

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN

The Leader of the County Council is required to publish a forward plan setting out matters which the Leader believes will be the subject of a key decision by the Cabinet, individual Cabinet member or officer in the period covered by the Plan (the subsequent four months). The Council's Constitution states that a key decision is one that involves

- (a) expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the expenditure of the County Council's budget, namely above £500,000 per annum; or
- (b) is significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions.

As a matter of good practice, the Council's Forward Plan includes other items in addition to key decisions that are to be considered by the Cabinet/individual members. This additional information is provided to inform local residents of all matters to be considered, with the exception of issues which are dealt with under the urgency provisions. Only key decisions to be taken by officers are included.

For each decision included on the Plan the following information is provided:

- the name of the individual or body that is to make the decision and the date of the meeting or relevant time period for an officer decision
- the title of the report and decision to be considered
- groups that will be consulted prior to the decision being taken
- a list of documents that will be considered when making the decision
- the name and telephone number of the contact officer for each item.

The Plan is updated and published every month on the Council's website two weeks before the start of the period to be covered.

Meetings of the Cabinet/individual members are open to the public (with the exception of discussion regarding reports which contain exempt/confidential information). Copies of agenda and reports for meetings are available on the website in advance of meetings. Key decisions taken by officers will not be taken at a meeting – documents listed can be made available on request to the contact officer, with the exception of those which contain exempt/confidential information.

For further details on the time of meetings and general information about the Plan please contact Stuart McKeown at County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE, or telephone 01273 481583 or send an e-mail to stuart.mckeown@eastsussex.gov.uk. For further detailed information regarding specific issues to be considered by the Cabinet, individual Member or officer please contact the named contact officer for the item concerned.

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For copies of reports or other documents please contact the officer listed on the Plan or phone 01273 335274.

FORWARD PLAN – EXECUTIVE DECISIONS (including Key Decisions) –1 November 2024 TO 28 February 2025

Additional notices in relation to Key Decisions and/or private decisions are available on the [Council's website](#).

Cabinet membership:

Councillor Keith Glazier - Lead Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development

Councillor Nick Bennett – Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change

Councillor Penny di Cara – Lead Member for Economy

Councillor Claire Dowling – Lead Member for Transport and Environment

Councillor Carl Maynard – Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health

Councillor Bob Bowdler – Lead Member for Children and Families

Councillor Bob Standley – Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability

Date for Decision	Decision Taker	Decision/Key Issue	Decision to be taken wholly or partly in private (P) or Key Decision (KD)	Consultation	List of Documents to be submitted to decision maker	Contact Officer
1 Nov 2024	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	New property arrangements for Rye Sports Centre To agree new 20 year Lease Agreement between East Sussex County Council and Rye Town Council and under lease by Rye Town Council to the Rye Recreation and Wellbeing Community Interest Company. This is to enable the continuation of the curriculum and community use of Rye Sports Centre and swimming pool.	P KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Nigel Brown, Pauline Young 07394 410630, 01273 481180

1 Nov 2024	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme: Consultation Response To consider the proposed response to Eastbourne Borough Council billing authority on proposed changes to their Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2025/26.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ian Gutsell, Thomas Alty 01273 481399, 07701 394836
4 Nov 2024	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	Buzz Active next steps To note options and agree next steps for the delivery of Buzz Active. (Buzz Active offers outdoor land and water based activities from three locations within East Sussex: Eastbourne Seafront, Bushy Wood in Hailsham and Cuckmere Haven. This decision will enable the Council to progress with the exploration of a different operating model to ensure Buzz Active is fully supported to grow as a centre of excellence for outdoor education and activities for children, young people, their families and the wider community within East Sussex.)	P		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Michelle Ingham 01273 482550
13 Nov 2024	Cabinet	HM Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) inspection of Youth Justice Service delivered in East Sussex Cabinet is asked to note the findings of HM Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) inspection of Youth Justice Service delivered in East Sussex 10 – 14 June 2024, which was published week commencing 16 September and the action plan which has been developed to address the areas for improvement.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Amanda Watson 01273 481339

