

Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The County Council must give at least 28 days’ notice of all key decisions to be taken by councillors or officers. The Plan describes these proposals and the month in which the decisions are to be taken over a four-month period. Decisions are categorised according to [cabinet member](#) portfolios.

The most important decisions will be taken by the Cabinet sitting in public. The meetings are also available to watch online via our [webcasting website](#). The [schedule of monthly Cabinet meetings](#) is available on the website.

The Forward Plan is updated regularly and key decisions can be taken on any day in the month if they are not taken at Cabinet meetings. The [Plan](#) is available on the website. [Published decisions](#) are also available via the website.

A key decision is one which:

- Involves expenditure or savings of £500,000 or more (except treasury management); and/or
- Will have a significant effect on communities in two or more electoral divisions in terms of how services are provided.

The following information is provided for each entry in the Forward Plan:

Decision	A summary of the proposal.
Decision By	Who will take the decision - if the Cabinet, it will be taken at a Cabinet meeting in public.
Date added	The date the proposed decision was added to the Forward Plan.
Month	The decision will be taken on any working day in the month stated. If a Cabinet decision, it will be taken at the Cabinet meeting scheduled in that month.
Consultation/ Representations	How views and representations about the proposal will be considered or the proposal scrutinised, including dates of scrutiny committee meetings.
Background Documents	The documents containing more information about the proposal and how to obtain them (via links on the website version of the Forward Plan). Hard copies are available on request from the decision contact.
Lead officer (report author)	The contact details of the decision report author.
Contact	Who in Democratic Services you can contact about the entry.

Finance, assets, performance and risk management

Each month the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property reviews the Council’s budget position and may take adjustment decisions. A similar monthly review of Council property and assets is carried out and may lead to decisions about them. These are noted in the Forward Plan as ‘rolling decisions’.

Each month the Cabinet will consider the Council’s performance against its planned outcomes and in connection with a register of corporate risk. Areas of particular significance may be considered at the scheduled Cabinet meetings.

Significant proposals for the management of the Council’s budget and spending plans will be dealt with at a scheduled Cabinet meeting and shown in the Plan as strategic budget options.

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Leader

Council Plan and Revenue Budget 2024/25	
<p>The Council Plan and Budget report details the County Council’s revenue budget, the level of council tax proposed for 2024/25, the nature of its expenditure, income and budget reductions for a balanced budget to deliver the aims of the refreshed Council Plan. It will also outline the County Council’s Capital Programme to cover the period 2024/25 to 2028/29 which will update the programme previously agreed by County Council.</p> <p>Cabinet will be asked to endorse the refreshed Council Plan, Revenue Budget and Capital Programme to deliver the Council Plan for approval at County Council on 16 February 2024.</p>	
Decision by	Cabinet, County Council
Date added	15 November 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	<p>The following are being consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee • County Council Membership through all member sessions • Partners through the Stakeholder Event in early December • Residents and Partners through external and internal communication with our residents, businesses, staff and communities <p>Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the Cabinet, via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.</p>
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Taryn Eves Tel: 033 022 23564
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Adults Services

Adult Social Care Reablement in a Residential Setting

Reablement bed-based services are currently provided within four residential care services across the county. The services provide care, support and reablement for people being discharged from hospital who are not initially able to return home. Through the provision of occupational therapy support and support from the residential service to work towards reablement goals and relearn skills customers can have an opportunity to work towards moving home where possible after their stay in the service.

In March 2023 three of the current contracts were directly awarded [OKD59 22/23](#) for a one-year period which will cease on 31 March 2024. The Council is reviewing these services to consider the future for the service provision, considering customer outcomes, and financial and non-financial benefits. Upon completion of the review the Cabinet Member for Adults Services will be asked for a decision regarding future commissioning.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Adults Services (Cllr Amanda Jupp)
Date added	15 November 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	<p>Internal consultation with the Adults and Health Strategic Finance and Commissioning Board and West Sussex County Council Commercial Panel.</p> <p>Representations on this proposed decision can be made via the officer contact.</p>
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Juliette Garrett Tel: 033 022 23748
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Provision of Domestic Abuse Housing Support Services in West Sussex

The Director of Adults and Health has approved the procurement of Domestic Abuse Housing Support Services in West Sussex. The new contract is to be in place by 1st August 2023. The initial term of the new contract will be for two years with the option to extend for up to a further two years. The contract value has been set at £450k per year from funding supplied by the Domestic Abuse Act additional burdens for safe accommodation support, provided through the government's Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

The contracted services will provide support and accommodation to those fleeing Domestic Abuse in West Sussex. The accommodation will be provided in dispersed units rather than in traditional refuge style and will be accessible to a much wider range of customers, such as those with older male children, women with additional needs such as mental or physical health issues, larger families and men experiencing domestic abuse.

Decision by	Director of Adults and Health (Alan Sinclair)
Date added	3 March 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	<p>Stakeholder consultation and Market Engagement event held.</p> <p>Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.</p>
Background documents (via website)	None
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Award of Contract Carer Information, Advice Assessment and Support Service

The current Carer Information, Advice, Assessment and Support Service contract with the County Council is in its final year. The intention is that provision will re-focus on the growing carer population and the different needs of these carers across the county.

