

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

Forward Plan

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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 Rob Gledhill (Leader of the Council)	Public Protection and Anti-Social Behaviour
Councillor Shane Hebb (Deputy Leader of the Council)	Finance and Transformation
Councillor Mark Coxshall	Regeneration and Strategic Planning
Councillor James Halden	Children and Adult Social Care
Councillor Deborah Huelin	Central Services and Communities
Councillor Andrew Jefferies	Education
Councillor Barry Johnson	Housing
Councillor Ben Maney	Highways and Transport
Councillor Allen Mayes	Health and Air Quality
Councillor Aaron Watkins	Environment, Sports and Leisure

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?	Responsible Officer	Documents to be considered by the decision maker	Cabinet Member / Portfolio	Public / Exempt (and reason if the decision is to be taken in private)
<p>ASELA Update To receive updates and make decisions in regard to progress.</p>	<p>13 Jan 2021 Cabinet</p>	<p>Lyn Carpenter, Chief Executive</p>		<p>Leader and Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Anti-Social Behaviour</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Thames Freeport To note and endorse a bid for Freeport status lead by Forth Ports and DP World.</p>	<p>13 Jan 2021 Cabinet</p>	<p>Andrew Millard, Director of Place</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Strategic Planning, Leader and Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Anti-Social Behaviour</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>School Capital Programme Update 2020/21 To seek approval to procure an architect led design team, as well as a principal contractor to carry out required works at Abbots Hall Primary School to return the school back to a 2FE Primary school which would provide an additional 210 school places once full. Early design scoping & feasibility studies are underway at the time of writing this report, with initial indications showing that this project will have an estimated provisional total value of £2M inclusive of Architects fees and disbursements, tentative early negotiations with the Academy have established that part of this sum could potentially be offset by the academy if existing school CIF bid applications are successful.</p> <p>The report also seeks approval to build capacity in the planning areas where there is a current and forecasted need to provide</p>	<p>13 Jan 2021 Cabinet</p>	<p>Sheila Murphy, Corporate Director of Children's Services</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Education</p>	<p>Open</p>

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HRA Housing Development - 13 Loewen Road To secure the authority to tender and award a main contract for construction of new HRA homes.	13 Jan 2021 Cabinet	Andrew Millard, Director of Place		Cabinet Member for Housing	Open
Electric Vehicle Charging That the Committee note and endorse the procurement proposals for the provision of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging facilities.	13 Jan 2021 Cabinet	Andrew Millard, Director of Place		Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	Open
Capital Programme Proposals As part of the budget, the Council needs to set its capital programme for the following financial years. The future development of the Medium Term Financial Strategy will also need to take account future capital spending plans over the period of the strategy.	13 Jan 2021 Cabinet	Sean Clark, Corporate Director of Finance, Governance and Property		Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation	Open
Capital Strategy 2021/22 There is a statutory requirement to agree an annual Treasury Management Strategy.	13 Jan 2021 Cabinet	Sean Clark, Corporate Director of Finance, Governance and Property		Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation	Open
Local Council Tax Scheme To present an update on the Local Council tax Scheme.	13 Jan 2021 Cabinet	Sean Clark, Corporate Director of Finance, Governance and Property		Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation	Open
Draft 2021/22 Budget Proposals and Medium Term Financial Strategy Update There is a statutory requirement to set a balanced budget annually.	13 Jan 2021 Cabinet	Sean Clark, Corporate Director of Finance, Governance and Property		Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation	Open
Collaborative Communities Framework To endorse the Framework which includes the Council's equality objectives for the next four years.	13 Jan 2021 Cabinet	Roger Harris, Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health		Cabinet Member for Central Services and Communities	Open

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<p>Active Place Strategy For Cabinet agreement to the proposed way forward for activity within the borough in the form of the Active Place Strategy.</p>	<p>13 Jan 2021 Cabinet</p>	<p>Julie Rogers, Director of Environment, Highways and Counter Fraud</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Environment and Sports & Leisure</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Emergency Active Travel - Tranche 2 Proposals To note and endorse the approach taken to develop measures and a programme to deliver active travel measures through Tranche 2 of the Government Active Travel fund.</p>	<p>10 Feb 2021 Cabinet</p>	<p>Andrew Millard, Director of Place</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport</p>	<p>Open</p>
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<p>Fees and Charges Pricing Strategy 2021-22 This is to agree the annual variation to Thurrock Councils Fees and Charges Pricing Strategy for the financial period of 2021-22.</p> <p>This includes the variation and introduction of new Fees and Charges, as well as the deletion of existing fees that are no longer applicable.</p>	<p>10 Feb 2021 Cabinet</p>	<p>Sean Clark, Corporate Director of Finance, Governance and Property</p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation</p>	<p>Open</p>

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The report sent to cabinet will consist of the summary from the individual Overview and Scrutiny reports for the relevant areas.					
HRA Business Plan, Budget and Rent Setting 2021/22 Onwards To set out the proposals for the HRA service delivery during 2021/22 and agree the budget and rents.	10 Feb 2021 Cabinet	Roger Harris, Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health		Cabinet Member for Housing	Open
Draft 2021/22 Budget Proposals and Medium Term Financial Strategy Update There is a statutory requirement to set a balanced budget annually.	10 Feb 2021 Cabinet	Sean Clark, Corporate Director of Finance, Governance and Property		Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation	Open
A13 East Facing Access - Scheme Update To note and endorse the A13 East Facing Access Outline Business Case for submission to DfT in early 2021. To note the funding implications associated with the scheme.	10 Mar 2021 Cabinet	Andrew Millard, Director of Place		Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Strategic Planning	Open
Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme 2021/22 To identify the capital funding available to deliver the 2021/22 ITB programme.	10 Mar 2021 Cabinet	Andrew Millard, Director of Place		Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	Open
Quarter 3 Corporate Performance Report This report provides Cabinet with a summary of performance against the Corporate Scorecard 2020/21, a basket of key performance indicators. These indicators are used to monitor the performance of key corporate priority activities and enables Members, Directors and other leaders to form an opinion as to the delivery of these priorities.	10 Mar 2021 Cabinet	Karen Wheeler, Director of Strategy, Communications and Customer Services		Cabinet Member for Central Services and Communities	Open
Backing Thurrock: Recovery,	10 Mar 2021	Andrew Millard,		Cabinet Member for	Open

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Resilience and a Return to Growth The report will set out the approach the Council will take to facilitate recovery from the economic impacts of COVID, recovery and a return to growth in Thurrock.	Cabinet	Director of Place		Regeneration and Strategic Planning	
Parking Policy and Strategy and Parking Design & Development Standards To note the work undertaken to develop the above parking documents and to endorse them as suitable documents for cabinet approval.	10 Mar 2021 Cabinet	Andrew Millard, Director of Place		Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	Open
Procurement of Housing Capital Programme Delivery To outline the proposals for the procurement of two programmes of work to further improve the Council's housing stock as part of the Housing Capital Programme.	10 Mar 2021 Cabinet	Roger Harris, Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health		Cabinet Member for Housing	Open
Quarter 3 Financial Position To note the councils forecast financial position for 2020/21.	10 Mar 2021 Cabinet	Sean Clark, Corporate Director of Finance, Governance and Property		Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation	Open
Lower Thames Crossing Update In line with the terms of reference as agreed by General Services Committee, this report provides an update to Cabinet on the recent work of the Lower Thames Crossing Task Force.	10 Mar 2021 Cabinet	Andrew Millard, Director of Place		Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Strategic Planning	Open