

Committee: **Scrutiny Committee for Social Services and Health**

Date: 6 September 2001

Title of Report: Forward Plan of Key Decisions to be Considered by the Cabinet

By: Director of Social Services

Purpose of Report: To inform the Committee of the key decisions to be addressed by the Cabinet between September 2001 and December 2001

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## **Recommendations**

- 1 To note the report and the Forward Plan for Social Services**
  - 2. To consider whether there are any issues highlighted by the Plan about which the Committee would wish to have more information.**
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### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In accordance with its new constitution, the Cabinet must prepare a forward plan of the key decisions, which it is to take during the period covered by the Plan. The Plan has to be produced at the beginning of each month.

1.2 The publication of the Plan enables Scrutiny Committees to consider what key decisions are going to be made by the Cabinet. The Scrutiny Committee can then decide whether it wishes to make any comments about any particular matter. The Cabinet will also wish to seek the views of the relevant Scrutiny Committee if there are important issues of policy which are being considered.

### 2. FORWARD PLAN FOR SOCIAL SERVICES

2.1 The Appendix sets out the forward plan for Social Services (September 2001 to November 2001)

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EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN – CABINET – 1 SEPTEMBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2001

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4 September 2001	Evaluation Framework for new Constitution	To agree the evaluation framework for the County Council's Constitution	Cabinet			Jane Mackney 482146
	Closing of Accounts 2000/01	To consider statement of accounts	Cabinet			Trevor Brierley 481820
	Budget Monitoring	To approve any necessary actions to balance the budget	Cabinet			Trevor Brierley 481820
	Newhaven Port Access Road	To consider whether to continue the County Council's involvement	Cabinet			Cheryl Miller 481176
	Variation to Capital Programme	To agree additional funding for flood damage repairs	Cabinet		Report to Cabinet, 26 June 2001	Sandra Schofield 481908
	Supplementary Planning Guidance on Parking Standards	To approve the development of supplementary planning guidance on parking standards to be required for new development	Cabinet	Consultation with Borough/District Councils and stakeholders will take place in developing the standards		Peter Hayward 481236
	Lewes District Local Plan	To consider whether the proposed modifications are consistent with the County Structure Plan and other key strategies	Cabinet		East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Structure Plan 1991-2011 Proposed modifications to the Draft Lewes District Local Plan Objections to the	Nick Claxton 481407

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					<p>proposed modifications to the Lewes District Local Plan  Modifications to the Deposit Draft Lewes District Local Plan  Cabinet report, 12 December 2000  Inspector's report on objections to Lewes District Local Plan (November 1999)  Lewes District Council's response to the Inspector's report</p>	
	Waste Awareness Programme –	To approve developments to the programme and authorise exploring opportunities for external funding.	Cabinet			Lisa Mooney 482323
	Review of Current Services at The Alders, Crowborough residential centre for people with learning difficulties	To consider the future provision of services	Cabinet	Residents Trade Unions/Staff Homes Inspectorate EACH		Keith Hinkley 481288 Chris Bland 01323 440600
	Children's Fund	To approve actions to be taken in order to secure the second wave of funding for vulnerable children aged 5 – 13 from the Children's Fund	Cabinet			Peter Weston 481660 Helen Davies 481274
	Eligibility Criteria for Community Care	To consider developments affecting eligibility criteria for	Cabinet	Service Users; Carers; Voluntary Orgs; Other Key	Report to Social Services Committee 10 October 2000	Keith Hinkley 481288 Gerry Murphy

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		community care		Stakeholders	Fair Access to Care Services: DoH July 2000 Health Service Circular/Local Authority Circular HSC 2001/015 LAC (2000) 18 28 June 2001	481612
September 2001	ITEX Extension	To consider possible extension of existing contract	Lead Cabinet Member for Community Planning and E-Govt	ICT Strategy Group Lead Member for Corporate Resources		Peter O'Neill 481197
24 September	Public Consultation on NHS organisations in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove	To consider County Council's response to consultation documents	Lead Member for Social Services and Health		Letter from East Sussex, Brighton & Hove Health Authority July 2001 and consultation documents	Bob Sherwood 481252 Andy Gay 01424 201893
	Quiet Roads Initiative	To agree that a pilot scheme, from a list of 5 evaluated schemes, proceeds when Countyside Agency funding is available	Lead Member for Transport & Env't			Peter Hayward 481236
16 October 2001	Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) 2002/3 – Key Service Targets and Budget Issues	To agree proposals for draft key service targets and budget issues for public consultation	Cabinet	Scrutiny Committees consultation with public and partners to be carried out following this meeting as agreed by Cabinet		Becky Shaw 481950
	BVPP 2001/02 – Monitoring	To consider progress towards the achievement of targets in the BVPP	Cabinet	Scrutiny Committees	Best Value Performance Plan 2001/02	Becky Shaw 481950