13 Nov 2024	Cabinet	Scrutiny Review of Healthy Ageing To consider and comment on the report of the People Scrutiny Committee and agree the response to the recommendations of the review.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Rachel Sweeney 07561 267461
13 Nov 2024	Cabinet	RPPR update - 2025/26 next steps and Medium Term Financial Plan To consider an update on the reconciling policy, performance and resources (RPPR) process for 2025/26, the next steps and the medium term financial plan.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Victoria Beard 07894 708914
18 Nov 2024	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Consultation outcome for revised Seaside and St Anthony's Avenue bus priority proposals in Eastbourne To consider the outcome of the second public consultation on revised bus priority proposals for Seaside and St Anthony's Avenue as part of the East Sussex Bus Service Improvement Plan.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Indi Hicks 07514 721385
18 Nov 2024	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Petition: To request that the Road Safety Team carry out a full Traffic Safety Survey with a view to introducing a new 40mph speed limit through Arlington and Caneheath To consider a petition for a traffic safety survey and implementation of a 40mph speed limit within the parish of Arlington.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Clare Akehurst 03456 080193

18 Nov 2024	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Eastbourne Town Centre Movement and Access Package Phase 2a - revised scope To note and approve the revised scope for Eastbourne Town Centre Movement and Access Package Phase 2a.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Isobel Kellett 07513 833903
19 Nov 2024	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	Former Broad Oak Primary School - Disposal of Freehold This is a former school site that is surplus to operational requirements. Lead Member approval is being sought to formally declare the whole of the asset to be surplus to operational requirements and to approve the disposal of the former main school site. The Lead Member report will seek for the Chief Operating Officer to be granted authority to agree detailed terms with the preferred purchaser at a later date.	P KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Rebecca Lewis 07955 312371
25 Nov 2024	Lead Member for Economy	East Sussex County Council's proposal for the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Employment Support Programme The DWP is inviting East Sussex County Council to submit a proposal to deliver a devolved Employment Support programme from April 2025 until April 2029. The Council will be accountable for the programme and spend. This decision is to seek agreement to submit a proposal for the DWP Employment Support Programme and to seek a delegation of responsibility for oversight and future decisions for the programme to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Holly Aquilina 01323 463538

November 2024	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport	Award of contract to carry out a Detailed Design for the A22 Major Road Network (MRN) corridor scheme Award of contract, following the conclusion of a procurement process, to a consultant to undertake a detailed design for the A22 MRN corridor scheme.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Clare Marten White 07513 703841
November 2024	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport	Transport for the South East technical call off contract modification The Director will consider the increase in contract award for the Transport for the South East technical call off contract, that will allow for the delivery of the technical programme. As per the Value of Services section of the contract, a modification is being sought to increase the initial contract value by £2,000,000 to meet the total estimated value of £4,000,000 as the contract is approaching the initial limit of £2,000,000 (£1,000,000 per calendar year) allocated to the initial term between 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2026.	P KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Lewis Milligan 03003 309574
9 Dec 2024	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	School Organisation Plan 2024 to 2028 To seek Lead Member approval to publish a School Organisation Plan for the period 2024 to 2028. The School Organisation Plan sets out how East Sussex County Council (the local authority), in accordance with its statutory duty, seeks to ensure there are sufficient primary, secondary, and special school places in the right locations to meet demand.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Gary Langford 01273 481758

9 Dec 2024	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	West Rise Community Infant School and West Rise Junior School To seek a final decision on a proposal to amalgamate West Rise Community Infant School and West Rise Junior School and to change the new school's age range to 2-11.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Gary Langford 01273 481758
10 Dec 2024	Cabinet	Annual Accounts for Lewes Charitable Trust Requirement to report annually to Cabinet in line with the current practice where the County Council is a Corporate Trustee.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Samantha McManus 01273 482080
10 Dec 2024	Cabinet	Council Monitoring: Quarter 2 To consider the Council Monitoring report for the second quarter of the financial year 2024/25 as part of the Council's Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) budget monitoring process.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Victoria Beard 07894 708914
10 Dec 2024	Cabinet	Exceat Bridge Replacement Project To provide an update on final options for the Exceat Bridge Replacement Project and agree next steps.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Karl Taylor 01273 482207
10 Dec 2024	Cabinet	The LAC Annual Report 2023-24 Cabinet are asked to receive and consider the Annual Report for the LAC service in their role as Corporate Parents. This report will be presented on behalf of the Corporate Parenting Panel.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Kathy Marriott 01273 481274