Following the decision taken to commence a procurement of the Carer Information, Advice, Assessment and Support Service by the Cabinet Member for Adults Services, the Director of Adults and Health will be asked to award the contract to the successful bidder that meets the principles of good outcomes, quality of service, value for money and additional social capital. The new contract will begin on 1st April 2024.

Decision by	Director of Adults and Health (Alan Sinclair)
Date added	28 March 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	<p>Extensive carer consultation has taken place in recent years to inform the Joint Carer Strategy and the recent re-let of Carer Short Break Contracts. In addition, carer engagement will inform the proposed contract specification. An element of coproduction will also be implemented as part of the process. Other stakeholders will be consulted e.g., all members of the Carers Strategic Partnership Group.</p> <p>Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.</p>

Background documents (via website)	None
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Minor Adaptations Contract	
<p>West Sussex County Council has a contract with Concept Design Solutions for the provision of Minor Adaptations. Minor Adaptations are legislated for under the Care Act 2014 and their provision can help local authorities undertake urgent and smaller-scale adaptations more quickly. The existing service expires on 31 March 2024. The Director of Adults and Health has initiated a full procurement process which will be undertaken to reprocur the service with effect from 1 April 2024.</p>	
Decision by	Director of Adults and Health (Alan Sinclair)
Date added	28 September 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	<p>Consultation is undertaken through the commissioning and procurement activity related to the Minor Adaptations Service.</p> <p>Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made via the officer contact.</p>
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Chris Jones Tel: 0330 022 28249
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Contract Arrangements Nursing Dementia Residential Care Beds

In April 2022 A decision ([OKD03 22/23](#)) was taken to award a block contract for 11 dementia nursing beds at Aster Grove in Littlehampton, to meet increasing demand for suitable dementia nursing care and accommodation at a sustainable rate.

The contract is currently being reviewed with proposals being developed for new contractual agreements which will enable the achievement of the Council's strategic aim to support people to live safe and fulfilled lives, as part of the ambitions set out in the [Adult Social Care Strategy 2022 - 2025](#). Analysis and planning will consider the need for residential services providing nursing dementia care within the southern part of West Sussex and potentially to other geographical areas.

Following the completion of the review, the Director of Adults and Health will be asked to approve the new contractual agreement to source residential based dementia nursing care.

Decision by	Director of Adults and Health (Alan Sinclair)
Date added	5 December 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made via the officer contact.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Juliette Garrett Tel: 033 022 23748
Contact	Erica Keegan Tel: 033 022 26050

Annual Review of Fees paid to independent providers of Adult Social Care

Rates and fees paid to independent providers of adult social care provision in the community and in accommodation based services are subject to annual review. The review will consider usual maximum rates for care homes and care homes with nursing; individually agreed rates paid to care homes and care homes with nursing and rates for supported living, shared lives; extra care and other community-based services.

Decisions on fees to be paid in the financial year 2024-25 will take account of a range of information, including but not limited to; recent decisions on National Living Wage, the current market position, the need and demand for services, the Council's strategic priorities, financial challenges for providers of care and support services and the financial position for the Council and the adult social care budget. During 2023 commissioners have engaged with representatives of the adult social care market to reflect feedback on both the challenges for the market and in the fees review process and in preparation for the review of fees.

The Director of Adults and Health will be asked to agree the fees and rates paid for commissioned services related to the adult social care and health portfolio for 2024-25.

Decision by	Director of Adults and Health (Alan Sinclair)
Date added	12 January 2024
Month	February 2024
Consultation/ Representations	<p>Consultation has been held with representatives from the Adult Social Care Market through a Fees subgroup throughout 2023/24 and through a provider forum. Consultation has commenced with the NHS Integrated Care Board.</p> <p>Representations, concerning this proposed decision, can be made via the officer contact.</p>
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Juliette Garrett Tel: 033 022 23748
Contact	Erica Keegan Tel: 033 022 26050

Award of Contract Care and Support at Home Services

Care and support at home services (also known as domiciliary care or home care) are purchased by the county council on behalf of people who have been assessed as having eligible social care needs. These services support people to maintain their independence through the delivery of personal care and support, provided within a person's own home.

The county council currently commissions the majority of these services from a framework agreement which commenced in 2015. This will come to an end at the latest by March 2024. This framework was developed jointly with NHS Continuing Healthcare who also use the contract. In addition, the county council purchases services from the wider market through a legacy contractual agreement and a more recent contingency contract.

Following the review of the commissioning of these services proposals will be developed for new arrangements and contractual agreements. New arrangements will seek to ensure there is capacity across West Sussex to meet the needs of those with care and support needs and supports a sustainable care and support at home provider market in West Sussex. The expected value of the annual spend on domiciliary care for the life of these new arrangements is approximately £35 million, potentially rising to £40 million over the life of the contract depending on inflationary and demographic pressures.

Following the commencement and completion of a procurement process, as approved by the Cabinet Member for Adults Services, the Director of Adults and Health will be asked to agree contract award.

Decision by	Director of Adults and Health (Alan Sinclair)
Date added	11 April 2023
Month	March 2024
Consultation/ Representations	Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Juliette Garrett Tel: 033 022 23748
Contact	Erica Keegan Tel: 033 022 26050

Contract Award - Day Opportunities, Supported Employment and Volunteering Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism

West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) set up day service contracts in 2015 with independent organisations to provide day services for adults with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism. The current contracts with the County Council are in their final year of and need to be re-tendered. Much has changed since the contracts were set up and Commissioners have reviewed the model of Day, Employment and Volunteering Services and whether this continues to best meet individuals' needs.

