

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN

**1 August 2011 to
30 November 2011**

**Councillor Christopher Garland
Leader of the Council**



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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.

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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 [website](#) 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.

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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:
<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Due Date: 10 Aug 2011</p>	<p>Core Strategy Public Participation Draft</p> <p>The Core Strategy Development Plan Document will set out the spatial vision and strategy for the future development of Maidstone borough to 2026. This is a draft document for public consultation, to seek views on the Council's preferred strategy from local residents, businesses and other interested parties.</p>	<p>Stakeholders, Member workshops, LDDAG and Leisure and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Internal and external stakeholder consultations to develop the draft Core Strategy for public consultation. Following consideration of the representations received, a further round of public consultation will be undertaken.</p>	<p>David Edwards, Director of Change, Planning and the Environment</p> <p>10 April 2011</p>	<p>Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for Core Strategy 2006-2026: Public Consultation Draft</p>

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<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Due Date: 10 Aug 2011</p>	<p>Procurement of revised Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment</p> <p>An assessment of gypsy and traveller accommodation is required to ensure that the level of pitch provision contained in the Core Strategy is correct and backed by a sound evidence base. The existing GTAA has been declared unfit for purpose and Counsel have advised that this piece of work is carried out as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Internal officer consultees include R Jarman, Head of Development Management, J Littlemore, Head of Housing The Brief for Consultants will be put to Cabinet for approval prior to appointment</p>	<p>Flo Churchill</p> <p>via email to Flo Churchill by 1st August 2011</p>	<p>Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for Procurement of revised Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment</p>