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		and make recommendations to County Council on adjustments to be made in the light of changing circumstances				
	BVPP 2000/01	To consider audit of Audit Commission and Best Value Performance Indicators for 2000/01	Cabinet	Scrutiny Committees	BVPP 2000/01 Audit report by District Auditor	Pete Rowley 481932
	Procurement Strategy for new core systems (currently covered by ITEX contract)	To approve Strategy for new core systems	Cabinet	ICT Strategy Group Lead Member for Corporate Resources		Peter O'Neill 481197
	Revised Procurement Strategy	To approve a revised Procurement Strategy in light of the Government's Byatt report on local government procurement	Cabinet			Jonathan Campbell 481847
	Annual Library Plan  (Public Library Standards)	To approve the Plan  To consider targets for increased funding to meet National Public Library Standards for book acquisition, access and opening hours	Cabinet/ County Council	Community Services Scrutiny Committee  Library Friends Groups		Dina Thorpe 481534
	Mobile Library Review	To review mobile library routes	Cabinet	Town and Parish Councils.	Review report	Viv Warren 481329
	Flooding Issues	To consider proposals in relation to flooding	Cabinet			Ian Loughborough 481458
	Secondary school places in Eastbourne	To authorise consultation with schools and the wider community about the provision of additional secondary school places	Cabinet	If approved, consultation with schools, other agencies, including Eastbourne Borough		Michael Nix 481446

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		in the town		Council, and the wider public, will follow in November/December		
	Children's and Young People's Strategic Partnership issues	To agree the next step in establishing a Children's and Young People's Partnership	Cabinet	With Health and Social Care Partnership Board, Children's Services Planning Group, PCTs, and the Health Authority	Report to Cabinet, 26 June	Peter Weston/ Helen Davies 481660/481274
	District Audit – Better Services for Vulnerable Older People	To consider the outcome of the external review and the County Council's response	Cabinet	Joint Audit including Health colleagues	District Audit report	Keith Hinkley 481288
	Sussex Connexions	To approve plan for Sussex Connexions Services to go live in April 2002	Cabinet	With schools, colleges, Youth Services and FE sector, voluntary sector – ongoing via Transition Group, Secondary Heads' meeting and paper exercise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summary of views for the consultation exercise</li> <li>- Draft bid for submission to GOSE</li> </ul>	Mark Preston 481153
	Public Service Agreement (PSA) for East Sussex	To approve next steps for developing delivery of East Sussex PSA	Cabinet	Local Strategic Partnership Audit and Best Value Scrutiny Committee	Government Prospectus Cabinet – report 31.7.01	Richard Hemsley 481546
	Structure Plan Review	To approve the undertaking of a review (and extension to 2016) of the County Structure Plan in the light of new Regional Planning Guidance. Cabinet will be asked to decide on the programme, scope of	Cabinet / County Council)	<p>Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Brighton &amp; Hove City Council</p>	<p>Regional Planning Guidance for the South East</p> <p>East Sussex and Brighton &amp; Hove Structure Plan 1991-2011</p>	Alistair Robson 481633

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		review, public consultation and arrangements for joint working with Brighton & Hove City Council			Relevant Planning Policy Guidance Notes	
	Budget Monitoring	To approve any action required to balance the budget	Cabinet	-	-	Sean Nolan 481406
	Reconciling Policy and Resources – next steps	To determine revised policy and financial guidelines (revenue and capital)	Cabinet	-	-	Sean Nolan 481406
	Intranet Project	To agree the way forward for the Intranet Project	Cabinet			Peter O'Neill 481197
	Annual report on property portfolio and proposals for property review	To consider the annual report and to approve properties for review	Cabinet	Borough/District Councils Sussex Police Authority Health		Mike King 482404
	Reprovisioning - Mount Denys Home for Elderly People with Mental Health Illness	To agree to consultation on the reprovisioning of services from Mount Denys	Cabinet	Staff Service Users Carers; UNISON; Health Authority; Health Trusts	N/A	Mike Walsh 481351
	Property Design and Maintenance Strategy	To determine a new strategy post-Owen Williams	Cabinet	-	-	Mike King 482404
October 2001	Second Deposit Draft Eastbourne Local Plan	To consider whether the Plan conforms with the County Structure Plan and is consistent with other key strategies (eg Local Transport Plan)	Lead Member for Transport & Env't		Second Deposit Draft Eastbourne Local Plan East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Structure Plan 1991-2011 Cabinet report, 27 February 2001	Pete Davenport 481708



