MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN

1 August 2012 to 30 November 2012

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. There is also the opportunity to invite the Leader of the Council to speak at a function you may be organising.

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: 8 Aug 2012	Asset Management Plan 2012-15 To consider the Council's Asset Management Plan 2012-15	Corporate Leadership Team Cabinet Member Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee	David Tibbit davidtibbit@maidstone.gov.uk 13 July 2012	Asset Management Plan 2012-15
Cabinet Due Date: 12 Sep 2012	King St Multi Storey Car Park To consider the options for King Street Multi Storey Car Park	Corporate Leadership Team Cabinet	David Tibbit davidtibbit@maidstone.gov.uk 17th August 2012	King St Multi Storey Car Park
Cabinet Due Date: 12 Sep 2012 Original Date: 11 July 2012	Localism and the Community Rights to Challenge and Bid To set out the possible approaches the Council wishes to take in implementing these new powers.		David Tibbit davidtibbit@maidstone.gov.uk 17 August 2012	Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for Localism and the Community Rights to Challenge and Bid

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Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services Due Date: 21 Sep 2012	Empty Homes Plan To consider the detail of the Council's intervention in respect of empty homes	Members and Officers internal consultation	John Littlemore, Head of Housing & Community Safety johnlittlemore@maidstone.gov.uk 31 August 2012	Cabinet Member Report for Empty Homes Plan
Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport and Development Due Date: 28 Sep 2012	Public Gypsy & Traveller Site: site selection To consider the site/s to be progressed, by means of planning applications, as a new public Gypsy & Traveller site/s	forward plan recipients forward plan publication	John Littlemore, Head of Housing & Community Safety johnlittlemore@maidstone.gov.uk 3 September 2012	Public Gypsy & Traveller Site: site selection
Cabinet Due Date: 14 Nov 2012 Original Date: 16 September 2012	Infrastructure Delivery Plan: Public Consultation To agree the IDP, which lists the infrastructure schemes (and estimated costs) required to support the spatial distribution of development proposed in the Core Strategy		Michael Murphy michaelmurphy@maidstone.gov.uk 01 October 2012	Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for Infrastructure Delivery Plan: Public Consultation

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Cabinet	Council Tax 2013-14 - Collection Fund Adjustments	Corporate Leadership Team	Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services	Cabinet, Council or
Due Date: 14 Nov 2012	- Cabinet To agree the levels of	Heads of Service Members Internal Communication/Report	paulriley@maidstone.gov.uk	Committee Report for Council Tax
	Collection Fund Adjustment.	to Corporate Leadership Team	26 October 2012	2013-14 - Collection Fund Adjustments