

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

Period: 18 December 2013 - 16 April 2014

The Forward Plan of Key Decisions is prepared on a monthly basis and published at least 28 days before the start of the period covered.

“Key Decisions” are defined as those Executive decisions which are likely:

- (a) to result in the County Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions in the County’s area.

The Forward Plan will contain **ALL** matters which the Leader of the Council has reason to believe will be the subject of a Key Decision to be taken by the Cabinet. It may also include decisions that are not key decisions but are intended to be determined by the Cabinet. Part of the Cabinet meetings listed in this Forward Plan may be held in private where a report for the meeting contains exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it. If you would like to make representations about any particular decision to be conducted in private then please email: michael.bradbury@staffordshire.gov.uk. Such representations must be received in advance 6 clear working days before the date on which the decision is scheduled to be taken.

The Membership of the Cabinet consists of:

Leader of the County Council – Philip Atkins
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Transformation – Ian Parry
Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing – Robert Marshall
Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills – Ben Adams
Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure – Mark Winnington
Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Localism – Mike Lawrence

A copy of the Forward Plan of Key Decisions may be inspected, free of charge, at the Member and Democratic Services office, County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford, during normal office hours Monday to Friday. A copy of the notice will also be available on Staffordshire County Council’s Website at www.staffordshire.gov.uk.

Documents submitted for decision will be a formal report which will be available on the County Council’s website at least 5 clear working days before the date the decision is to be made, unless that report is subject to any prohibition or restriction on its disclosure. Other relevant background documents used in compiling the report will also be made available in the same way unless they are subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure.

Minutes of Cabinet meetings will be published within three working days and will be subject to call-in. The call-in period lasts for three working days. If the decision is not called-in it will be implemented on the fourth working day. Special urgency items are exempt from call-in.

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NOTE:

- (1) The Forward Plan of Key Decisions sets out all Key Decisions intended to be made by Cabinet during the above period.
- (2) The Cabinet date can be provisional and items may move/roll forward to another meeting date but this will be monitored.
- (3) Items should remain on the Notice until a decision is made by Cabinet or is formally removed.
- (4) Where there is an intention to make a decision in private the exemption paragraph relied upon will be included within this notice

Anticipated Date of Decision	Public or Private Decision	Title and Description	Background Documents	Consultation	Contact Officer
December 2013	Private	<p>Inward Investment in Staffordshire (Leader of the Council (Philip Atkins)) Cabinet sign-off of City Deal negotiation document for consideration by ministers. Document is considered government policy and must therefore be treated as confidential.</p>		District Councils, City Council, Business Community	Darryl Eyers (Tel: (01785) 85 4265) Service Area: Place
December 2013	Public	<p>Draft Staffordshire Care Quality Compact and Draft Staffordshire County Council Care Quality Strategy 2013-2016 (Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing (Robert Marshall)) The Cabinet will: (a) Consider the Staffordshire Care Quality Compact (b) Consider the draft strategy and agree final draft for publication and implementation</p>	Care Quality Green Paper a Revolution in Care Quality,, Care Quality Green paper consultation response report	In addition to the general consultation, any specific consultation, if appropriate, will be determined by the nature of any issues raised in the Compact and Strategy.	Martin Samuels (Tel: 01785 895760) Service Area: People

December 2013	Public	<p>Strategic Plan 2014/15 to 2018/19 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Transformation (Ian Parry))</p> <p>To consider progress regarding the preparation of the Strategic Plan and to consider any recommendations from The Innovation and Efficiency Board and The Senior Leadership Team regarding the overall Budget Strategy and the detailed budget targets, including savings and investments options</p>		In addition to the general budget consultation, any specific consultation, if appropriate, will be determined by the nature of any issues raised in the Strategic Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy.	Andy Burns (Tel: 01785 27 6300) Service Area: Fin & Res
December 2013	Public	<p>High Speed Rail 2 (HS2): Response to the Phase Two Route Consultation (Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure (Mark Winnington))</p> <p>Cabinet will be asked to endorse the Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure's response to the HS2 Phase Two Route Consultation prior to submission to HS2 Ltd on 31 January 2014.</p>	High Speed Rail: Investing in Britain's Future - Consultation on the route from the West Midlands to Manchester, Leeds and beyond	Cabinet, Senior Leadership Team, Elected Members.	Clive Thomson, Dean Sargeant (Tel: 01785 276522, Tel: 01785 895703) Service Area: Place
December 2013	Private	<p>Support Services Review (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Transformation (Ian Parry))</p> <p>To make a recommendation to Cabinet regarding an operating model for operational support services including Human Resources, Finance, Information & Communication Technology and Procurement.</p>		Service area staff, Current SCC support service customers, Trade Unions, SLT, and Elected Members.	Andy Burns (Tel: 01785 27 6300) Service Area: Fin & Res