The intention is that the outcome will be co-designed, community-based interventions that raise aspiration, encourage independence and healthy active lives. The process will also consider how commissioned services link in to and complement the Council's directly provided services.

Following the approval of a tender process to re-commission new services by the Cabinet Member for Adults Services the Director of Adults and Health will be asked to award the contract (s) to the successful bidder, following the principles of good outcomes, quality of service, value for money and additional social capital when evaluating tenders.

Decision by	Director of Adults and Health (Alan Sinclair)
Date added	9 October 2023
Month	April 2024
Consultation/ Representations	<p>Extensive consultation and engagement have taken place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service user surveys were carried out on behalf of the Council by Impact Initiatives • Discussion groups were facilitated as part of 3 Learning Disability Partnership Boards • The Young Voices Group was attended • Carer surveys were carried out and carer focus group meetings were attended • Provider and staff surveys were carried out • The Learning Disability Provider forum was attended, and • 10 1:1 meetings with independent day service providers were held • Early engagement notice published 8 August 2023 with feedback requested by 24 August 2023 <p>This consultation, engagement and feedback will inform the proposed contract specification. An element of coproduction will also be implemented as part of the process.</p> <p>Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made via the officer contact.</p>
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Lucie Venables Tel: 07955 313325

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Children and Young People, Learning and Skills

Children and Young People Portfolio

None

Learning and Skills Portfolio

Commissioning of College Alternative Provision for Key Stage 4 Learners

The County Council currently commissions the Chichester College Group to deliver education provision for Key Stage 4 pupils aged 14-16, whose educational and developmental needs are deemed to be better suited and supported through a more vocationally based curriculum.

The package of provision, procured in 2021 (decision [OKD11\(21/22\)](#) refers), is known as 'Freshstart' and is delivered across selected campuses constituting the Chichester College Group (CCG).

Building on the success of the service to date, it is proposed to continue to commission CCG to offer this provision for a further year. The Interim Assistant Director (Education and Skills) will be asked to approve the award of a contract to the Chichester College Group for the continuation of the provision of services under the 'Freshstart' programme.

Decision by	Interim Assistant Director (Education and Skills) (Steve Nyakatawa)
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Date added	10 August 2023
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Month	January 2024
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Consultation/ Representations	West Sussex schools with a current Key Stage 4 provision Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the Director of Children, Young People and Learning, via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.
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Background documents (via website)	
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Lead officer (report author)	Andrew Jenkins
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Additional budget allocation for the replacement of modular teaching accommodation at Slinfold CE Primary School

Slinfold CE Primary School is a 140 place Primary School for 4–11-year-olds, incorporating five classrooms and a pre-school on site. Two of the five classrooms are in 30-year-old modular classrooms which have significant suitability and condition issues due to the age of the buildings and are nearing the end of their life.

In December 2021, the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills approved the allocation of £1.158m to replace the modular classrooms with a two class extension and delegated authority to the Director of Property and Assets to award the contract ([Decision LS12 \(21/22\)](#) refers).

Since that time there have been programme delays due to the identification of Great Crested Newts as well as inflationary pressures. Additional funds are therefore required to complete the project.

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills will be asked to approve the additional budget allocation to enable the delivery of the project at Slinfold CE Primary school.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills (Cllr Jacquie Russell)
Date added	25 October 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	No consultees currently identified. Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker, via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Matthew Wakefield Tel: 07597 528007
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

Award of Contract for delivery of a Special Support Centre at Edward Bryant School, Bognor Regis

In June 2022 the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills approved the funding to enable establishment of a new 12 place Special Support Centre (SSC) at Edward Bryant Primary School in Bognor Regis for pupils with Social Communication Needs. The Cabinet Member also delegated authority to the Assistant Director (Property and Assets) to enter into a construction contract with the successful tenderer upon completion of a procurement process for delivery of the SSC (decision [LS03\(22/23\)](#) refers).

As part of a separate decision process approval is currently being sought to allocate additional funding to the project to take account of inflationary cost pressures since the original allocation was approved.

The project at Edward Bryant Primary School to deliver a new SSC will involve design and construction of a a new building, internal remodelling within the existing school building and external works.

A procurement for the works is currently being undertaken. On conclusion, and following confirmation of additional funding being allocated to the project, the Assistant Director (Property and Assets) will be asked to approve the award of the construction contract to the preferred provider to deliver the new SSC at Edward Bryant School.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)
Date added	28 March 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	No consultees currently identified Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker, via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Ben Barnes Tel: 07355 023408
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

Allocation of Capital Funding to create increased provision for girls' changing at St Andrew's CE High School, Worthing

In October 2020, following a public consultation, the proposal to alter St Andrew's CE High School for Boys, Worthing to a co-educational school from September 2021 entry was confirmed ([Decision ES08\(20/21\)](#) refers).

