MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN

1 May 2011 to 31 August 2011

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.

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:
Council Due Date: 22 Jun 2011	Housing Strategy 2011-2015 To present and gain approval for the new Housing Strategy	Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet, Housing sounding board, Residents Meetings, internet	Ellie Kershaw 31 May 2011	Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for Housing Strategy 2011-20

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Cabinet Member for Community Services Due Date: May 2011	Community Development Strategy 2011 to 2016 The Community Development Strategy for Maidstone Borough is a key strategic planning and delivery document for the Maidstone borough as set out in the council's new Strategic Plan 2011-2015.	Maidstone Local Strategic Partnership Voluntary Action Maidstone Kent County Council Kent Youth Service Kent Children's Service Arts Council England NHS West Kent Kent Children's Fund Local Network Urban and rural communities within Maidstone Borough Colleagues in other district councils within Kent Maidstone Youth Forum Switch Youth Café Draft report will be made available to councillors and key partners to give their views.	Sarah Robson 15/04/2011	Cabinet Member Report for Community Development Strategy 2011 to 2016

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Cabinet Member for Community Services Due Date: Aug 2010	Community Halls Audit Update on CAT strategy incorporating report Community Halls Audit	Stakeholders Email / Phone	Zena Cooke, Director of Regeneration and Communities 30/06/2010	Cabinet Member Report for Update on Community Asset Transfer Strategy
Cabinet Member for Environment Due Date: May 2010 Original Date: Oct 2009	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 Protection Act 1990 Part IIA
Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture Due Date: May 2011	Maidstone Local Bio Diversity Action Plan To approve the above plan	Public On Parks Pages for consultation and MBC consultation portal	Jason Taylor, Parks and Open Spaces Officer 25/02/2011	Cabinet Member Report for Maidstone Local Bio Diversity Action Plan

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Cabinet Member for Regeneration Due Date: May 2011	Private Sector Housing - Housing Assistance Programme Review of the existing Housing Assistance programme, and to agree a future Housing Assistance programme from April 2011	Key stakeholders meetings	Stuart White 21/03/2011	Cabinet Member Report for Private Sector Housing - Housing assistance programme