10 Dec 2024	Cabinet	Treasury Management Annual Report and Mid-Year Report 2024 To consider a report on the review of Treasury Management performance for 2023/24 and the outturn for the first six months of 2024/25, including the economic factors effecting performance, the Prudential Indicators and compliance with the limits set within the Treasury Management Strategy.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ian Gutsell 01273 481399
16 Dec 2024	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Petition - traffic management in Maplehurst Road, Hastings To consider and respond to the petition received from local residents requesting the closure of Maplehurst Road in Hastings at its junction with the A21/A28 Westfield Road junction or the introduction of access only restrictions and appropriate enforcement measures.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Jon Wheeler 01273 482212
18 Dec 2024	Lead Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development	Eastbourne Town Centre Movement and Access Package - Phase 2a project change request To approve the project change request and updated business case for Phase 2a of the Eastbourne Town Centre Movement and Access Package.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Rebecca Newby 01273 336434
December 2024	Director of Adult Social Care and Health	Healthwatch and Independent Health Complaints Advocacy Service (IHCAS) contract Extension 2025 - 2027 The Healthwatch and Independent Health Complaints Advocacy Service contract	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Mark Hendriks 07701 394501

		comes to the end of the main contract period on 31 March 2025 and has 1 year + 1 year extension options for 2025/26 and 2026/27. Extending the contract by the full 2-year period, will enable cash releasing efficiencies to be generated whilst maintaining service stability and continuity.				
14 Jan 2025	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	Pacific House, Eastbourne To consider and agree the proposed future asset management strategy for Pacific House, Eastbourne.	P KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Rebecca Lewis 07955 312371
21 Jan 2025	Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health	Recommissioning of the Adult Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service contract The current contract to deliver drug and alcohol treatment in East Sussex ends in March 2026. This includes an allowed for 24-month extension. This request is to agree to commence the process of recommissioning this service in April 2025. The new contract will start in March 2026.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Caz Kearton-Evans 07879 117579
28 Jan 2025	Cabinet	New corporate Climate Emergency Action Plan The current Climate Emergency Action Plan ends in March 2025. A new plan, which will run from April 2025 to March 2029, will be presented to Cabinet and full Council for consideration.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Andy Arnold 01273 481606

28 Jan 2025	Cabinet	Value For Money External Auditors Report 2023/24 Auditor's Annual (VfM) Report on East Sussex County Council 2023/24 from Grant Thornton, External Auditors.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ian Gutsell 01273 481399
28 Jan 2025	Cabinet	Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR): Draft Council Plan 2025/26, Revenue Budget and Capital Programme To ask Cabinet to approve the draft Council Plan, Council Tax levels, Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for 2025/26 for recommendation to the County Council (including Savings Proposals, Equality Impact Assessment, Engagement and Scrutiny feedback).	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Claire Lee 07523 930526
28 Jan 2025	Cabinet	Conservators of Ashdown Forest Budget 2024/25 Cabinet is asked to approve the Conservators of Ashdown Forest's core budget for 2024/25.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ian Gutsell 01273 481399
28 Jan 2025	Cabinet	Treasury Management Strategy 2025/26 To consider the Treasury Management Strategy for 2025/26. This includes setting the Prudential Indicators as set out in the Prudential Code and approving the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2025/26.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ian Gutsell 01273 481399

January 2025	Director of Adult Social Care and Health	<p>Recommissioning of Domestic Abuse Refuge Services</p> <p>The current provider has given notice on this contract and they will cease to deliver services on 31st March 2025. The decision will be for the Director of Adult Social Care and Health to award the contract to a new provider to ensure they are in place to provide continuity of service for residents within the refuges and to allow a mobilisation period for TUPE requirements to be undertaken for current staff within the service.</p>	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Caz Kearton-Evans 07879 117579
10 Feb 2025	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	<p>Admission arrangements for East Sussex schools 2026-27 (determine)</p> <p>Following the outcome of the consultation agreed at the October 2024 meeting, the Lead Member is asked to determine the admission arrangements for 2026-27 for schools for which East Sussex County Council is the admission authority.</p>	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ian Johnson 01273 482944
10 Feb 2025	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	<p>East Sussex Childcare Sufficiency Duty 2025-2026</p> <p>To approve the publication of the East Sussex Childcare Sufficiency Duty Report for 2025.</p>			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Jane Spice 01323 747425

11 Feb 2025	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	Land parcels at the Phoenix Causeway and North Street, Lewes - Disposal of Freehold The Lead Member for Resources previously declared parcels of land to be surplus to the County Council's operational requirements in 2018. The Council now proposes to retain some of the surplus land but dispose of its land holdings in this locality. There will be delegations to the Chief Operating Officer to finalise the detailed terms with the preferred purchaser.	P KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Rebecca Lewis <i>07955 312371</i>
20 Feb 2025	Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health	East Sussex All Age Autism Action Plan The decision is to agree the content of the East Sussex Autism Action Plan. This is being led through the Autism Partnership Board. This plan will be developed following public consultation consisting of focus groups and a public survey.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Bernadette van Gaalen <i>07745 106727</i>