Following the change in 2021, the number of girls attending St Andrew's CE High School is increasing and therefore a further increase to changing provision is required to ensure adequate provision for girls. As St Andrew's CE High School is a Voluntary Aided School and the County Council do not own the freehold of the building, it has been agreed that the project can be delivered as a school managed project. The Governing Body has appointed consultants who are currently undertaking the design work for the proposed scheme.

Following detailed design and associated cost estimates the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills will be asked to approve the budget required and the passporting of funds to St Andrew's CE High School to deliver the extension to girls' changing facilities.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills (Cllr Jacquie Russell)
Date added	28 July 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	School Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills, via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Leigh Hunnikin Tel: 033 022 23051
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 0330 022 22553

Allocation of funding to create bulge classes for secondary pupils in East Grinstead

Following a review of pupil projections for starting secondary school in East Grinstead, it is necessary to create provision for a bulge class in both September 2024 and 2025 to deliver additional places to accommodate the growing number of secondary pupils.

Viability studies are currently being undertaken at the two secondary schools in the town – Imberhorne and Sackville to assess which school should be expanded to accommodate the bulge classes.

Following completion of the viability studies, and on determining which school should be expanded, funds will be sought in line with the cost estimate to enable the works to be taken forward. The monies for the project will be allocated from S106 funds which have been received to fund additional capacity for secondary aged pupils in East Grinstead.

The Assistant Director (Property and Assets) will be asked to approve the budget required for the project to create provision for the bulge classes.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)
Date added	1 November 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	None currently identified Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Leigh Hunnikin Tel: 033 022 23051
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

School Funding 2024/25

West Sussex County Council is required, under national funding regulations, to consult schools and the Schools Forum on proposed changes to funding arrangements affecting mainstream school budgets. Over the last couple of years the West Sussex local funding formula has been moving towards the National Funding Formula factor values, and 2024/25 will be the first year that these factor values will be used in full as part of the budget calculation.

The School Funding Review 2024/25 consultation document was published on 11th October 2023. Responses to the consultation and feedback from Schools Forum will be taken into account in the development of the local funding formula for mainstream schools in 2024/25.

To help fund the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) recovery plan included as part of the council's [Delivering Better Value Programme](#) proposals, a proposal to transfer £0.5m of funding from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Schools block to the DSG High Needs Block, funded through a reduction in the National Funding Formula basic entitlement rates, has been included as part of the schools funding consultation. Under the funding regulations, any transfer between blocks is a decision that is taken by Schools Forum, although the County Council can seek to overturn this by applying to the Secretary of State for Education through a disapplication request.

Following consideration of the responses to the consultation and the feedback from Schools Forum the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills will be asked to approve the 2024/25 local funding formula for all mainstream schools in the county.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills (Cllr Jacquie Russell)
Date added	1 November 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	Schools Schools Forum – 23rd November 2023 Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker, via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Andy Thorne Tel: 03302223349
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

Award of contract for construction of an All Weather Pitch at The Forest School, Horsham

In July 2020 the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills approved the siting of additional accommodation for QEII School on some of the existing playing field at The Forest School (Decision reference [ES02\(20/21\)](#)). In order to mitigate the impact of the loss of the playing field an All Weather Pitch will be constructed at The Forest School.

The All-Weather pitch will enable pupils to undertake outside sport activities all year round whilst also providing the school the ability to generate additional income through letting.

As part of a separate key decision process the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills approved the allocation of capital funding from Section 106 contributions to undertake a project to provide an All Weather Pitch at The Forest School ([Decision LS05\(21/22\)](#) refers). The Cabinet Member also delegated authority to the then Director of Property and Assets to award the contract for the project.

The Assistant Director (Property and Assets) will be asked to approve the award of contract for the proposed project at The Forest School.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)
Date added	11 January 2021
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	Procurement Legal Finance Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the Assistant Director (Property & Assets), via the contact officer, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Sophie Bailey Tel: 07547 867654
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

Allocation of S106 funding to enable expansion of St Wilfrid's Catholic School, Crawley

St Wilfrid's Catholic School in Crawley is currently a 5 form entry (5FE) 11-16 Secondary School. The school has grown in recent years to meet the demand for places, taking bulge classes of 30 pupils in each of the last three years. This has led to the requirement for additional accommodation to enable the school to become a 6FE 11-16 Secondary School in all year groups.

It is proposed that a new teaching block incorporating 6 classrooms, office space, toilets and storage is provided. The intention is to fund the expansion project using received Section 106 funds which must be spent on additional secondary educational infrastructure and/or equipment in Crawley.

It is intended that the expansion is delivered as a school managed project. Therefore, following detailed design and associated cost estimates provided by the school, the Assistant Director (Property and Assets) will be asked to approve the allocation of the S106 funds to the school to enable the project to proceed.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)
Date added	12 August 2022
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the Assistant Director (Property and Assets) via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.
Background documents (via website)	
Lead officer (report author)	Leigh Hunnikin Tel: 033 022 23051
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

Allocation of S106 Funding for Replacement of Modular Teaching Accommodation at St Augustine's CE Primary School, Haywards Heath

St Augustine's CE Primary School, located in Scaynes Hill, close to Haywards Heath, is a four class Primary School with a broad range of buildings including a single modular unit which was installed on the site in excess of 30 years ago. The building has significant suitability and condition issues and requires replacement with new teaching accommodation meeting current Building Regulations and Department for Education Building Bulletins standards.

