



FORWARD PLAN

1 FEBRUARY 2010 TO 1 AUGUST 2010

The Local Government Act 2000 requires the Council to publish, once a month, a Forward Plan of Key Decisions to be taken over the coming months. A key decision is an executive decision (taken by Cabinet or by officers on Cabinet's behalf) that is likely:

- a) To result in the Council spending or saving significantly against the Council's budget; or
- b) To be significant in terms of the effect on communities living or working in the district, in an area comprising two or more wards. However, decisions that impact on communities living or working in one ward will be treated as "key" if the impact is likely to be very significant

To help clarify what should be included in the Forward Plan, Thanet District Council has set the following thresholds:

Type of Decision	Threshold	Key Decision?
(a) Decisions involving expenditure within relevant budget approved by Council.	None.	No, unless significant effect on communities (i.e. it affects two or more wards or has a major impact within one ward)
(b) Decisions involving expenditure in excess of relevant budget approved by Council.	Any excess which exceeds the FPR virement rules.	Yes, if above threshold. If at or below threshold, a key decision if significant effect on communities (as above).
(c) Decisions on cash flow, investments and borrowings.	None.	No, unless significant effect on communities (as above).
(d) Decisions to make savings.	None.	No, unless significant effect on communities (as above).
(e) Policy framework items.	N/A	No - but included in Forward Plan
(f) Budget setting.	N/A	No - but included in Forward Plan

The Forward Plan represents a snapshot of decisions in the system as at the date of publication. It is updated every month. For more information, please contact Anona Somasundaram at the Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate on Thanet 577046 or by e-mail at anona.somasundaram@thanet.gov.uk.



The Cabinet comprises the following Members who have responsibility for the portfolio areas shown:

Councillor Sandy Ezekiel (Leader):	Cabinet Co-ordination
Councillor Roger Latchford:(Deputy Leader)	Regeneration and Economic Development
Councillor John Kirby	Regulatory Services and Ramsgate Marina
Councillor Shirley Tomlinson:	Environmental Services
Councillor Simon Moores:	Customer Services and Business Transformation
Councillor Zita Wiltshire	Community Services
Councillor Martin Wise:	Finance and Corporate Services

Where any person wishes to make representations about a matter where the Cabinet is listed as the decision maker letters should be sent to the Council's offices at Cecil Street, Margate addressed to the Senior Democratic Services Officer. In all other cases letters should be sent to the same address, addressed to the named decision maker listed below.

1 February 2010 to 1 August 2010

Key Decision to be Considered	What the Decision will mean	1. Decision Path/ 2. Lead Officer	Lead Cabinet Member	For decision by	Consultees and Consultation end date	Means of Consultation	Documents submitted to the Decision Maker
Preferred Options for Local Development Framework Core Strategy (September 2009); Approval of a Core Strategy (Before August 2010)	<p>Cabinet – 17 September 2009: Members endorse for public consultation purposes an outline of the preferred content of the emerging Core Strategy.</p> <p>Cabinet – before 01 July 2010 / Council – before 01 August 2010: Members will endorse a Core Strategy.</p>	<p>1.Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet</p> <p>Council</p> <p>2.Colin Fitt, Strategic Planning Manager</p>	<p>Councillor Roger A Latchford, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Economic Development</p>	<p>17 09 2009</p> <p>Before 1 07 2010</p> <p>Before 1 08 2010</p>	<p>Thanet wide</p>	<p>Planning procedures in accordance with the adopted statement of community involvement.</p>	<p>Draft Core Strategy document and consultation material to facilitate public content</p> <p>Core Strategy</p>

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A supplementary planning document setting out formally priorities for developer contributions and planning obligations (September 2009); Approval of final Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (before August 2010)	To give guidance on and to prioritise developer contributions from planning applications	1.Cabinet Cabinet Council 2.Colin Fitt, Strategic Planning Manager	Councillor John D Kirby, Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services and Ramsgate Marina	17 09 2009 Before 1 07 2010 Before 1 08 2010	Public; Developers; Overview & Scrutiny Panel – through its Local Development Framework Working Party	Planning procedures in accordance with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement	Supplementary Planning Guidance (Developer Contributions and Planning Obligations) Document Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document

