

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD 1 NOVEMBER 2022 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2023

This Forward Plan sets out the details of the key decisions which the Executive or Lead Members expect to take and the non-Key decisions that the Executive or Lead Members expect to take during the next four-month period. The plan will be updated weekly for the relevant period and a new plan for a new four-month period, published monthly on the last Friday of the month.

A Key Decision is defined as one which:

1. Results in the Council incurring expenditure, or making savings, of more than £250,000; or
2. Is significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more Wards in the Borough

The current members of the Executive are:

 <p>Councillor David Burton Leader of the Council DavidBurton@maidstone.gov.uk 07590 229910</p>	 <p>Councillor John Perry Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Corporate Services JohnPerry@Maidstone.gov.uk 07770 734741</p>	 <p>Councillor Lottie Parfitt-Reid Lead Member for Communities and Public Engagement LottieParfittReid@Maidstone.gov.uk 07919 360000</p>	 <p>Councillor Martin Round Lead Member for Environmental Services MartinRound@maidstone.gov.uk 07709 263447</p>
 <p>Councillor Simon Webb Lead Member for Housing and Health SimonWebb@Maidstone.gov.uk 07878 018997</p>	 <p>Councillor Claudine Russell Lead Member for Leisure and Arts ClaudineRussell@Maidstone.gov.uk</p>	 <p>Councillor Paul Cooper Lead Member for Planning and Infrastructure PaulCooper@Maidstone.gov.uk 01622 244070</p>	

Anyone wishing to make representations about any of the matters listed below may do so by contacting the relevant officer listed against each decision, within the time period indicated.

Under the Access to Information Procedure Rules set out in the Council's Constitution, a Key Decision or a Part II decision may not be taken, unless it has been published on the forward plan for 28 days or it is classified as urgent:

The law and the Council's Constitution provide for urgent key and part II decisions to be made, even though they have not been included in the Forward Plan.

Copies of the Council's constitution, forward plan, reports and decisions may be inspected at the Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ or accessed from the Council's website: www.maidstone.gov.uk

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Executive which are normally held at the Town Hall, High St, Maidstone, ME14 1SY. The dates and times of the meetings are published on www.maidstone.gov.uk or you may contact the Democratic Services Team on telephone number 01622 602899 for further details.

David Burton
Leader of the Council

Details of the Decision to be taken	Decision to be taken by	Lead Member	Expected Date of Decision	Key	Exempt	Proposed Consultees / Method of Consultation	Documents to be considered by Decision taker	Representations may be made to the following officer by the date stated
Rural England Prosperity Fund, Investment Plan a new fund has been allocated to the council for investment in our rural areas	Leader of the Council	Leader of the Council	21 Nov 2022	Yes	No Open	<p>Economic Regeneration and Leisure Policy Advisory Committee 8 Nov 2022</p> <p>Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 15 Nov 2022</p> <p>Informal Exec and Key Stakeholders consulted as part of developing the plan</p>	Rural England Prosperity Fund, Investment Plan	<p>Angela Woodhouse</p> <p>Director of Strategy, Insight & Governance</p> <p>angelawoodhouse@maidstone.gov.uk</p>
Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2023-24 We are required to review our Council Tax Reduction Scheme on an annual basis and to put a scheme in place by March 2023.	Executive Council	Lead Member for Communities and Public Engagement	<p>23 Nov 2022</p> <p>7 Dec 2022</p>	Yes	No Open	Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 15 Nov 2022	Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2023-24	<p>Zoe Kent</p> <p>Interim Head of Revenues & Benefits</p> <p>zoekent@swale.gov.uk</p>

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Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023 - 2028 Update on the Medium Term Financial Strategy	Executive	Lead Member for Corporate Services	23 Nov 2022	Yes	No Open	<p>Economic Regeneration and Leisure Policy Advisory Committee 8 November 2022</p> <p>Planning and Infrastructure Policy Advisory Committee 9 November 2022</p> <p>Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 15 Nov 2022</p> <p>Corporate Services Policy Advisory Committee 16 Nov 2022</p>	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023 - 2028	<p>Adrian Lovegrove</p> <p>Head of Finance</p> <p>adrianlovegrove@m aidstone.gov.uk</p>