The Assistant Director (Property and Assets) will be asked to approve the allocation of capital funding from Section 106 contributions and the launch of a procurement exercise to enable a project to be undertaken to replace the modular classroom with new purpose built classroom.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)
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Date added	1 December 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	School Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker, via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Leigh Hunnikin Tel: 033 022 23051
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

Extension of the Dynamic Purchasing System for Independent Alternative Provision for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

The County Council has a statutory obligation to provide suitable education for all pupils including those who, because of exclusion, illness or other reasons, would not otherwise receive suitable education in a school setting, (predominantly children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)). This is termed Alternative Provision.

This is commissioned using the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for Independent Alternative Provision (IAP), which enables the efficient sourcing of IAP services from a range of qualified providers. The DPS was established in 2021 ([decision OKD16 \(21/22\)](#) refers) for a maximum period of four years and six months.

The initial term of the DPS expires in February 2024 and the original contract allows for a further 2 year extension. Over the initial term the DPS has proved important in enabling the County Council to source much needed IAP placements that meet the education needs of pupils.

Agreement will be sought from the Interim Assistant Director (Education and Skills) to extend the DPS for a further 2 years from 1st March 2024.

Decision by	Interim Assistant Director (Education and Skills) (Steve Nyakatawa)
Date added	7 December 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	No consultees currently identified. Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.

Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Charlotte Smith Tel: 033 022 2754
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

Award of Adult Learning Community Learning Grant funded Programmes	
<p>Adult learning is a non-statutory provision, externally funded via the Department for Education through the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). The County Council receive a total £3.1m Adult Education Budget each year from the ESFA which funds the provision of learning for adults to obtain skills or qualifications and/or enhance their wellbeing and/or improve their life skills/personal development.</p> <p>In March 2023 the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills approved the launch of a procurement and the commencement of an expression of interest process to secure a range of providers to deliver the adult skills and community learning programme (decision LS10(22/23) refers).</p> <p>In August 2023 approval was granted for the award of contracts to deliver the adult skills provision (decision OKD11 (23/24) refers).</p> <p>Expressions of interest are now being sought from providers to bid for funding from the Community Learning Grant element of the budget. The process will secure Grant Funding Agreements with multiple providers to deliver community focussed programmes which engage with and support the most vulnerable and disengaged residents.</p> <p>On conclusion of the process the Interim Assistant Director (Education and Skills) will be asked to award the contracts to the successful providers for an initial period up to 31 July 2025.</p>	
Decision by	Interim Assistant Director (Education and Skills) (Steve Nyakatawa)
Date added	18 October 2023
Month	February 2024
Consultation/ Representations	<p>No consultees currently identified.</p> <p>Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker, via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken</p>
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Andrew Bishop Tel: 033 022 25399
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

Award of contract for the replacement of modular teaching accommodation at Slinfold CE Primary School

Slinfold CE Primary School is a 140 place Primary School for 4–11-year-olds incorporating five classrooms and a pre-school on site. Two of the five classrooms are in 30-year-old modular classrooms, which have significant suitability and condition issues due to the age of the buildings, and are nearing the end of their life.

In December 2021, the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills approved the allocation of £1.158m funding to replace the modular classrooms with a two class extension and delegated authority to the then Director of Property and Assets to award the contract ([Decision LS12 \(21/22\)](#) refers). Due to additional costs associated with the project since that time, approval from the Cabinet Member is being sought for a further allocation of funding via a separate decision process.

A procurement will be undertaken and the Assistant Director (Property and Assets) will be asked to approve the award of the construction contract to the preferred provider for the construction phase of the project to replace the classrooms at Slinfold CE Primary School.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)
Date added	27 October 2022
Month	March 2024
Consultation/ Representations	No consultees currently identified. Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker, via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Matthew Wakefield Tel: 07597 528007
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

Award of contract for delivery of a Special Support Centre at Maidenbower Infants School, Crawley

There is a need to increase provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) through the creation of additional places in Specialist Support Centres (SSC) that are attached to mainstream schools and academies. This will assist with the aim of enabling children to attend school locally.

During 2022 the then Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills approved the allocation of capital funding for creation of a new 12 place SSC at Maidenbower Infants School in Crawley and delegated authority to launch a procurement for the necessary works ([decision LS07\(22/23\)](#) refers).

Following completion of the procurement process the Assistant Director (Property and Assets) will be asked to approve the award of the construction contract to the preferred provider for the construction phase, of the project to provide a Special Support Centre at Maidenbower Infants School.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)
Date added	7 December 2023
Month	March 2024
Consultation/ Representations	Maidenbower Infants School Maidenbower Junior School Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker, via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Katerina Evans-Makrakis Tel: 07597 526870
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

Early Years and Childcare Strategy 2024 -2026

The County Council have a range of statutory duties related to early years and childcare services which include the provision of sufficient childcare places to meet the needs of families in West Sussex. This includes planning to deliver the Department for Education’s plans to expand the early years entitlement by increasing access to free childcare which will commence in a phased approach from April 2024.

The Council is therefore developing ‘Right from the Start’, which is the Early Years and Childcare Strategy to support changes locally. These include improved collaborative working, delivering on the expansion of childcare as well as ensuring a strategic framework for maintaining efficient and high-quality provision and increased outcomes. The Strategy will set out the vision for providing support for children and their families from pre-birth to aged five for early education entitlements, and from birth to 14 where families access wraparound childcare provision.

