

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 July 2023 TO 31 October 2023

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

Vacancy – 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
11 Jul 2023	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	Former Hindsland Playing Fields, Eastbourne Road, Polegate - Disposal of Freehold The land known as Former Hindsland Playing Fields was declared surplus in 1989. At the end of an appropriate marketing period, Officer recommendations for the preferred purchaser will be presented in a Lead Member report to formally declare the site to be surplus, approve the sale and to ask the Chief Operating Officer be granted authority to agree detailed terms with the preferred	P KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Rebecca Lewis 07955 312371

		purchaser and if they don't complete the purchase, to move the next prospective purchaser(s) if appropriate.				
11 Jul 2023	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	Uckfield Leisure Centre Public Consultation Outcome To note the outcome of the Uckfield Leisure Centre public consultation which concludes on 27 May 2023. To agree next steps for the future operation of Uckfield Leisure Centre. The County Council own the freehold of this asset.	P KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Nigel Brown, Pauline Young 07394 410630, 01273 481180
11 Jul 2023	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	Corporate Office Estate New lease - revised lease terms following negotiation New Lease for St Marks House, Eastbourne.	P		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Rebecca Lewis 07955 312371
17 Jul 2023	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Joint Waste Agreement (JWA) between East Sussex County Council and Brighton and Hove City Council The JWA is the agreement between the two councils on the administration and sharing of costs of the Integrated Waste Management Services Contract (IW MSC) with Veolia. It expires in 2033 when the IW MSC ends. The changes to the JWA reflect amendments to the IW MSC that have been negotiated with Veolia and were approved by Cabinet in 2019. Some other minor updates have also been made to the JWA.	P		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Justin Foster 01273 335805

17 Jul 2023	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	<p>Petition to increase the safety of the B2095 Lower Street, Ninfield and A259 Marsh Road</p> <p>To decide on the response to the petition calling on the County Council to increase the safety of the B2095, Lower Street, Ninfield to A259 Marsh Road, to take steps to reduce the speed and weight of vehicles and address the growing problem of dangerous and inconsiderate driving.</p>	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Michael Higgs 01273 482106
18 Jul 2023	Cabinet	<p>External Audit Plan 2022/2023</p> <p>This report sets out in detail the work to be carried out by the Council's External Auditors on the Council's accounts for financial year 2021/22.</p>			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ian Gutsell 01273 481399
18 Jul 2023	Cabinet	<p>Ashdown Forest Trust Fund 2022/23</p> <p>To inform Cabinet of the movements on the Trust Fund during 2022/23 and the closing position as at 31 March 2023.</p>			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Andy Fowler 01273 481774
18 Jul 2023	Cabinet	<p>Exceat Bridge Compulsory Purchase Order, Bridge Order and Side Roads Order</p> <p>The Exceat Bridge project involves the realignment and replacement of the existing single lane bridge at the A259 over the river Cuckmere with a new two-lane bridge with a footway. The Project will deliver a major improvement in the highway connection between Eastbourne and Seaford. The Council needs to secure additional land for the Project. Whilst the Council is seeking to</p>	P KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Chris Marks 01273 335350

		negotiate acquisition of the land by voluntary agreement, it is proposed to make a Compulsory Order in case any negotiations prove unsuccessful. As the works will cross a river and involve diversion of footpaths, it is also proposed to make a Bridge Order under the Highways Act 1980 and Side Roads Order in order to deliver the Project.				
18 Jul 2023	Cabinet	Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion 2022/23 To consider the Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion 2022/23 including quarter 4.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Nigel Chilcott 01273 481992
18 Jul 2023	Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health	Homes for Ukraine - Extension of Support into Work Programme The Lead Member is asked to approve a 12 month extension to the Support into Work programme which is being delivered as part of the Homes for Ukraine Programme. Support into Work provides skills and employability training and language courses and supports access to local employment for Ukrainian guests and other migrant, refugee and asylum seeker groups living in East Sussex.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Miranda Shawcross 01273 335338
24 Jul 2023	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	Proposed reorganisation of Grove Park School To consider the outcome of a consultation to reorganise Grove Park School, and, if appropriate, to seek approval to publish a	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Gary Langford 01273 481758

		statutory proposal.				
July 2023	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport	Transport for the South East technical call off contract The Director will approve the contract award for the Transport for the South East technical call off contract, that will allow for the delivery of our technical programme.	P KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Jasmin Barnicoat 01273 481892
July 2023	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport	Hastings Public Realm and Green Connections Consultation and Preliminary Design To consider direct award of the Consultation, Preliminary Design and relevant surveys for the Hastings Public Realm and Green Connections project to Arup. Arup worked on previous design work for this project, led and managed by Hastings Borough Council. This project has £9.834m of funding from Hastings Town Deal and £400k from the Local Growth Fund. This commission is valued at £700k.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ellie McDaniel 01273 335464
July 2023	Chief Operating Officer	Award of contract for IT device supply and associated services To approve the award of contract to the recommended supplier for the supply of end-user IT devices (laptops, & desktops) and associated services. The contract will be used to refresh the existing corporate estate, and for any other business as usual or project device needs.	P KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Matt Scott 07552 286752