December 2013	Public	<p>Approval of revised Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure (Mark Winnington))</p> <p>The Minerals and Waste Development Scheme provides details of the Council's programme for the preparation of development plan documents. The Scheme is revised to include a timetable for the preparation of the new Minerals Local Plan and the Council is required to resolve that the scheme is to have effect and in the resolution specify the date from which the scheme is to have effect.</p>		Service users	Ian Benson (Tel: 01785 27 6550) Service Area: Place
December 2013	Public	<p>Achieving Excellence Quarterly Performance Report (Philip Atkins, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Transformation (Ian Parry))</p> <p>This Achieving Excellence Quarterly Performance Report provides an overview of Staffordshire County Council's performance and highlights the progress we're making in delivering our three outcomes focussed upon ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The people of Staffordshire will be able to access more good jobs and feel the benefits of economic growth • The people of Staffordshire will be healthier and more independent • The people of Staffordshire will feel safer, happier and more supported in and by their community 	Achieving Excellence Quarterly Performance Report	n/a	Lauren Jackson (Tel: 01785 854561) Service Area: Strat & CS

		This report also outlines an update on a well-run Council, including the financial position of the county council including delivery of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.			
December 2013	Public	<p>Achieving Excellence in Mental Health and Wellbeing (2013/18) (Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing (Robert Marshall), Cabinet Support Member - Care (Alan White))</p> <p>Cabinet will be asked to support the All Age Strategy for Mental health and Wellbeing and progress to consultation.</p>	None	Members of the Public, Carers and Service Users, All Stakeholders and partners across statutory and non-statutory services.	Dawn Jennens (Tel: 01785 277079) Service Area: People
December 2013	Public	<p>Achieving Excellence for Young People (Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing (Robert Marshall), Cabinet Support Member - Public Health and Community Safety (Mark Sutton))</p> <p>The report outlines the findings of the recent engagement exercise and outlines the proposed future Youth Offer and associated commissioning options. Following approval by Cabinet a formal three month consultation exercise will commence.</p>	None	Young people, Residents, Providers, Voluntary Sector	Michael Harrison (Tel: 01785 278163) Service Area: People
December 2013	Public	<p>Outcome of statutory consultation on proposal to enlarge Rykneld Primary School (Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills (Ben Adams))</p> <p>Consultation on a proposal to enlarge Rykneld Primary School in Branston, Burton concludes on 3 December. Cabinet will consider the responses received before deciding whether to continue with the proposal.</p>	Outcome of statutory consultation on proposal to enlarge Rykneld Primary School	Parents, governing body and staff of Rykneld, local schools, local county and district councillors, parish council, MP, trade unions and professional associations and residents.	Andrew Marsden (Tel: 01785 278787) Service Area:

December 2013	Public	<p>Determination of statutory proposal to alter the upper age range of Coppice Special School (Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills (Ben Adams))</p> <p>Following a period of statutory consultation by the Governing Body of the Blackfriars Coppice Federation, a statutory proposal was published to alter the upper age range of Coppice School. The proposal would consolidate post 16 provision for Coppice and Blackfriars to Blackfriars FE College in Bucknall and enable development of the Coppice Annexe as a Federation Vocational Centre.</p>	<p>Consultation document published by Blackfriars Coppice Federation (September 2013)</p>	<p>Parents and staff of Blackfriars and Coppice Schools, local schools, local county councillors, Borough Council, MP, trade unions and professional associations and residents</p>	<p>Andrew Marsden (Tel: 01785 278787) Service Area:</p>
January 2014	Public	<p>Strategic Plan 2014/15 to 2018/19 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Transformation (Ian Parry))</p> <p>To consider progress regarding the preparation of the Strategic Plan and to consider any recommendations from The Innovation and Efficiency Board and The Senior Leadership Team regarding the overall Budget Strategy and the detailed budget targets, including savings and investments options.</p>		<p>In addition to the general budget consultation, any specific consultation, if appropriate, will be determined by the nature of any issues raised in the Strategic Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy.</p>	<p>Andy Burns (Tel: 01785 27 6300) Service Area: Fin & Res</p>