The Cabinet Member for Children Young People, Learning and Skills will be asked to approve adoption of the Early Years and Childcare Strategy.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills (Cllr Jacque Russell)
Date added	2 January 2024
Month	March 2024
Consultation/ Representations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents and Carers • YourVoice Public Survey undertaken during autumn 2023 • Partner organisations <p>Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision-maker, via the report author, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.</p>
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Helen Gillespie Tel: 033 022 29312
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

Community Support, Fire and Rescue

Contingency Accommodation Arrangements (Rolling Entry)

Since November 2021, West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) has been responsible for providing support for refugees and family groups in the county under the British government resettlement scheme.

In March 2023, the UK government announced plans to permanently end the use of bridging accommodation. Previously used bridging hotel accommodation was served closure notices by the Home Office and in accordance with government requirements the hotels closed on 31 August 2023. Home Office contingency accommodation remains available until 31 December 2023, after this point no further Home Office accommodation is available. West Sussex County Council is therefore charged with securing accommodation for the remaining refugee families otherwise at risk of homelessness.

Securing accommodation is within a commercial rental market and therefore the ability to present a quick decision is frequently required. All accommodation is financed using Home Office grant monies at no cost to West Sussex County Council.

The Assistant Director (Communities) is asked to approve the allocation of government grant monies to acquire rental accommodation for refugees, in accordance with government requirements and conditions.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Communities) (Emily King)
Date added	20 November 2023
Month	Between January 2024 and December 2024
Consultation/ Representations	Representation on the proposed decision can be made via the officer contact.
Background documents (via website)	Home Office Guidance August 2023
Lead officer (report author)	Marie Ovenden Tel: 033 022 23854
Contact	Erica Keegan Tel: 033 022 26050

Fuel Cards Award of Contract

The County Council utilises fuel cards across the fleet to simplify the purchase and payment of fuel from commercial sites. The cards are administered centrally by the Fleet Service in West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service.

The current contract for fuel cards expires in March 2024 and a new contract is required.

The term of the contract will be 4 years (based on a 2year + 2year term) and the anticipated spend is approximately £3,200,000 over the full term.

The Chief Fire Officer has endorsed the commencement of the procurement process to be carried out in line with Council's Standing Orders on Procurement and Contracts and will seek to award the contract to the successful supplier.

Decision by	Chief Fire Officer (Sabrina Cohen-Hatton)
Date added	7 November 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made via the officer contact.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	James Skilling Tel: 033 022 25432
Contact	Erica Keegan Tel: 033 022 26050

West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service - Award of contract for breathing apparatus and ancillary equipment

West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service are leading an aggregated procurement to standardise Breathing Apparatus and ancillary equipment (BA) on behalf of the 4F Group consisting of West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service, East Sussex Fire Authority, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service and Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority.

Aside from the collaborative process and initial financial efficiencies from procurement, the project outcomes will strongly influence a variety of longer-term benefits which will include:

1. standardisation of Breathing Apparatus (BA) equipment across 4F.
2. enabling the wider programme of operational alignment (for example BA).
3. seamless cross-border mobilisation of FRS assets and firefighters who can work together using the same operational guidance, training, and equipment.

The procurement will utilise a National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) endorsed Framework Agreement with each organisation entering into its own call-off agreement for the provision of equipment and support services. The estimated total contract value for West Sussex is £1.7m based on a 10-year contract.

Following the completion of the procurement process, the Chief Fire Officer seeks to award the Contract for the purchase of this equipment to the bidder submitting the most economical and technologically suitable tender and following extensive practical evaluation processes by 4F leads.

Decision by	Chief Fire Officer (Sabrina Cohen-Hatton)
Date added	20 April 2023
Month	March 2024
Consultation/ Representations	Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made via the officer contact, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	James Skilling Tel: 033 022 25432
Contact	Erica Keegan Tel: 033 022 26050

Award of contract for Minibus Hire Services

The County Council hires vehicles to support operations when the need cannot be met from within the owned fleet.

There is a requirement to re-procure the minibus hire contract to ensure the provision of vehicles continues to represent best value against a refreshed hire profile and support specification.

The term of the contract will be 3 years starting in August 2024 and the anticipated spend is approximately £2,900,000 over the contract term based on 75 vehicles.

The Chief Fire Officer has agreed the commencement of a compliant procurement process, in line with Council's Standing Orders on Procurement and Contracts, and will be asked to award the contract to the successful supplier.

Decision by	Chief Fire Officer (Sabrina Cohen-Hatton)
Date added	7 December 2023
Month	April 2024
Consultation/ Representations	Representations, on this proposed decision, can be made via the officer contact.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	James Skilling Tel: 033 022 25432
Contact	Erica Keegan Tel: 033 022 26050

Environment and Climate Change

Energy Reinvestment Scheme

The West Sussex Energy Reinvestment Scheme will be a new loan style scheme that supports energy efficiency and renewable energy projects across the corporate estate and schools. This County Council fund will operate on a similar basis to the SALIX scheme which has been used successfully by the County Council for several years but is being wound down by the government.