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	Second Deposit Draft Brighton & Hove Local Plan	To consider whether proposals are consistent with the County Structure Plan and regional/national planning policy guidance	Lead Member for Transport and Env't		Second Deposit Draft Brighton & Hove Local Plan First Deposit Draft Brighton and Hove Local Plan East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Structure Plan 1991-2011 Cabinet report, 10 October 2000	Nick Claxton 481407
	Second Deposit Draft Mid-Sussex District Local Plan	To consider whether the proposals are consistent with the County Structure Plan and regional/national planning policy guidance	Lead Member for Transport & Env't		Second Deposit Draft Mid-Sussex District Local Plan First Deposit Draft Mid-Sussex District Local Plan East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Structure Plan 1991-2011	Nick Claxton 481407
	Working Better Together	To sign up to two Environment Agency protocols on land use planning aimed at better working together between the Agency and the County Council	Lead Member for Transport & Env't.			Alistair Robson 481633
	Chief Executive's Annual Report on the Operation of the Inspection Unit 2000/2001	To note the report on the work of the Inspection Unit as required by the Department of Health	Lead Cabinet Member for Chief Executive's Office	Social Services and Health Scrutiny Committee		Andrew Ogden 481178
	New delegations and minor revisions to the	To consider papers to be issued for consultation	Lead Member for	Schools will be consulted on the	Funding Formula for Schools	Michael Nix 481446

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	school funding formula		Education	approved consultation papers		
	Funding proposals and Formula for Special Schools	To consider papers to be issued for consultation	Lead Member for Education	Special Schools will be consulted following the meeting on the agreed consultation papers	SEN and Inclusion 2000 Inclusion Strategy Funding formula for schools	Michael Nix 481446
23 October 2001	Social Services Complaints Procedure Annual Review 2000/01	To note the annual complaints procedure review	Lead Member for Social Services	Voluntary Organisations Independent Chairs of Complaints Review Panels Staff		Jill Young 481156
20 November 2001	East Sussex Local Strategic Partnerships Work Programmes	To agree the work programmes for the LSPs leading to the formulation of a Community Plan for the County	Cabinet	Partner agencies in the public, voluntary, business and community sectors. Community Services Scrutiny Committee. Some early consultation with local communities		Becky Shaw 481950
	Personnel Policies	To consider revisions to some personnel policies	Cabinet			Bob Cairns 482836
	Single Status	To consider progress made on single status	Cabinet			Bob Cairns 482836
	Standards Fund	To agree to take-up of Department for Education and Skills' allocation and extent of East Sussex commitment	Cabinet	With schools via Standards Fund Steering Group.	Standards Fund circular for 2002-03 (due for publication by DFES October 2001)	Chief Adviser/ Standards Fund Co-ordinator 481866
	Outline Education Development Plan 2002 onwards	To approve outline draft Plan for submission to Secretary of State for Education and Skills	Cabinet	With schools and other stakeholders: - Strategic planning day - Priority Working	- DFES EDP Guidance for 2002-2005 - East Sussex EDP for 2001-02	Chief Adviser 481866

