



FORWARD PLAN

1 JULY 2011 TO 1 JANUARY 2012

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 as a key decision 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).

If an executive decision does not fall into any of the above categories, it is included in the Forward Plan as non-key. Thanet District Council also includes in its published Forward Plan decisions affecting Policy Framework and Budget Setting. Other Council decisions may also be included if they have a significant impact on communities. In such cases, the decision type will be denoted as "other".

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 Robert Bayford

Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Regeneration

Councillor Martin Wise

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Performance

Councillor Simon Moores

Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

Councillor Chris Wells

Cabinet Member for Community Services

Councillor Alasdair Bruce

Cabinet Member for Partnerships and Tourism



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 July 2011 to 1 January 2012

Key Decision to be Considered	What the Decision will mean	1. Decision Path/ 2. Lead Officer	Lead Cabinet Member	For decision by	Decision Type	Consultees and Consultation end date	Means of Consultation	Documents submitted to the Decision Maker
To resolve the application for a night-time flying policy received from Kent International Airport	Agreement, modification or refusal of the application	1.Cabinet 2.Madeline Homer, Community Services Manager Tel: 01843 577123	Councillor Robert W Bayford, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Regeneration	Not before 1st Oct 11 Not before 1st Oct 11	Key	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

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Future of waste and cleansing services in Thanet and Canterbury	Consideration of the future delivery method of services in conjunction with Canterbury City Council	1.Cabinet Council 2.Mark Seed, Commercial Services Manager Tel: 01843 577742	Councillor Simon Moores, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services	4 Aug 11 13 Oct 11	Key	Staff and Unions	Formal staff consultation process	Options Report
Treasury Year End Report	Report on treasury activity over the previous financial year	1.Cabinet Council 2.Sarah Medus, Capital and Treasury Officer Tel: 01843 577271	Councillor Martin J Wise, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Performance	4 Aug 11 13 Oct 11	Non-Key			Treasury papers
Capital Outturn Report	This will give an update on capital projects – will be a good news story plus an opportunity to learn lessons from previous projects	1.Cabinet 2.Nicola Walker, Finance Manager - HRA, Capital & External Funding Tel: 01843 577236	Councillor Martin J Wise, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Performance	4 Aug 11	Non-Key	Public is consulted re capital programme as part of budget consultation in December / January	Via budget consultation	Capital Programme
Mid Year Treasury Report	Report on treasury activity in year to date	1.Cabinet 2.Sarah Medus, Capital and Treasury Officer Tel: 01843 577271	Councillor Martin J Wise, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Performance	22 Sep 11	Non-Key			Treasury papers

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Review of Polling Districts and Places	Completes the four-yearly review of polling districts and places. Council will determine the boundaries of polling districts (within Wards) and the Returning Officer will determine the location of polling places and inform Council of those locations.	1.Council 2.Glenn Back, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager Tel: (01843) 577187	Councillor Martin J Wise, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Performance	13 Oct 11	Other	Electors, Councillors, the Returning Officer and Electoral Matters Working Party. Initial public consultation runs from 1 June to 1 July 2011. Subsequent consultation on Returning Officer's proposals runs from 2 August to 2 September 2011.	Notice in local newspaper and on Council's website	Analysis of electorate figures by polling district and detailed plans showing boundaries of polling districts and locations of polling stations
Asset Management Strategy	Review of the 2007-11 Asset Management Strategy and, in December 2011, agreement of a revised Asset Management Strategy	1.Cabinet 2.Mark Seed, Commercial Services Manager Tel: 01843 577742	Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, Cabinet Member for Community Services	4 Aug 11 17 Nov 11	Key	Local Councils, Community Groups, Existing tenants	Communication and meetings	Existing Asset Management Strategy 2007-2011 and its performance
Port Master Plan	Development, consultation and adoption of a Port Master Plan	1.Cabinet 2.Council 2.Mark Seed, Commercial Services Manager Tel: 01843 577742	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Regeneration, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services	Not before 1st Sep 11 Not before 1st Sep 11	Key	Port Users; Partners, Kent County Council (KCC); English Heritage; Ramsgate Town Council; Business; Overview & Scrutiny Panel	Various	Draft Master Plan

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Budget Report	Provisional budget summary position	1.Cabinet Cabinet Council 2.Sarah Martin, Financial Services Manager and Deputy S.151 Officer Tel: 01843 577617	Councillor Martin J Wise, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Performance	17 Nov 11 2 Feb 12 23 Feb 12	Budget setting	Public	Two months' budget consultation	Budget Working Papers
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.Craig George, Housing Services Manager Tel: 01843 577220	Councillor Christopher T Wells, Cabinet Member for Community Services	17 Nov 11 8 Dec 11	Key	Stakeholders including Thanet residents; Sub- regional homeless forum; Local community groups; Residents' Association; Landlords; Developers; Voluntary sector; Internal Consultation ends, 20 December 2010	Stakeholder day; Focus groups; Tenants; Residents' newsletters; Thanet District Council website	Draft policy

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Housing Strategy Update	A new updated housing strategy adopted for the district.	1.Cabinet Council 2.Madeline Homer, Community Services Manager Tel: 01843 577123	Councillor Christopher T Wells, Cabinet Member for Community Services	17 Nov 11 8 Dec 11	Key	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
Proposal to create an extension to Margate Cemetery	Create additional space to deal with the projected filling of the current Margate and Ramsgate Cemeteries in 5 to 7 years	1.Cabinet 2.Mark Seed, Commercial Services Manager Tel: 01843 577742	Councillor Simon Moores, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services	17 Nov 11	Key	Consultation through the Planning process once the scheme is developed and submitted	Normal planning consultation	Report setting out costed business case
HRA Subsidy System	Cabinet – 17 June 2010 To consider whether to support a self-financing system for Council housing or to continue with a nationally redistributive subsidy system. Cabinet – 23 June 2011 Update on the option to leave the current Housing Subsidy System and engage in Self Financing the HRA. Decision to be made as to whether the Authority proceeds with it.	1.Cabinet Cabinet 2.Madeline Homer, Community Services Manager Tel: 01843 577123, Sarah Martin, Financial Services Manager and Deputy S.151 Officer Tel: 01843 577617	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Performance, Cabinet Member for Community Services	17 Jun 10 Not before 1st Dec 11	Key	Tenants – 1 June 2010 All Housing Authorities. Consultation ended July 2010. Feedback due as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review in October 2010 with outline for the way forward due in December 2010.	Meeting with Tenant and Leaseholder Forum Questionnaire	Cabinet Report

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Excellent Homes for All (EHFA) - Signing of the Project Agreement, Back to Back Agreement and Risk Sharing	The delivery of supported housing schemes in Kent to include extra care and mental health accommodation in Thanet	1.Cabinet 2.Lauren Hemsley, Senior Housing Strategy Officer Tel: 01843 577062	Councillor Christopher T Wells, Cabinet Member for Community Services	Not before 1st Dec 11	Key	Consultation will be undertaken by KCC with its Members, Finance & Property Departments; each District Authority will also need to undertake consultation with its Members and relevant internal departments.	Reports to Cabinet Members; the KCC Project Team can meet with Cabinet Members and Officers on request.	Project Agreement and Back to Back Agreement