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Council Fire & Building Safety Policy The role and expectations on all Council's following the Grenfell tragedy is changing, and so the creation of a new policy to cover work in this area is very important and timely. The report and policy addresses and responds to changing guidance and legislation, as well as provides clarity in terms of best practice in terms of the Council will work to best effect with other authorities through partnership working, to manage risk in the community.	Executive	Lead Member for Housing and Health	23 Nov 2022	Yes	No Open	Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 15 Nov 2022	Council Fire & Building Safety Policy	John Littlemore Head of Housing & Regulatory Services johnlittlemore@maidstone.gov.uk
Cobtree Golf Course A report on Cobtree Manor Park Golf Course	Cobtree Manor Estate Charity Committee	Leader of the Council	23 Nov 2022	Yes	No Fully exempt		Cobtree golf course	Mike Evans mikeevans@maidstone.gov.uk

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Cobtree Manor Park Llama House A report to agree repairs to the llama house at Cobtree Manor Park	Cobtree Manor Estate Charity Committee	Leader of the Council	21 Dec 2022	No	No Part exempt		Cobtree Manor Park Llama House	Mike Evans mikeevans@maidstone.gov.uk
Granada House Refurbishment Report on the outcome of the tender process and seeking approval to proceed with the works and the necessary financial commitments	Executive	Lead Member for Housing and Health	21 Dec 2022	Yes	No Part exempt	Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 11 Oct 2022 Update to Cabinet/Lead Member prior to PAC Meeting, once procurement process is complete.	Granada House Refurbishment	Andrew Connors Housing Enabling Officer andrewconnors@maidstone.gov.uk
Maidstone Leisure Centre To decide the future of Maidstone Leisure Centre	Executive	Lead Member for Leisure and Arts	21 Dec 2022	Yes	No Part exempt	Economic Regeneration and Leisure Policy Advisory Committee 6 Dec 2022	Maidstone Leisure Centre	Mike Evans mikeevans@maidstone.gov.uk

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Heather House and Royal British Legion site A report seeking approval to enter into contract with contractors for proposed works to Heather House and Royal British Legion Buildings.	Executive	Lead Member for Housing and Health	21 Dec 2022	Yes	No Part exempt	Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 13 Dec 2022	Heather House and Royal British Legion site	Andrew Connors, Alison Elliott Housing Enabling Officer, andrewconnors@maidstone.gov.uk, alisonelliott@maidstone.gov.uk
Housing Strategy 2022-27 The proposed themes for the new housing strategy were approved by the CHE Committee in early 2022, and these have since been subject to public consultation. Therefore the new housing strategy, as drafted, takes account of these consultation responses, and is now ready for consideration for adoption.	Executive	Lead Member for Housing and Health	21 Dec 2022	Yes	No Open	Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 13 Dec 2022	Housing Strategy 2022-27	John Littlemore Head of Housing & Regulatory Services johnlittlemore@maidstone.gov.uk

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Mid Kent Waste Collection Contract Approval to enter into contract with the successful bidder following a competitive dialogue procurement process.	Executive	Lead Member for Environmental Services	21 Dec 2022	Yes	No Part exempt	Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 13 Dec 2022	Mid Kent Waste Collection Contract	Jennifer Stevens Head of Environmental Services & Public Realm jenniferstevens@maidstone.gov.uk
Fees and Charges 2023/24 This report sets out the proposed fees and charges for 2023/24. Fees and charges determined by the council are reviewed annually, and this forms part of the budget setting process. Changes to fees and charges agreed will come into effect on 1 April 2023 unless otherwise stated in the report.	Executive	Lead Member for Corporate Services	21 Dec 2022	Yes	No Open	Economic Regeneration and Leisure Policy Advisory Committee 6 Dec 2022 Planning and Infrastructure Policy Advisory Committee 8 Dec 2022 Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 13 Dec 2022	Fees and Charges 2023/24	Adrian Lovegrove Head of Finance adrianlovegrove@maidstone.gov.uk

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						<p>Corporate Services Policy Advisory Committee 14 Dec 2022</p> <p>Each PAC will review their F&C, with CS PAC recommending all the F&C for approval by the Executive.</p>		
<p>Procurement Policy Changes The Council has taken the opportunity to review and develop its policies in a number of areas in regard to the procurement of its goods and services.</p> <p>The review has identified 3 key areas where we should be developing our policies.</p>	Executive	Lead Member for Corporate Services	21 Dec 2022	No	No Open	Corporate Services Policy Advisory Committee 14 Dec 2022	Procurement Policy Changes	<p>Adrian Lovegrove Head of Finance adrianlovegrove@maidstone.gov.uk</p>