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Education Scrutiny Committee</li> <li>- The public via the Web page</li> </ul>		
	Education Asset Management Plan (AMP) – Local Policy Statement and Statement of Priorities	To approve the AMP	Cabinet	Consultations with schools and other AMP partners September – October Education Scrutiny Committee	Draft Local Policy Statement and Statement of Priorities	Michael Nix 481446
	Cultural Strategy	To approve the Cultural Strategy	Cabinet	District and Borough Councils	Regional Cultural Strategy	Hilary Lane 481871
	Waste Local Plan	To consider and make recommendations on content of Second Deposit Plan	Cabinet/ County Council			Alistair Robson/ Bob Beattie 481633/481653
	New Approach to Development Contributions	To approve work with Borough and District Councils on developing new guidance on the approach to seeking contributions towards necessary infrastructure and services arising from development proposals	Cabinet	Borough and District Councils will be involved in the development of the guidance if the Cabinet agrees to the proposals		Alistair Robson 481633
	Supplementary Planning Guidance on Parking Standards	To approve supplementary planning guidance on parking standards	Cabinet	Public stakeholders		Peter Hayward 481236
	Day Care Services for Older People	To consider future configuration of day care services for older people	Cabinet	Service Users Staff Voluntary Organisations; other Key Stakeholders Social Services and	Report to Social Services Committee 17 April 2001	Keith Hinkley 481288

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				Health Scrutiny Committee		
	Learning Disability Day Care Review	To consider future configuration of Learning Disability Day Care Services	Cabinet	Service Users Voluntary Organisations staff, Unions Other Key Stakeholders Social Services and Health Scrutiny Committee	Report to Social Services Committee 22 May 2001	Keith Hinkley 481288
	Future of Music Library Site and Parking Provision at County Hall	To consider future use of Music Library Site	Cabinet	Unions Lewes District Council Friends of Lewes Local Residents		David Church 481991
November 2001	West Sussex Deposit Draft Structure Plan	To consider whether the proposals are consistent with the County Structure Plan and regional/national planning policy guidance	Lead Member for Transport & Env't		West Sussex Deposit Draft Structure Plan East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Structure Plan 1991-2011 Regional Planning Guidance for the South East Relevant Planning Policy Guidance Notes Cabinet report, 2 August 2000	Nick Claxton 481407
	Draft Wealden District Local Plan	To consider whether the First Deposit Draft Wealden Plan conforms with the County Structure Plan	Lead Member for Transport & Env't		Draft Wealden Local Plan (as intended for first deposit) East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Structure Plan 1991-2011	Graham Arr-Jones 481615

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					Relevant Planning Policy Guidance Notes Cabinet report, 24 May 2000	
	Approved List of Contractors for Landscape Works	Seeking approval for an informal list of selected contractors for landscape work under £35K	Lead Member for Transport & Env't.	Head of Property		Nigel Marshall 481614
	Public Rights of Way and Access to the Countryside – Milestones Statement and Progress Report	To approve the Statement for submission to the Countryside Agency	Lead Member for Transport & Env't.			Nigel Kitchener 482250
	Local Area Transport Strategies – Crowborough	Approval of Strategies	Lead Member for Transport & Env't.	Borough/District Councils, stakeholders and Local Members		Peter Hayward 481236
	Best Value Review of Building Maintenance	Progress Report	Lead Member for Corporate Resources	-	-	Mike King 482404
18 December 2001	Reconciling Policy and Resources	To consider capital and revenue steers and determine medium term policy priorities and underpinning financial strategy	Cabinet	Scrutiny Committees Non domestic ratepayers Other stakeholders		Sean Nolan 481406
	Annual Audit Letter	To consider the District Auditor's annual audit letter	Cabinet	Audit and Best Value Scrutiny Committee		David Aldous 482330
	Best Value Performance Plan 2002/03 – review of key strategic targets	To consider what changes need to be made to proposed key service targets in the light of the results of consultation and the Revenue Support	Cabinet	Scrutiny Committees The public Stakeholders and partners		Becky Shaw 481950

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	Education Development Plan	Grant settlement To approve the Education Development Plan 2002/05	Cabinet/ County Council	Education Scrutiny Committee Schools and other stakeholders: - strategic planning day - priority working groups - the public via the web page	DFES EDP Guidance for 2002/05 East Sussex EDP for 2001/02	Chief Advisor 481866
	District Audit study on central administration SLAs	To consider the Action Plan	Cabinet		District Audit Report	Michael Nix 481446
	Single Transport Provision Plan	To consider proposals in relation to a single transport provision team	Cabinet	Education, Social Services and Health and Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committees		John Windebank
	South Downs – Countryside Agency consultation on National Park proposals	To consider proposals and response	Cabinet			Steve Ankers 481636
	Traffic Calming: Priority Assessments of Requests	To approve a list of priority schemes for investigation and public consultation during 2002/03 for implementation the following year	Cabinet	Local members Public		Colin Clarke 482363