

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN

**01 January 2012 to
30 April 2012**

**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.

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.

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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: 08 Feb 2012</p>	<p>2012/13 Refresh of the Strategic Plan</p> <p>To agree the approach to the refresh of the Council's Strategic Plan 2011-15 and note the updated action plan.</p>	<p>Management Team, Cabinet Members, Service Managers, Committee Draft copies of the plan will be available for comment back to Ellie Kershaw</p>	<p>Ellie Kershaw elliekershaw@maidstone.gov.uk</p> <p>30/11/2011</p>	<p>Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for 2012/13 refresh of the Strategic Plan</p>
<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Due Date: 08 Feb 2012</p>	<p>Budget Strategy 2012/13 Onwards</p> <p>Agree proposed General Fund revenue and capital estimates for 2012/13 and revised figures for 2011/12, in accordance with the Budget Strategy and the Medium Term Financial and Capital Strategies and Projections, and the consequent level of Council Tax for submission to the Council.</p>	<p>Management Team Heads of Service Members Based on budget consultation strategy</p>	<p>Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone.gov.uk</p> <p>16 January 2012</p>	<p>Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for Budget Strategy 2012/13 Onwards - Cabinet</p>

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<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Due Date: 08 Feb 2012</p>	<p>Treasury Management Strategy 2012/13</p> <p>Review Treasury Management for 2011/12 and consider future Treasury Management Strategy for 2012/13. This will include Prudential Borrowing limits and a proposed Approved Investment Strategy. These matters will be submitted to Council.</p>	<p>Management Team Heads of Service Members Internal communication/report to Management Team</p>	<p>Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone.gov.uk</p> <p>16 January 2012</p>	<p>Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for Treasury Management Strategy 2012/13 - Cabinet</p>
<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Due Date: 11 Apr 2012</p> <p>Original Date: 3 Oct 2011</p>	<p>ICT Partnership</p> <p>Report detailing the business case for a MKIP ICT shared service/partnership</p>	<p>Staff, Heads of Service, Members Questionnaire</p>	<p>David Lindsay, Head of IT Services DaveLindsay@maidstone.gov.uk</p> <p>31/7/2011</p>	<p>Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for ICT Partnership</p>

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<p>Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services</p> <p>Due Date: Jan 2012</p>	<p>Parish Services Scheme</p> <p>To consider the outcome of the concurrent functions review and agree the new Parish Services Scheme</p>	<p>All Parish Councils. The review began in January 2011 and has had consultation throughout including with parishes and KALC. The main consultation for the report will commence in August with a presentation and question and answer session for all parish councils, followed by a formal consultation document on the new scheme which is planned to close in November 2011</p>	<p>Ryan O'Connell ryanoconnell@maidstone.gov.uk</p> <p>1 December 2011</p>	<p>Cabinet Member Report for Parish Services Scheme</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Transport</p> <p>Due Date: Jan 2012</p>	<p>Growth Point Revenue Expenditure</p> <p>To consider uncommitted Growth Point revenue funding and propose project expenditure to meet corporate objectives.</p>	<p>Consultees will vary depending upon each project. Where appropriate a consultation plan will be produced for each project</p>	<p>John Foster, Economic Development Manager johnfoster@maidstone.gov.uk</p> <p>25th November 2011</p>	<p>Cabinet Member Report for To consider Growth Point revenue expenditure</p>