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Property Acquisition for 1,000 Affordable Homes Programme Report regarding acquisition of site for 1,000 Affordable Homes Programme	Executive	Lead Member for Housing and Health	21 Dec 2022	Yes	No Part exempt	Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 13 Dec 2022 Notification to ward member. Briefing to Executive and Lead Member for PAC.	Property Acquisition for 1,000 Affordable Homes Programme	Andrew Connors Housing Enabling Officer andrewconnors@maidstone.gov.uk
Equalities Policy and Action Plan - Update Annual Update report - providing an update on actions taken to meet objections, propose any revisions or changes	Lead Member for Communities and Public Engagement	Lead Member for Communities and Public Engagement	23 Dec 2022	No	No Open	Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 13 Dec 2022	Equalities Policy and Action Plan - Update	Orla Sweeney orlasweeney@maidstone.gov.uk
Commissioning Support from the VCS Support services delivered by VCS	Lead Member for Communities and Public Engagement	Lead Member for Communities and Public Engagement	3 Jan 2023	No	No Open	Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 13 Dec 2022	Commissioning Support from the VCS	Anna Collier annacollier@maidstone.gov.uk

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Governance and procedural arrangements for CIL Ward spend	Lead Member for Planning and Infrastructure	Lead Member for Planning and Infrastructure	23 Jan 2023	No	No Open	Planning and Infrastructure Policy Advisory Committee 11 Jan 2023	Governance and procedural arrangements for CIL Ward spend	Carole Williams carole.williams@midkent.gov.uk
MBC Response to the Kent Minerals and Waste Plan Review Reg.18 response	Lead Member for Planning and Infrastructure	Lead Member for Planning and Infrastructure	23 Jan 2023	No	No Open	Planning and Infrastructure Policy Advisory Committee 8 Dec 2022	MBC Response to the Kent Minerals and Waste Plan Review	Helen Garnett helengarnett@maidstone.gov.uk
Charges for Replacement Wheeled Bins Proposal to introduce charges for the replacement of damaged refuse and recycling wheeled bins, in line with the Mid Kent Waste Partnership.	Executive	Lead Member for Environmental Services	25 Jan 2023	No	No Open	Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 17 Jan 2023	Charges for Replacement Wheeled Bins	Jennifer Stevens Head of Environmental Services & Public Realm jenniferstevens@maidstone.gov.uk

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Property Acquisition for 1000 homes programme Report regarding Acquisition of site for 1000 affordable homes programme	Executive	Lead Member for Housing and Health	25 Jan 2023	Yes	No Part exempt	Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 17 Jan 2023 Notification of ward members. Briefing to executive and lead member for PAC	Property Acquisition for 1000 homes programme	Philip Morris philipmorris@maistone.gov.uk
Strategic CIL Assessments & Spend	Executive	Lead Member for Planning and Infrastructure	25 Jan 2023	Yes	No Open	Planning and Infrastructure Policy Advisory Committee 11 Jan 2023	Strategic CIL Assessments & Spend	William Cornall, Rob Jarman, Carole Williams Director of Regeneration & Place, Head of Development Management, williamcornall@maidstone.gov.uk, Robjarman@maidstone.gov.uk, carole.williams@midkent.gov.uk

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Review of Housing Assistance Policy (including DFG) This policy addresses a number of services and funding streams delivered from within the Housing and Community Services department, to include the Disabled Facilities Grant and the Help You Home scheme too. The document sets out how these funding streams are utilised to deliver the desired community benefits.	Executive	Lead Member for Housing and Health	25 Jan 2023	Yes	No Open	Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 17 Jan 2023	Review of Housing Assistance Policy (including DFG)	John Littlemore Head of Housing & Regulatory Services johnlittlemore@maidstone.gov.uk
Award of Arboricultural Services Contract To advise on the scope of the contract to provide tree pruning, tree safety works, planting and emergency call out service relating to MBC owned land and tree stock. LM asked to endorse the award of contract to the selected company.	Lead Member for Environmental Services	Lead Member for Environmental Services	23 Feb 2023	Yes	No Open	Communities, Housing and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 14 Feb 2023	Award of Arboricultural Services Contract	Andrew Williams andrewwilliams@maidstone.gov.uk

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