
FORWARD PLAN AND EXEMPT CABINET REPORT LIST

To: **Overview and Scrutiny Panel – 21 October 2014**

Main Portfolio Area: **All**

By: **Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Summary: To update Panel Members on the revised Forward Plan and Exempt Cabinet Report List (hereby referred to as the 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 and Exempt Cabinet Report List is updated monthly and published on the Council's internet site www.thanet.gov.uk.
- 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 Forward Plan is attached at Annex 1 to the report.
- 1.4 Members may wish to note that the new The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 requires that the Council gives 28 clear days' notice of any key decision or of any reports which the Cabinet intends to consider in private session.

2.0 Decisions Deferred

- 2.1 The Panel may wish to note that the Council decision process regarding the 'Homeless Strategy 2014-2019' was deferred to start as follows:
 - Overview & Scrutiny – Tuesday, 10 March 2015
 - Cabinet – Thursday, 2 April 2015
 - Full council - Thursday 23 April 2015
- 2.2 The reason for deferring the decision is that the Council is producing the strategy in partnership with Canterbury, Dover and Shepway. Canterbury City Council's consultation has been delayed. There is therefore a need to await all comments before preparing a final draft to share with the Panel.
- 2.2 These changes will be reflected in the next edition of the published Forward Plan.

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial

3.1.1 None

3.2 Legal

3.2.1 None

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 None

3.4 Equalities

3.4.1 None.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 Members' instructions are invited.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Forward Plan and Exempt Cabinet Report List
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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