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Draft Budget Paper and Consultation Process (November 2009); To approve General Fund, HRA and capital budgets for 2010/11, the medium term financial plan for 2010-2015 and the budget statutory resolution (Cabinet & Council - February 2010)	<p>Cabinet: 05 November 2009: Will give draft budget figures and will detail the questions to be used to seek public's opinion on the budget proposals.</p> <p>Cabinet (11 February 2010) and Council (25 February 2010): Will detail General Fund, HRA and capital budgets for 2010/11, CT charges, prudential indicators, the treasury management strategy and the medium term financial plan.</p>	<p>1.Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet</p> <p>Council</p> <p>2.Sue McGonigal, Director of Finance & Corporate Services</p>	Councillor Martin J Wise, Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services	<p>5 11 2009</p> <p>16 02 2010</p> <p>18 02 2010</p>	Public consultation – December 2009 Overview & Scrutiny Panel, through its Corporate Improvement & Budget Working Party	Consultation questionnaire	Budget Working Papers
Landlord Services - Joint Working Proposals	<p>To recommend to Council the creation of a joint service with other authorities to manage Council housing in East Kent.</p> <p>Next Stage: to recommend to Council the application to the Secretary of State for authority to delegate the management of its housing service to an arms length organisation established jointly with the other East Kent Councils</p>	<p>1.Cabinet</p> <p>Council</p> <p>Cabinet</p> <p>Council</p> <p>2.Brendan Ryan, Director of Community Services</p>	Councillor Mrs Zita P Wiltshire, Cabinet Member for Community Services	<p>16 02 2010</p> <p>18 02 2010</p> <p>5 08 2010</p> <p>09 2010</p>	Tenants and leaseholders of Thanet District Council and other East Kent Councils; Staff of Thanet District Council and Unison; Overview & Scrutiny Panel	Newsletters; Roadshows; Telephone help lines; Internet; Face to face surveys	Options report

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Alignment of waste and collection services across East Kent districts and with Kent County Council.	Working towards standard methods of waste and recycling collection in East Kent by 2013. This includes the potential introduction of food waste and glass collection at the kerbside.	1.Cabinet Council 2.Mark Seed, Director of Environmental Services	Councillor Shirley Tomlinson, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services	16 02 2010 18 02 2010	East Kent Joint Scrutiny Committee Overview & Scrutiny Panel	Report; Site visits	Financial and risk analysis of options
Shared support services for Thanet, Canterbury, Dover and Shepway Councils	A range of Council support services will be shared between the four East Kent Councils	1.Cabinet Council 2.Donna Reed, Director of Customer Services & Business Transformation	Councillor Martin J Wise, Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services	16 02 2010 18 02 2010	Members; East Kent Chief Executives' Forum; East Kent Joint Arrangements Committee (EKJAC); East Kent Joint Scrutiny Committee (EKJSC); Overview & Scrutiny Panel	Members' Sounding Board; Joint Cabinet meetings; Joint Scrutiny meetings	Strategic Business Case
To approve the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan	The Council will approve the 30-year business plan governing the management and improvement of its Council housing	1.Cabinet Council 2.Brendan Ryan, Director of Community Services	Councillor Mrs Zita P Wiltshire, Cabinet Member for Community Services	11 03 2010 22 04 2010	Internal stakeholders; Tenant & Leaseholders Forum - by December 2008.	Circulation of business plan; Meetings	Business plan
To accept and agree the Welfare Policy submitted by Revenues & Benefits.	The policy has been devised as part of a joint working project with Dover District Council and Shepway District Council. Introduces a Welfare policy to ensure that a robust and fair benefits service is provided with equal access to all.	1.Cabinet Council 2.Barry Mileham, Assistant Benefits Manager	Cabinet Member for Customer Services and Business Transformation, Councillor Simon Moores	29 04 2010 15 07 2010	Key Stakeholders (including Benefits Community group, CAB, Social Services) and staff	Various	Welfare Policy

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Signage Policy for Thanet	Clear guidance on the display of commercial, community and events signs across the district	1.Cabinet 2.Sophie Chadwick, Corporate Improvement Manager & Acting Corporate Communications & Marketing Manager	Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services and Ramsgate Marina, Councillor John D Kirby	11 03 2010	Planning Committee; Tourism and events staff	Planning Committee meeting	Signage Policy
Potential Asset disposals for 2010/2011	The results of public consultation on asset disposals reported in accordance with the Asset Management Strategy 2007/2011 and final opportunity for contributors to address Cabinet.	1.Cabinet 2.Brian White, Director of Regeneration	Councillor Roger A Latchford, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Economic Development	21 04 2010 17 06 2010	Public; All Councillors; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Asset Management Working Group	External and internal	Cabinet Report
Development of motorcycle scrambling centre	Facility available to reduce unauthorised use of scrambling bikes.	1.Cabinet 2.Mark Seed, Director of Environmental Services	Councillor Shirley Tomlinson, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services	17 06 2010	Local residents; English Heritage Environment Agency; Local Ward Members	Public meetings and statutory applications	Cabinet Report
To agree the half-yearly treasury management report	Will detail treasury management performance for the first half of 2009/10	1.Cabinet 2.Sue McGonigal, Director of Finance & Corporate Services	Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services, Councillor Martin J Wise	29 04 2010 15 07 2010			Treasury Management Working Papers

