

Thurrock: A place of opportunity, enterprise and excellence, where
individuals, communities and businesses flourish

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 Robert Gledhill (Leader of the Council)	Housing
Councillor Shane Hebb (Deputy Leader of the Council)	Finance and Legal
Councillor Coxshall	Regeneration
Councillor James Halden	Education and Health
Councillor Brian Little	Highways and Transport
Councillor Sue Little	Children’s and Adult Social Care
Councillor Sue MacPherson	Neighbourhoods
Councillor Deborah Stewart	Performance and Central Services
Councillor Pauline Tolson	Environment

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,
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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>Thurrock Council Tenancy Policy Following the implementation of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 :</p> <p>1. To determine the lengths of tenancies that the Council will offer 2. To determine the criteria for fixed term tenancies</p>	<p>9 Nov 2016 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key Expenditure > £500,000</p>	<p>Roger Harris, Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health</p>	<p>Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Corporate Performance Report 2016/2017 - Mid Year This report provides Cabinet with a summary of performance against the Corporate Scorecard 2016-17, a basket of key performance indicators.</p>	<p>14 Dec 2016 Cabinet</p>	<p>Non Key</p>	<p>Jackie Hinchliffe (Director of HR, OD & Transformation)</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Performance and Central Services</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Thurrock Air Quality and Health Strategy In 2015, a decision was taken by Thurrock Council to develop an integrated air quality and health strategy through which to tackle the health problems associated with and exacerbated by air pollution within the Borough.</p>	<p>14 Dec 2016 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key Affects more than 1 ward</p>	<p>Steve Cox (Corporate Director of Environment and Place)</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Quarterly Capital Monitoring Report To note the position on the major capital schemes undertaken by the Council.</p>	<p>14 Dec 2016 Cabinet</p>	<p>Non Key</p>	<p>Sean Clark (Director of Finance & IT)</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Legal</p>	<p>Open</p>

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Schools Capital Programme 2017-18 To seek approval for the funding of the proposed School Capital Programme 2017-18 to accommodate future demand for pupil places.	14 Dec 2016 Cabinet	Key Expenditure > £500,000	Rory Patterson (Corporate Director of Children's Services)	Cabinet Member for Education and Health	Open
Medium Term Financial Plan - Quarter 2 Update To update Cabinet on the Medium Term Financial Plan of the Council.	14 Dec 2016 Cabinet	Key Affects more than 1 ward	Sean Clark (Director of Finance & IT)	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Legal	Open
Treasury Management Mid-Year report For cabinet to note the results of Treasury Management activities in the first half of the financial year.	14 Dec 2016 Cabinet	Key Expenditure > £500,000	Sean Clark (Director of Finance & IT)	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Legal	Open
2016 Annual Public Health Report	14 Dec 2016 Cabinet	Key Affects more than 1 ward	Roger Harris (Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health), Ian Wake (Director of Public Health)	Cabinet Member for Education and Health	Open
Community Led Local Development (CLLD) - Tilbury To approve the submission of applications to European Social Fund (ESF) and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) for a Tilbury-based programme tackling barriers to employment and entrenched deprivation and	14 Dec 2016 Cabinet	Key Expenditure > £500,000	Steve Cox (Corporate Director of Environment and Place)	Cabinet Member for Regeneration	Open

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social challenges, with total value £6.6m of which £3.3m will be from European Funding, and £3.3m from a variety of match funding identified with delivery partners.					
Living Well at Home- Domiciliary Care To agree for a redesign of the way in which Domiciliary Care is delivered	14 Dec 2016 Cabinet	Key Affects more than 1 ward	Roger Harris (Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health)	Cabinet Member for Education and Health	Open
A13 Widening - Award of Detail Design and Construction Contracts (two contracts) To confirm delegated powers to the Director of Finance & IT (S151 Officer), Monitoring Officer and Corporate Director of Environment & Place contracts for the construction of the A13 Widening works to a detail design consultant and a construction contractor subject to confirmation from the Secretary of State for Transport that adequate Government funding will be provided.	14 Dec 2016 Cabinet	Key Expenditure > £500,000	Steve Cox (Corporate Director of Environment and Place)	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation	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	Steve Cox (Corporate Director of Environment and Place)	Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing	Part exempt

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<p>The Local Council Tax Scheme 2017/2018; setting of the Council Tax Base for 2017/2018 and Determination of The Collection Fund Balance 2016/2017 To approve the Council's Local Council Tax Scheme for 2017/18, note the Council Tax base and note the Collection Fund balances.</p>	<p>11 Jan 2017 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key Expenditure > £500,000</p>	<p>Sean Clark (Director of Finance & IT)</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Legal</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Grays South: Delivering the Pedestrian Underpass To approve changes to the delivery arrangements for Grays Underpass</p>	<p>11 Jan 2017 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key Expenditure > £500,000</p>	<p>Steve Cox (Corporate Director of Environment and Place)</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Regeneration</p>	<p>Open</p>
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<p>Fees and Charges 2017/18 To approve the schedule of Fees and Charges for 2017/18</p>	<p>8 Feb 2017 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key Affects more than 1 ward</p>	<p>Sean Clark (Director of Finance & IT)</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Legal</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Medium Term Financial Plan - Quarter 3 Update To update Cabinet on the Medium Term Financial Plan of the Council.</p>	<p>8 Mar 2017 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key Affects more than 1 ward</p>	<p>Sean Clark (Director of Finance & IT)</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Legal</p>	<p>Open</p>

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