinet Roadshows are held 3 times a year in different wards. This is an opportunity for you to meet the Cabinet Members direct and discuss any issues that may concern you.

Decision Maker, Date of Decision/Month in which decision will be made and, if delayed, reason for delay:	Title of Report and Brief Summary of Decision to be made:	Consultees and Method:	Contact Officer and deadline for submission of enquiries:	Relevant Documents:
Cabinet  Due Date: 20 May 2010	Information Strategy 2010 - 2013  The Council's Information Strategy, this is a 3 year rolling programme, reviewed	Report to ICT Steering Group, Management Team, and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services.	Paul Taylor, Assistant Director of Customer Services and Partnerships 15th March 2010	Information Strategy 2010 - 13
Original Date:	annually.			
Cabinet  Due Date: 9 Jun 2010	Budget Strategy 2011/12 Onwards  Initial consideration of strategy for 2011/12 including MTFS and Budget	CMT; HoS Internal	Paul Riley, Head of Finance 01/05/2010	Cabinet, Council and Committee for Budget Strategy 2011/12
Original Date:	Consultation			Onwards

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Cabinet  Due Date: 9 Jun 2010  Original Date:	Treasury Management Performance for 2009/10  To agree Treasury Management performance for 2009/10 and to consider revisions to arrangements for 2010/11 in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management	Management Team and Heads of Service Internal	Paul Riley, Head of Finance 30 April 2010	Cabinet, Council and Committee for Treasury Management Performance for 2009/10
Cabinet  Due Date: 9 Jun 2010  Original Date:	Revenue and Capital Outturn for 2009/10 To agree Revenue and Capital Outturn for 2009/10	Management Team, Heads of Service and Members Internal	Paul Riley, Head of Finance 30 April 2010	Cabinet, Council and Committee for Revenue and Capital Outturn for 2009/10
Cabinet  Due Date: 9 Jun 2010  Original Date:	Summary of the Statement of Accounts for 2009/10  To agree a summary of the Statement of Accounts for 2009/10	Management Team, Heads of Service and Members Internal	Paul Riley, Head of Finance 30 April 2010	Cabinet, Council and Committee for Summary of the Statement of Accounts for 2009/10

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Cabinet  Due Date: 14 Jul 2010  Original Date:	Budget Strategy 2011/12 Onwards  To give initial consideration to a Budget Strategy for 2011/12 and beyond.	Management Team, Heads of Service and Members Internal	Paul Riley, Head of Finance 21 June 2010	Cabinet, Council and Committee for Budget Strategy 2011/12 Onwards
Cabinet Member for Environment  Due Date: Before 28 May 2010  Original Date: 30 Apr 2010	Review of Fees and Charges  To consider the setting of charges for the bulky waste collection service for the year 2010/11 including the simplification of the current pricing framework	Internal Internal meetings, through Best Value Review	Jennifer Gosling Friday 26th March 2010	Cabinet Member Report for Review of Fees and Charges

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Cabinet Member for Environment  Due Date: Before 31 May 2010  The draft Contaminated Land Strategy is scheduled	Review of Contaminated Land Strategy  To update and amend the current Contaminated Land Strategy	Direct consultation with identified statutory consultees.	John Newington 26 February 2010	Contaminated land strategy 2001  Environment Act 1995  Environmental
for review by Overview & Scrutiny on the 26 January 2010. Moving the Forward Plan Entry will give officers time to make any necessary amendments before preparing the report to the Cabinet Member				Protection Act 1990 Part IIA
Original Date: 30 Oct 2009				