MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN

1 March 2010 to 30 June 2010

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.

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 <u>website</u> 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.

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:
Cabinet Due Date: 10 Mar 2010	Land Transfers to Parish Councils To seek authority to consider the transfer of land currently held by the Borough as Open Space/Amenity land, which would be more suited to management by Parish Councils	Discussions with: Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Management Team	Alasdair Robertson, Head of Business Improvement 22 February 2010	None.
Cabinet Due Date: 14 Apr 2010	Information Strategy 2010 - 2013 The Council's Information Strategy, this is a 3 year rolling programme, reviewed annually.	Report to ICT Steering Group, Management Team, and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services.	Paul Taylor, Assistant Director of Customer Services and Partnerships 15th March 2010	Information Strategy 2010 - 13

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Cabinet Due Date: 9 Jun 2010	Treasury Management Performance for 2009/10 To agree Treasury Management performance for 2009/10 and to consider revisions to arrangements for 2010/11 in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management	Management Team and Heads of Service Internal	Paul Riley, Head of Finance 30 April 2010	Cabinet, Council and Committee for Treasury Management Performance for 2009/10
Cabinet Due Date: 9 Jun 2010	Revenue and Capital Outturn for 2009/10 To agree Revenue and Capital Outturn for 2009/10	Management Team, Heads of Service and Members Internal	Paul Riley, Head of Finance 30 April 2010	Cabinet, Council and Committee for Revenue and Capital Outturn for 2009/10
Cabinet Due Date: 9 Jun 2010	Summary of the Statement of Accounts for 2009/10 To agree a summary of the Statement of Accounts for 2009/10	Management Team, Heads of Service and Members Internal	Paul Riley, Head of Finance 30 April 2010	Cabinet, Council and Committee for Summary of the Statement of Accounts for 2009/10

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Cabinet Member for Corporate Services Due Date: 26 Mar 2010	Asset Management Plan To consider the asset management plan for 2010-13	Consultation with Overview & Scrutiny	David Tibbit End of February	None.
Cabinet Member for Corporate Services Due Date: Before 31 Mar 2010	Procurement Strategy To consider the procurement strategy for 2010-13	Consultation with Overview & Scrutiny	David Tibbit End of February	None.