
FORWARD PLAN

To: **Overview and Scrutiny Panel – 10 March 2009**

Main Portfolio Area: **All**

By: **Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Summary: To update Panel Members on the revised Forward Plan of key decisions and allow the Panel to consider whether it wishes to be consulted upon any of the items

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The law requires that the Council regularly publish a Forward Plan of Key Decisions. Thanet's Forward Plan is updated monthly and published on the Council's internet site www.thanet.gov.uk/council_democracy/cllrs_democracy_elections/forward_plan.aspx and on the Members' portal.
- 1.2 The aim of the Forward Plan is to allow the general public and Council Members to see what decisions are coming up over the next few months and how they will be handled i.e. whether a decision will be taken by Cabinet or Council, and whether there will be input from Overview & Scrutiny during the process.
- 1.3 Overview & Scrutiny receives an updated copy of the Forward Plan at each Panel meeting. The Panel can identify any item on the Forward Plan to be added to the Overview and Scrutiny work programme in order to be scrutinised further. A copy of the latest version of the Plan is attached at Annex 1 to this report.

2.0 Corporate Implications

2.1 Financial

- 2.1.1 None

2.2 Legal

- 2.2.1 None

2.3 Corporate

- 2.3.1 The development of a Scrutiny and Overview Forward Plan will help to deliver the Modern Council theme of the Corporate Plan, by focusing on transparent and accountable decision making.

2.4 Equalities

- 2.4.1 None.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 Members' instructions are invited.

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Annex

Annex 1	Forward Plan
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	n/a

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	Not applicable
Legal	Not applicable