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Forward Plan of Key Decisions

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THE FORWARD PLAN

The Council produces a Forward Plan detailing “Key Decisions” that are to be taken over the next four months by the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet, Cabinet Members and Officers of the Council.

“Key Decisions” are defined as those that are likely to

- (a) to result in the relevant local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant local authority’s 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 wards or electoral divisions in the area of the relevant local authority.

For the purpose of (a) above, the Council has defined significant expenditure or savings as being in excess of £500,000 per annum.

For information purposes, the Forward Plan also includes some other matters expected to come before Cabinet or that the Cabinet is likely to recommend to full Council whether or not they may give rise to Key Decisions.

The Cabinet

CABINET MEMBER	PORTFOLIO
Councillor John Kent (Leader of the Council)	Finance and Education
Councillor Barbara Rice (Deputy Leader of the Council)	Adult Social Care and Health
Councillor Oliver Gerrish	Highways and Transportation
Councillor Victoria Holloway	Central Services
Councillor Bukky Okunade	Children’s Social Care and Lead Member for Children’s Services
Councillor Jane Potheary	Communities and Public Protection
Councillor Gerard Rice	Environment
Vacancy	Regeneration
Vacancy	Housing

Publicity in connection with Key Decisions

Where the Council intends to make a key decision, that decision must not be made until a document has been published which states:

- that a key decision is to be made on behalf of the Council;
- the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made;
- where the decision maker is an individual, that individual's name, and title if any and, where the decision maker is a decision-making body, its name and a list of its members;
- the date on which, or the period within which, the decision is to be made;
- a list of the documents submitted to the decision maker for consideration in relation to the matter in respect of which the key decision is to be made;
- the address from which, subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of, or extracts from, any document listed is available;
- that other documents relevant to those matters may be submitted to the decision maker;
- the procedure for requesting details of those documents (if any) as they become available.

The Forward Plan will be updated with the information set out above and will be published **at least 28 days before the date of the Cabinet meeting to which it refers.**

Copies can be obtained as follows:

In writing, addressed to: Democratic Services,
Civic Offices,
New Road,
Grays,
Essex
RM17 6SL

By e-mail to direct.democracy@thurrock.gov.uk

Via the Council's web site at: www.thurrock.gov.uk/democracy

Members of the public are entitled to obtain copies of any documents that will be relied upon when the decision is taken, unless they are either confidential or exempt within the meaning of Schedule 12A in the Local Government Act 1972 (for example, information relating to individual people/employees, financial/commercial details or legal proceedings).

These documents will normally be published on the Council's website at the address above **at least 5 clear working days** before the decision is due to be taken. Paper copies will also be available for inspection via the address, telephone number and e-mail address set out above.

Admission of the public to meetings of the Cabinet:

A meeting of the Cabinet must be open to the public except to the extent that the public are excluded.

The public must be excluded from a meeting during an item of business whenever:

- (a) it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during that item, confidential information would be disclosed to them in breach of the obligation of confidence;

- (b) the decision-making body concerned passes a resolution to exclude the public during that item where it is likely, in view of the nature of the item of business, that if members of the public were present during that item, exempt information would be disclosed to them;
- (c) a lawful power is used to exclude a member or members of the public in order to maintain orderly conduct or prevent misbehaviour at a meeting.

Confidential or Exempt information:

At least 28 clear days before a meeting where confidential or exempt information is to be considered, the Council will make available at the Civic Offices and on its website, a notice of its intention to hold all or part of a meeting in private, i.e., where the press and public are excluded.

Any such notice must include a statement of the reasons for the meeting to be held in private. Upon publication of this notice, representations may be received by the Council about why a particular decision should be open to the public. Any such representations should be made as follows:

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At least five clear days before a private meeting, where the press and public are excluded from all or part of a meeting, the Council will make available at the Civic Offices and on its website a further notice of its intention to hold all or part of a meeting in private.

This notice must include a statement of the reasons for all or part of the meeting to be held in private, details of any representations received by the decision-making body about why the meeting should be open to the public, and, a statement of its response to any such representations made.

Please note that the decision dates provided within this Forward Plan are indicative and occasionally subject to change. Please contact Democratic Services if you wish to check the decision date for a particular item.

