MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN

1 March 2012 to 30 June 2012

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.

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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.

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	Core Strategy Targets for	Gypsy and Traveller	Flo Churchill	Cabinet,
Due Date: 14 March 2012	Gypsy & Traveller pitches and Travelling Showpeople plots Report to consider the targets for Gypsy and Traveller pitches and for Travelling Showpeople plots to be included in the next stage of the Core Strategy (Regulation 27 stage)	community through the Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment and with the wider community through the Core Strategy consultation process. through the Core Strategy consultation process	flochurchill@maidstone.gov.uk 15th February 2012	Council or Committee Report for Core Strategy: Targets for Gypsy & Traveller pitches and Travelling Showpeople plots

Decision Maker and Date of Decision/Month in which decision will be made:	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: 13 June 2012	Core Strategy Publication Consultation Following public participation consultation on the Core Strategy (Regulations 25 consultation), to respond to representations received and to recommend changes to the Core Strategy in advance of the Publication consultation stage of the plan making process (Regulation 27 consultation).	Representations to be considered by the Core Strategy Members Working Group, the Local Development Document Task and Finish Scrutiny Panel and Cabinet. Publication consultation will involve all members of the public, including residents, businesses, the development industry and adjacent local authorities. The Core Strategy public participation consultation ended on 14 October 2011. Representations will be assessed and recommendations made to amend the document before the Core Strategy is published for Regulation 27 consultation, known as Publication.	Sue Whiteside suewhiteside@maidstone.gov.uk 31 January 2012	Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for Core Strategy Publication Consultation

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Cabinet Due Date: 13 June 2012	Infrastructure Delivery Plan: Public Consultation To agree the IDP, which lists the infrastructure schemes (and estimated costs) required to support the spatial distribution of development proposed in the Core Strategy		Michael Murphy michaelmurphy@maidstone.gov.uk 11 January 2012	Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for Infrastructure Delivery Plan: Public Consultation
Cabinet Due Date: 13 June 2012 Original Date: 11 Jan 2012	Integrated Transport Strategy: Public Consultation The joint transport strategy to support the Core Strategy	Core Strategy Members Working Group, Task and Finish Scrutiny Panel, Joint Transport Board, Stakeholders and the public For public consultation	Flo Churchill flochurchill@maidstone.gov.uk 31st December 2011	Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for Integrated Transport Strategy Public Consultation