MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN

1 July 2012 to 31 October 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

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.

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 Member for Community and Leisure Services Due Date: 2 Jul 2012	Empty Homes Plan Scoping Report To consider the options available to update the Council's interventions relating to empty homes.	Members and Officers internal consultation	John Littlemore, Head of Housing & Community Safety johnlittlemore@maidstone.gov.uk 28 June 2012	Cabinet Member Report for Empty Homes Plan Scoping Report
Cabinet Due Date: 11 Jul 2012	Public Gypsy & Traveller Site: process update Report to consider and agree next steps in the process of delivering 15 additional public Gypsy & Traveller pitches in the borough by 2015.	Forward Plan recipients Forward Plan	Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, John Littlemore, Head of Housing & Community Safety Robjarman@maidstone.gov.uk, johnlittlemore@maidstone.gov.uk	Exempt Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for Public Gypsy & Traveller Site: process update
Cabinet Due Date: 25 Jul 2012	Draft Joint Integrated Transport Strategy Public Consultation Draft of ITS	MBC & KCC Members Residents Businesses Highways Agency Joint Transport Board Public consultation	Jonathan Morris jonathanmorris@maidstone.gov.uk 15th June 2012	Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for Draft Joint Integrated Transport Strategy

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: 25 Jul 2012	Phase 2 High Street Improvement Project To consider whether to progress with Phase 2 of the High Street Improvement Project	Residents, businesses in Lower High Street, bus operators, disability focus groups, Kent County Council Through publication of the report	John Foster, Economic Development Manager johnfoster@maidstone.gov.uk 29 th June 2012	Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for Phase 2 High Street Improvement Project
Cabinet Due Date: 25 Jul 2012	Core Strategy Strategic Development Site Allocations Approval to undertake a partial public consultation (regulation 18) on the strategic development sites proposed to be allocated in the Core Strategy	Residents and businesses, development industry, parish councils, ward members, infrastructure providers. Public consultation (TCPA regulation 18)	Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management Robjarman@maidstone.gov.uk 13 June 2012	Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for Core Strategy Strategic Development Site Allocations

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Cabinet Due Date: 25 Jul 2012	Core Strategy Public Participation Key Issues and Responses A report on the key issues arising from the representations made during public partcipation consultation on the Core Strategy, together with recommended responses	Residents, businesses, infrastructure providers, development industry, parish councils, ward members, adjacent authorities, etc. Draft Core Strategy was subject to full public consultation (Regulation 18, formerly Regulation 25)	Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management Robjarman@maidstone.gov.uk 13 June 2012	Cabinet, Council or Committee Report for Core Strategy Public Participation Key Issues and Responses
Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services Due Date: 21 Sep 2012	Empty Homes Plan To consider the detail of the Council's intervention in respect of empty homes	Members and Officers internal consultation	John Littlemore, Head of Housing & Community Safety johnlittlemore@maidstone.gov.uk 31 August 2012	Cabinet Member Report for Empty Homes Plan