January 2014	Public	<p>Modernisation of In-House Day Opportunities for People with Learning Disabilities (Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing (Robert Marshall))</p> <p>To make recommendations for the further modernisation of existing in-house social care services in the delivery of personalised support for people with learning disabilities.</p>	None	People who use services, cares, staff teams across People, Trade Unions, SLT, PSLT, Partnership Trusts, District Councils and Elected Members.	Anu Singh (Tel: 01785 277110) Service Area: People
January 2014	Public	<p>Treasury Management, Annual Investment and Minimum Revenue Provision Strategies 2014/15 (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Transformation (Ian Parry))</p> <p>Treasury management strategy for the forthcoming financial year.</p>	Treasury Management, Annual Investment and Minimum Revenue Provision Strategies 2013/14	Staffordshire residents	Chris Gibbs (Tel: 01785 27 6331) Service Area: Fin & Res
January 2014	Public	<p>Achieving Excellence: Libraries in a Connected Staffordshire (Cabinet Member for Communities and Localism (Mike Lawrence))</p> <p>The paper will outline recommendations on how the Libraries service can support the County Council in delivering its priority outcomes.</p>	None	Service users, wider Staffordshire Communities	Janene Cox (Tel: (01785) 27 8368) Service Area: Place
January 2014	Public	<p>2013 refresh of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent (2007 - 2020) (Cabinet Support Member - Environment and Rural Affairs (Gill Heath))</p> <p>To review and refresh the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS).</p>	Joint Municipal Waste Strategy for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent	Service Users, Staffordshire and Stoke Residents, Environment Agency	Ian Benson (Tel: 01785 27 6550) Service Area: Place

January 2014	Public	<p>Decision on School Funding Formula for 2014-15 (Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills (Ben Adams))</p> <p>To agree the recommended option for a new funding formula for Staffordshire schools for 2014-15, following consultation with all schools and the Schools Forum</p>	None	Consultation with all schools and the Schools Forum	<p>Anna Halliday (Tel: 01785 278774)</p> <p>Service Area: People</p>
February 2014	Public	<p>Strategic Plan 2014/15 to 2018/19 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Transformation (Ian Parry))</p> <p>To consider further progress regarding the preparation of the Strategic Plan. To review the MTFS in light of the outcomes of budget consultation events and any further recommendations from the Innovation and Efficiency Board, Senior Leadership Team and the Corporate Review Committee regarding the overall Budget Strategy and the detailed budgets, including savings, pressures and investments options.</p>		In addition to the general budget consultation, any specific consultation, if appropriate, will be determined by the nature of any issues raised in the Strategic Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy.	<p>Andy Burns (Tel: 01785 27 6300)</p> <p>Service Area: Fin & Res</p>
February 2014	Public	<p>Achieving Excellence for Older People (Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing (Robert Marshall))</p> <p>Cabinet will (a) consider the results of the public consultation on the draft Staffordshire Frail Elderly Commissioning Strategy; (b) adopt the Strategy, in light of the consultation.</p>		Full Public Consultation and all partners	<p>Martin Samuels (Tel: 01785 895760)</p> <p>Service Area: People</p>

February 2014	Public	<p>Approval of revised Statement of Community Involvement (Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure (Mark Winnington))</p> <p>The Statement of Community Involvement sets out the local standards for consultation on plan making and planning applications. The Statement has been revised and following consultation on the revisions, it is a requirement for the revisions to be reported to the Cabinet for adoption.</p>		Service users	Ian Benson (Tel: 01785 27 6550) Service Area: Place
February 2014	Public	<p>Third Quarter Budget Monitoring Report (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Transformation (Ian Parry))</p> <p>To update Cabinet with the third quarter performance against the delivery of the 2013/14 Budget.</p>		Cabinet, Senior Leadership Team, Directorate Management teams.	Andy Burns (Tel: 01785 27 6300) Service Area: Fin & Res
February 2014	Public	<p>Infrastructure+ (Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure (Mark Winnington))</p> <p>Decision to award Infrastructure+ contract to preferred bidder.</p>		Potential service providers, stakeholders, public, members, employees	Ian Turner (Tel: 01785 277228) Service Area: Place