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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 Robert Gledhill (Leader of the Council)	Housing
Councillor Shane Hebb (Deputy Leader of the Council)	Finance and Legal Services
Councillor Mark Coxshall	Regeneration
Councillor James Halden	Education and Health
Councillor Deborah Huelin	Performance and Central Services
Councillor Brian Little	Highways and Transport
Councillor Sue Little	Children’s and Adult Social Care
Councillor Aaron Watkins	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>2018/19 General Fund Revenue Budget Report (Draft Report) To consider General Fund budget proposals and Council Tax proposals.</p>	<p>10 Jan 2018 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>Local Council Tax Scheme To present an update on the Local Council Tax Scheme for 2018/19</p>	<p>10 Jan 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key</p>	<p>Sean Clark (Director of Finance & IT)</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Legal</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Education Transport Contracts All contracts are due for renewal in July 2018 with the exception of a few minor contracts that will be retained by the current operator. The latter are arranged for children and young people with special needs who will benefit greatly from the stability and continuity that will result from the retention of those contracts.</p> <p>Due to the value of the contracts to be renewed a Cabinet decision is required. The Cabinet report will provide the details of the contracts to be renewed</p>	<p>10 Jan 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key</p>	<p>Rory Patterson (Corporate Director of Children's Services)</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Health</p>	<p>Part exempt</p>
<p>Children Looked After Placement Commissioning</p>	<p>10 Jan 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key</p>	<p>Rory Patterson (Corporate Director of Children's Services)</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Children's and Adult Social Care</p>	<p>Part exempt</p>

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<p>A Sustainable Children's Social Care system for the Future: Annual Public Health Report 2017 That the contents of the report and its recommendations on creating a sustainable children's social care system be approved by Cabinet.</p>	<p>10 Jan 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key</p>	<p>Ian Wake (Director of Public Health)</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Health</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Lower Thames Crossing Taskforce - Update on Highways England Proposals To update Cabinet on the LTC Taskforce work in reviewing HE proposals and ensuring the concerns of Thurrock Councils and the local community are recognised and understood by Highways England.</p>	<p>10 Jan 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key</p>	<p>Steve Cox (Corporate Director of Environment and Place)</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Regeneration</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Purfleet Industrial Park- Options for Future Use or Disposal To advise Cabinet of the options available for PIP in either to retain, reuse or release the asset.</p>	<p>10 Jan 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Key</p>	<p>Steve Cox (Corporate Director of Environment and Place)</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Regeneration</p>	<p>Part exempt</p>
<p>2018/19 General Fund Revenue Budget Report (Final Report) To consider General Fund budget proposals and Council Tax proposals.</p>	<p>7 Feb 2018 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>

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HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting and Budget 2018/19 To consider budget proposals, rent and service charge setting.	7 Feb 2018 Cabinet	Key Expenditure > £500,000	Roger Harris (Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health)	Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing	Open
Fees and Charges Pricing Strategy 2018/19 To approve the schedule of Fees and Charges for 2018/19.	7 Feb 2018 Cabinet	Key Expenditure > £500,000	Sean Clark (Director of Finance & IT), Sharon Bayliss (Director of Commercial Services)	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Legal	Open
Purfleet Centre Regeneration To secure approvals to continue the delivery phase of the Purfleet Centre Regeneration Project including the potential use of Compulsory Purchase Powers.	7 Feb 2018 Cabinet	Key	Steve Cox (Corporate Director of Environment and Place)	Cabinet Member for Regeneration	Part exempt
2017/18 Capital Monitoring Report - Quarter 3 To note the position on the major capital schemes undertaken by the Council.	14 Mar 2018 Cabinet	Key	Sean Clark (Director of Finance & IT)	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Legal	Open
Q3 Financial Position and MTF5 Update To note the Councils forecast financial position for 2017/18.	14 Mar 2018 Cabinet	Key Affects more than 1 ward	Sean Clark (Director of Finance & IT)	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Legal	Open

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Thurrock Cultural Economy Strategy Approval of the Cultural Economy Strategy for Thurrock.	14 Mar 2018 Cabinet	Key	Steve Cox (Corporate Director of Environment and Place)	Cabinet Member for Education and Health	Open