

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**FORWARD PLAN OF
KEY DECISIONS**

1 July 2009 –
31 October 2009

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 updated 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 [website](#) 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.

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Title:	Housing Capital Expenditure
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member for Regeneration
This will be a "Key Decision" because:	Recommended expenditure is in excess of £250,000
Purpose:	To update the Housing Capital Programme and recommend expenditure towards the delivery of affordable housing schemes.
Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Proposed Date of Decision:	8 July 2009
Consultation and Method:	Meeting and discussion with Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Chief Finance Officer, Assistant Director of Development and Community Strategy, Director for Prosperity and Regeneration.
Representations should be made to:	John Littlemore, Housing Manager johnlittlemore@maidstone.gov.uk
Representations should be made by:	1st July 2009
Relevant documents:	None.
Wards affected:	All Wards;
Other Information:	
Director:	Alison Broom, Director of Operations
Head of Service:	John Littlemore
Report Author:	Andrew Connors

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Title:	Development & Regeneration Delivery Options
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member for Regeneration
This will be a "Key Decision" because:	The decision will define the Council's approach to delivery arrangements in terms of principles, policies and use of resources
Purpose:	Secure agreement to preferred delivery vehicle.
Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Proposed Date of Decision:	12 August 2009
Consultation and Method:	Key stakeholders for delivery of development and regeneration projects.
Representations should be made to:	Brian Morgan brianmorgan@maidstone.gov.uk
Representations should be made by:	24th July 2009
Relevant documents:	None.
Wards affected:	All Wards;
Other Information:	
Director:	Alison Broom, Director of Operations
Head of Service:	Brian Morgan
Report Author:	Alison Broom and Zena Cooke

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Title:	South East Maidstone Strategic Link Road
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member for Regeneration
This will be a "Key Decision" because:	Have significant effect on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards in Maidstone
Purpose:	To seek approval for expenditure to begin the design, alignment and cost estimation work for the SEMSL
Decision Maker:	Cabinet Member for Regeneration
Proposed Date of Decision:	Before 31 July 2009
Original proposed Date of Decision:	December 2008
Reason for Delay:	There has been a delay in receiving the brief for the planned works from Jacobs
Consultation and Method:	
Representations should be made to:	John Foster, Economic Development Manager johnfoster@maidstone.gov.uk
Representations should be made by:	19 June 2009
Relevant documents:	Cabinet Report September 10 th 2008
Wards affected:	All Wards;
Other Information:	
Director:	Alison Broom, Director of Operations
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Report Author:	John Foster