July 2023	Chief Operating Officer	<p>Award of Contract for Sorrel Drive Capital Project</p> <p>A decision is required to enter into a building contract with an ESCC Framework Contractor. The capital project seeks to extend the Sorrel Drive Children's Resource Centre and carry out further internal alterations in support of children's day and residential respite care facilities.</p>	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Nigel Brown 07394 410630
July 2023	Chief Operating Officer	<p>Award of Pre-Contract Services Agreement (PSCA) for the ESCC youth centres for The Joff, Peacehaven and Heathfield Youth Centre, Heathfield to appoint a contractor</p> <p>This is for pre contract services to enable a tender package to be prepared for works to The Joff Youth Centre, Peacehaven and Heathfield Youth Centre. The works will increase the number of regular positive activities and clubs available to young people aged 11 to 19 (up to 25 for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) in the areas.</p>	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Nigel Brown 07394 410630
31 Aug 2023	Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health	<p>Commissioning East Sussex Community Network (ESCN)</p> <p>To agree the East Sussex Joint Community Mental Health Commissioning of core services known as the East Sussex Community Network (ESCN).</p> <p>This project is to recommission all community provision in scope (£4,500,000), aligning support with emerging mental health transformation, and Emotional</p>	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Kenny Mackay 01323 463946

		<p>Wellbeing Services (EWS) in Primary Care, ensuring compatibility and interoperability through co-design and development.</p> <p>This is driven by local place-based priorities, including service users and their carers, NHS Sussex, East Sussex Local Authority, Primary Care Networks (PCN) and EWS workstreams. It will ensure that future services maximise the offers of support for people in their local communities.</p>				
11 Sep 2023	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	<p>Holy Cross CE Primary School</p> <p>To update the Lead Member following the consultation on the proposed closure of Holy Cross CE Primary School and to seek approval for next steps.</p>	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Gary Langford 01273 481758
11 Sep 2023	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	<p>Household Support Fund Round 4</p> <p>Approval of the proposed use of the Household Support Fund Round 4 for the period 1 October – 31 March 2024 for the spend on children and families. A report is also being considered by the Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health for the spend of this fund on adults.</p>	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Jessica Stubbings 01323 463537
15 Sep 2023	Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health	<p>Household Support Fund Round 4 (HSF4)</p> <p>Approval of the proposed use of the Household Support Fund Round 4 for the period (1 October – 31 March 2024) for the</p>	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Paul Bolton 01273 336353

		<p>spend allocations managed by adult Social care and Health (ASC&H) which include District and Borough allocations, Voluntary and Community Social Enterprise organisations (VCSE) allocations, allocations to Warmer Homes and allocations to Food Banks/Food Partnerships.</p> <p>A report is also being considered by the Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability (EISEND) for the spend of the Household Support Fund on children and families.</p>				
18 Sep 2023	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	<p>Exeat Bridge Improvement Scheme land acquisition and compensation Various parcels of land subject to acquisition and/or compensation in connection with the Exeat Bridge Improvement scheme. Scheme reported to Cabinet in 2017 and approved as part of the capital programme. Planning permission for the scheme was secured in December 2022.</p>	<p>P</p> <p>KD</p>		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Zoe Tweed 07701 021868
25 Sep 2023	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	<p>Petition to 'introduce a lorry route network similar to the one in West Sussex, so that HGVs are redirected away from narrow local roads in our villages'</p> <p>To consider whether the existing approach to freight movements in East Sussex, as set out in LTP3, needs updating and to consider HGV movements through Ringmer</p>	<p>KD</p>		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Lisa Simmonds, Tessa Sweet-Escott 03456 080190, 03456 080190

		in order to respond to the petition calling on the County Council to introduce a lorry route network similar to the one in West Sussex.				
25 Sep 2023	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Eastbourne Town Centre Movement and Access Package Phase 2b & Victoria Place Levelling Up Fund (Seaside Road to Grand Parade) Public Consultation Results To approve the East Sussex County Council response and report on the Eastbourne Town Centre Movement and Access Package Phase 2b public consultation, moving to complete the detailed design and construction of the Victoria Place section of the Terminus Road scheme.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Isobel Kellett 07513 833903
28 Sep 2023	Cabinet	East Sussex, Brighton & Hove and the South Downs NPA Waste and Minerals Plan Review To recommend to Full Council that; the modifications proposed to the Submission version of the Waste and Minerals Plan Review are published for statutory public consultation. These modifications are deemed necessary in order for the Plan to be found 'sound' and are in response to feedback received from the Planning Inspectorate following the Public Examination into the Plan in November 2022.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ed Sheath 01273 481632

28 Sep 2023	Cabinet	Report on the County Council's progress in becoming a carbon neutral council The agreed Notice of Motion covering ESCC's declaration of a climate emergency committed the County Council to: report annually on its progress towards the target of achieving carbon neutrality from its activities as soon as possible and in any event by 2050.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Andy Arnold 01273 481606
September 2023	Director of Adult Social Care and Health	Sexual Health Services Procurement Approve the award of the Specialist Sexual Health Contract that has been subject to competitive tender in line with the Lead Members decision to delegate the decision to the Director of Adult Social Care & Health on 20 April 2023.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Tony Proom 01273 335252
17 Oct 2023	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	To approve the granting of a new Lease to the Trustees of the West Hills & District Community Centre The current Lease dated 12 March 2008 expires 11 March 2023 and it is proposed that ESCC grant the Trustees a new Lease for a period of 25 years which will allow the Trustees to be able to seek grant funding.	P KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Joanne Johnston, Zoe Tweed 01273 336621, 07701 021868
October 2023	Chief Operating Officer	Award of contract for Salary Sacrifice Lease Car scheme (Electric Vehicles) East Sussex County Council wants to introduce a Salary Sacrifice Lease Car scheme for electric vehicles. This will allow employees to access electric vehicles at a saving compared to conventional purchase.	P KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Nicholas Earley 01273 335061

		<p>This will help employees to access greener transport and will therefore support the Council's climate emergency plans. It will also provide an attractive staff benefit, helping to aid recruitment and retention. The scheme will be run as a managed service by a private provider, in order to facilitate employee access to a range of good quality vehicles which represent good value for money. The managed service will also ensure the council is compliant with all relevant HMRC legislation, and that the administrative burden for the authority is minimal.</p>				
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