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Corporate Plan Refresh	Update to the Corporate Plan and identified projects for the Council	1.Cabinet Council 2.Adrian Halse, Corporate Projects Officer	Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services, Councillor Martin J Wise	17 06 2010 15 07 2010	Consultation carried out over the course of the year will be used to inform the refresh, but there will be no specific consultation for the Corporate Plan – this usually happens every four years	Non applicable	Draft Corporate Plan Refresh and Covering Report
Viability and acceptability of introducing a Community Toilet Scheme in Thanet	The provision of toilets in local businesses free of charge to members of the public in return for a payment from the Council and the closure of existing public toilets located in the same areas.	1.Cabinet 2.Mark Seed, Director of Environmental Services	Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, Councillor Shirley Tomlinson	23 09 2010	Overview & Scrutiny – 01 October 2009; Town and Parish Councils; Senior Citizens Forum, Town Partnerships and Chamber of Commerce Citizens Panel	Varies – reports, email and face to face meetings	Cabinet report
Housing Renewal Strategy	A new Housing Renewal Strategy adopted for Cliftonville West and Margate Central	1.Council 2.Ashley Stacey, Housing Strategy & Enabling Officer	Councillor Mrs Zita P Wiltshire, Cabinet Member for Community Services	22 04 2010	Stakeholders including Thanet residents, Sub-Regional Homeless Forum, local community groups / residents association, landlords, developers, voluntary sector, internal	Focus groups, Thanet Matters, questionnaires, meetings, workshops	Strategy
Kent International Airport Master Plan	Phase 1 – April 2009 Enabling the Council to respond to the draft Kent International Airport Master Plan, which will dictate future planning applications regarding airport expansion. Phase 2 – May 2010 Receive final version at Council; commentate on content and consider future special planning policy	1.Cabinet Council Cabinet Council 2.Brian White, Director of Regeneration	Councillor Roger A Latchford, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Economic Development	9 04 2009 23 04 2009 17 06 2010 15 07 2010	Kent International Airport Consultative Committee (KIACC); Environment Agency; Kent County Council (KCC); East Kent LSP; Council Protection Rural England; SEEDA	Various	Final version of Master Plan

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An updated Lettings Policy	A new lettings policy for affordable housing adopted for the Thanet district, which includes local lettings plans for specific sites, including tower blocks	1.Cabinet Council 2.Ashley Stacey, Housing Strategy & Enabling Officer	Councillor Mrs Zita P Wiltshire, Cabinet Member for Community Services	Before 1 06 2010 Before 1 08 2010	Stakeholders including Thanet residents; Sub-regional homeless forum; Local community groups; Residents' Association; Landlords; Developers; Voluntary sector; Internal	Stakeholder day; Focus groups; Tenants; Residents' newsletters; Thanet District Council website	Draft policy
Housing Strategy Update	A new updated housing strategy adopted for the district.	1.Cabinet Council 2.Brendan Ryan, Director of Community Services	Councillor Mrs Zita P Wiltshire, Cabinet Member for Community Services	Before 1 06 2010 Before 1 08 2010	Stakeholders including Thanet residents, Sub-regional homeless forum; Local community groups; Residents association; Landlords; Developers; Voluntary sector; Internal.	Focus Groups; "Thanet Matters"; Questionnaires; Meetings; Workshops	Draft Strategy
To resolve the application for a night-time flying policy received from Kent International Airport	Agreement, modification or refusal of the application	1.Cabinet Council 2.Brian White, Director of Regeneration	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Economic Development , Cabinet Member for Community Services	23 09 2010 7 10 2010	Residents, LSP, Airport Consultative Committee (KIACC)	12-week planned public engagement programme plus review of other regional airports	Application for night-time flying policy received from Kent International Airport
Development of new swimming pool in Ramsgate	Replacement of existing swimming pool.	1.Cabinet 2.Mark Seed, Director of Environmental Services	Councillor Shirley Tomlinson, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services	23 09 2010	Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Planning	Options Report	Cabinet Report

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To consider the future support by Thanet District Council of museum provision in Thanet.	Creating a sustainable future for Thanet's public museums that reflects the level of funding that can be assigned to these services.	1.Cabinet Council 2.Mark Seed, Director of Environmental Services	Councillor Shirley Tomlinson, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services	Before 10 10 2010 Before 10 10 2010	Successor body to East Kent Maritime Trust; Dickens House Committee; Overview & Scrutiny Panel	Negotiation	Options report
Port Master Plan	Development, consultation and adoption of a Port Master Plan	1.Cabinet Council 2.Brian White, Director of Regeneration	Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services and Ramsgate Marina, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Economic Development	2 12 2010 16 12 2010	Port Users; Partners, Kent County Council (KCC); English Heritage; Ramsgate Town Council; Business; Overview & Scrutiny Panel	Various	Draft Master Plan