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change will be asked to approve the establishment of the Energy Reinvestment Scheme and the allocation of funds from the County Council's capital programme.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change (Cllr Deborah Urquhart)
Date added	30 June 2023
Month	January 2024

Consultation/ Representations	Maintained schools and academies Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker via the report author.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Daire Casey
Contact	Judith Shore Tel: 033 022 26052

Award of Call-off Contract at the Halewick Lane Battery Storage site

The Halewick Lane Battery Storage project proposes the re-development of the previously derelict North Sompting Waste Management Site into an income generating battery storage project.

The Cabinet Member for Environment [delegated authority](#) to the Director of Environment and Public Protection to award a contract for scheme following the completion of the procurement process.

A call-off contract through the REFIT Framework is required which will permit a contractor to develop and complete a fully costed design, known in the framework terms as an Investment Grade Proposal (IGP). At the completion of the IGP period, and subject to the review and approval of the fully costed design for the project, the County Council will look to award a full design and build contract to a contractor (which will be the subject of a further key decision).

Upon the conclusion of the procurement process, the Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) will be asked to award the call-off contract through the REFIT framework.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) (Wayne Lewis)
Date added	1 December 2023
Month	February 2024
Consultation/ Representations	No consultees currently identified Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker via the report author.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Rachel Ayres Tel: 033 022 25702

Contact	Judith Shore Tel: 033 022 26052
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Variation of the Materials Resource Management Contract

Under section 45A of the Environment Act 2021 and the Government’s Simpler Recycling policy, Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs) will be required to collect food waste separately at the kerbside. Under earlier legislation, it falls to the County Council as Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) to arrange for the disposal of the “controlled waste” collected in its area by the WCAs.

The Government has now confirmed food waste will need to be collected separately from household waste across England by March 2026 and separately from small, medium and large non-household waste producers by March 2025.

The County Council is engaging with the WCAs on timescales for when they intend to start collecting separate food waste in order to align the conversion of the mechanical biological treatment facility to accommodate separate food waste.

In March 2022, the [Cabinet approved](#) -

1. The variation of the existing Materials Resource Management Contract (MRMC) and the appropriate associated capital investment by the County Council to allow its waste disposal services under the MRMC to accommodate these legislative changes.
2. The commencement of procurement of a contract for the disposal of refuse derived fuel until 2035 with a possible extension of that contract until 2040.

The decision delegated authority to the Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) to agree, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change and the Directors of Finance and Legal Services, the necessary variation of the MRMC.

The Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) will be asked to vary the MRMC to allow for the government mandated changes to food waste collection.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) (Wayne Lewis)
Date added	16 January 2024
Month	February 2024
Consultation/ Representations	No consultees currently identified Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker via the report author.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Gareth Rollings Tel: 033 022 24161
Contact	Judith Shore Tel: 033 022 26052

Award of Design and Build contract at the Halewick Lane Battery Storage site

The Halewick Lane Battery Storage project proposes the re-development of the previously derelict North Sompting Waste Management Site into an income generating battery storage project.

Following a review of the details previously approved by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, a revised business case indicates that revisions to the scheme by using a first-life battery option will generate increased revenue from the project and expanding the scheme will provide better value for money. Therefore, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change [approved](#) a re-procurement process increasing the system size to 24MW with the specification of first life batteries.

A call-off contract through the REFIT Framework is required which will permit a contractor to develop and complete a fully costed design, known in the framework terms as an Investment Grade Proposal.

At the conclusion of the call-off contract, the Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) will be asked to award the full design and build contract for the scheme.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) (Wayne Lewis)
Date added	11 April 2023
Month	March 2024
Consultation/ Representations	No consultees currently identified Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker, via the report author, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Emma Ford Tel: 033 022 22196
Contact	Judith Shore Tel: 033 022 26052

Contract Award - Solar Photovoltaic and Battery Storage Programme

In December 2022, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change [approved](#) the procurement of a single supplier to survey, design, supply and install solar photovoltaic (PV) panel systems and 'Behind-the-Meter' (BTM) battery storage technology across suitable corporate and school sites and delegated authority to the Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) to award the contract.

The County Council is now seeking to identify a suitably qualified and interested organisation from the private, public and third (voluntary, community and charitable) sectors to undertake the work.

The Solar PV and Battery Storage Programme will support the County Council's commitment to becoming carbon neutral by 2030 as set out in the Climate Change Strategy 2020-2030.

It will also help meet the agreed priorities in the 2030 Energy Strategy by reducing grid electricity consumption, increasing renewable energy generation in the county, enhancing grid resilience, and reducing carbon dioxide emissions. In addition to electricity cost savings from the corporate sites, schools will also benefit from a reduction in electricity costs over 25 years.