Description of the decision	Date decision is expected to be taken and who will take the decision?	Key or Non-Key Decision	Responsible Officer	Cabinet Member / Portfolio	Open / Exempt (and reason if the decision is to be taken in private)
<p>Appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory and other Panels This report requests the Cabinet to consider the nominations made by Group Leaders to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels for those appointments that are to be made by the Cabinet.</p>	<p>8 Jun 2016 Cabinet</p>	<p>Non Key</p>	<p>Kenna-Victoria Martin, Senior Democratic Services Officer</p>	<p>Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Education</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Local Air Quality Management</p>	<p>8 Jun 2016 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key Affects more than 1 ward</p>	<p>Lucy Magill, Head of Residents Services</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Communities & Public Protection</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Community Asset Transfer Policy To approve and adopt the draft Community Asset Transfer Policy</p>	<p>8 Jun 2016 Cabinet</p>	<p>Non Key</p>	<p>Rebecca Price, Community Development Officer</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Communities & Public Protection</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Financial Outturn 2015/2016 To update Cabinet on the 2015/2016 Financial Outturn</p>	<p>8 Jun 2016 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key Affects more than 1 ward</p>	<p>Mike Jones, Management Accountant</p>	<p>Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Education</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Outcome To advise Cabinet of the findings of the LGA Peer Team following their visit in February 2016 and to approve the council's response to the recommendations.</p>	<p>8 Jun 2016 Cabinet</p>	<p>Non Key</p>	<p>Karen Wheeler, Head of Strategy, Communications and Customer Service</p>	<p>Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Education</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>Update on Environment Issues For Cabinet to approve a communication plan for resident in the borough to start addressing Recycling and Littering within the borough.</p>	<p>8 Jun 2016 Cabinet</p>	<p>Non Key</p>	<p>Steve Cox, Corporate Director of Environment and Place</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Housing Development Update To update cabinet on the progress of Housing Capital Development and to request the delegated authority for the transfer of Belmont Road site (or other land) from the Council to Gloriana Thurrock Ltd</p>	<p>13 Jul 2016 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key Expenditure > £500,000</p>	<p>Matthew Essex, Head of Regeneration and Assets</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing</p>	<p>Part exempt</p>
<p>Approve the plan for procurement of a Contract to carry out Disabled Adaptations to Thurrock Housing properties To provide Cabinet with the business case for the procurement of a contract to provide disabled adaptations – both mechanical installations such as stair lifts, and building works such as graded shower provision. The contract will primarily be used for properties within the Thurrock Housing portfolio but will also be available for Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) works on owner occupied properties where the resident is unable to take contractual responsibility</p>	<p>13 Jul 2016 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key Expenditure > £500,000</p>	<p>Richard Parkin, Head of Environment</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Education Transport Policy To approve the Education transport policy containing the general arrangements made by</p>	<p>13 Jul 2016 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key Affects more than 1 ward</p>	<p>Temi Fawehinmi, Contract and Performance Manager</p>	<p>Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Education</p>	<p>Open</p>

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Thurrock Council in respect of home to school travel and transport for children of compulsory school age. The policy will explain both statutory transport provision, and that provided on a discretionary basis.					
Medium Term Financial Plan - Quarter 1 Update To update Cabinet on the Medium Term Financial Plan of the Council.	7 Sep 2016 Cabinet	Key Affects more than 1 ward	Jonathon Wilson, Chief Accountant, Finance	Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Education	Open
Housing Development Update To update cabinet on the progress of Housing Capital Development and to request the delegated authority for the transfer of Belmont Road site (or other land) from the Council to Gloriana Thurrock Ltd	12 Oct 2016 Cabinet	Key Expenditure > £500,000	Matthew Essex, Head of Regeneration and Assets	Cabinet Member for Housing	Part exempt
2016 Annual Public Health Report	12 Oct 2016 Cabinet	Key Affects more than 1 ward	Ian Wake, Director of Public Health	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health	Open
Medium Term Financial Plan - Quarter 2 Update To update Cabinet on the Medium Term Financial Plan of the Council.	9 Nov 2016 Cabinet	Key Affects more than 1 ward	Jonathon Wilson, Chief Accountant, Finance	Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Education	Open

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Local Council Tax Scheme To agree the Local Council Tax Scheme for 2017/2018	9 Nov 2016 Cabinet	Key Affects more than 1 ward	Andrew Brittain, Head of Revenue Services	Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Education	Open
Housing Development Update To update cabinet on the progress of Housing Capital Development and to request the delegated authority for the transfer of Belmont Road site (or other land) from the Council to Gloriana Thurrock Ltd	11 Jan 2017 Cabinet	Key Expenditure > £500,000	Matthew Essex, Head of Regeneration and Assets	Cabinet Member for Housing	Part exempt
Medium Term Financial Plan - Quarter 3 Update To update Cabinet on the Medium Term Financial Plan of the Council.	8 Mar 2017 Cabinet	Key Affects more than 1 ward	Jonathon Wilson, Chief Accountant, Finance	Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Education	Open
Housing Development Update To update cabinet on the progress of Housing Capital Development and to request the delegated authority for the transfer of Belmont Road site (or other land) from the Council to Gloriana Thurrock Ltd	8 Mar 2017 Cabinet	Key Expenditure > £500,000	Matthew Essex, Head of Regeneration and Assets	Cabinet Member for Housing	Part exempt