Upon the conclusion of the procurement process, the Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) will be asked to award the contract to the bidder submitting the most economically advantageous tender with regard to cost and quality.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) (Wayne Lewis)
Date added	20 September 2023
Month	March 2024
Consultation/ Representations	No consultees currently identified Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker via the report author.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Emma Ford Tel: 033 022 22196
Contact	Judith Shore Tel: 033 022 26052

Finance and Property

Property and Assets (Rolling Entry)

The [Council Plan](#) sets out the Council’s ambition to minimise the burden of local taxation, delivering the agreed priorities for residents within the approved budget and capital programme. The Council maintains an [Asset Management Policy and Strategy](#) that details how the Council’s Assets will be managed and developed to deliver against the targets within the Council Plan. An objective of the Asset Management Strategy is to acquire, manage, maintain and dispose of property effectively, efficiently and sustainably, together with optimising financial and commercial opportunities.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Finance and Property (Cllr Jeremy Hunt)
Date added	1 April 2023
Month	Between April 2023 and March 2024
Consultation/ Representations	Local County Councillors Representation can be made via the officer contact.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Elaine Sanders Tel: 033 022 25605
Contact	Suzannah Hill 033 022 22551

Procurement of Building Maintenance Services Contract

The Council provides a Mechanical and Electrical and reactive fabric building maintenance service throughout its corporate estate. The current contract agreement that commenced 01 October 2019 with SSE, now Enerveo, will expire on 30 September 2024.

The scope of the current contract is to be developed to a ‘Total Hard FM services contract’. This will include all building compliance activity and Planned Preventative Maintenance. The new contractor will need to ensure full integration of its Computer Assisted Facilities managements systems with the County Council Asset Management and Helpdesk system (Concerto).

The Cabinet Member will be asked to agree to the commencement of a procurement process for a contract to commence 01 October 2024 to the value of circa £12m per annum. and to delegate to the Assistant Director (Property and Assets) the award of contract. A further decision report will be published as appropriate.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Finance and Property (Cllr Jeremy Hunt)
Date added	20 November 2023
Month	January 2024

Consultation/ Representations	Internal and external stakeholders, the incumbent supplier and market suppliers. Representation can be made via the officer contact in the month prior to that in which the decision is due to be taken.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Jeremy Rigby Tel: 033 022 26460
Contact	Suzannah Hill Tel: 033 022 22551

Performance and Resources Report - Quarter 3 2023/24

The Performance and Resources Report (PRR) details the Council's position in relation to revenue and capital spending, budget planning, workforce projections, performance and risk management by portfolio against the County Council's priorities. The Leader, Cabinet Member for Finance & Property, or Cabinet will be recommended to approve the PRR and any decisions required in relation to budget (revenue or capital), resources and performance management.

Decision by	Cabinet
Date added	
Month	March 2024
Consultation/ Representations	All Scrutiny Committees. Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision-maker via the report author, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Fiona Morris Tel: 033 022 23811
Contact	Adam Chisnall: 033 022 28314

Highways and Transport

**Delivery of Bus Services Enhanced Partnership Schemes - Contract Awards
(Rolling Entry)**

In April 2022 the Government confirmed that the County Council would be awarded c. £17.4m to deliver some of the ambitions in its [Bus Services Improvement Plan](#).

The ambitions will be delivered through a new [Enhanced Partnership](#) with the local bus companies. The work will also require collaboration with other partners including borough and district councils.

The funding is available until 31 March 2025 by when the ambitions must be delivered.

In January 2023, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport [approved](#) the capital and revenue budgets for the delivery of ambitions in the Enhanced Partnership Spending Plan and delegated authority to the Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) to undertake the procurement process and award contracts for the capital projects and for revenue expenditure.

The procurement processes are underway and, upon their conclusion, the Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) will be asked to award the contracts for the various schemes.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) (Matt Davey)
Date added	21 March 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	<p>Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 10 June 2022, and a Scrutiny Task and Finish Group met on several occasions to consider the proposals</p> <p>Borough and district councils Local bus operators Residents via online 'Westsusbus' portal User representatives Traffic Commissioners Police Transport Focus Competition and Markets Authority</p> <p>Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker via the report author.</p>
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Bill Leath Tel: 033 022 25438
Contact	Judith Shore Tel: 033 022 26052

Streetlighting LED Conversion Project

The Streetlighting Light Emitting Diode (LED) Conversion Project aims to convert all of the County Council owned Street Lighting Asset Luminaires to LEDs and introduce a Central Monitoring System to allow the remote operation of lighting.

In July 2019, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure [approved the capital allocation and delegated authority](#) to approve the changes to the Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract.

Delays have arisen as a result of lengthy negotiations about the Deed of Variation which is required to amend the PFI contract to allow the installation of LEDs. Cost increases have occurred due to inflationary pressures since the above decision was made. In February 2023, following discussions with suppliers, the County Council re-evaluated the costs required to deliver this project and identified a shortfall.

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport will be asked to approve an additional budget allocation in order to allow the project to proceed.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Cllr Joy Dennis)
Date added	21 March 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	No consultees currently identified Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker, via the report author, by the beginning of the month in which the decision is due to be taken.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Simon Osborne Tel: 033 022 26351
Contact	Judith Shore Tel: 033 022 26052

Bus Service Improvement Plan: revised Enhanced Partnership Spending Plan (BSIP+)

In April 2022 the Government confirmed that the County Council could be awarded c. £17.4m to deliver some of the ambitions in its Bus Services Improvement Plan (BSIP).

The ambitions are being delivered through an Enhanced Partnership between the Council and local bus companies.

The grant funding is available until 31 March 2025 by when the ambitions will have to be delivered. The [BSIP Spending Plan](#) was approved in January 2023 and includes both revenue funded service improvements and capital highways schemes. Variations to the spending plan are required in addition to the inclusion of additional Bus Services Improvement Plan (BSIP) revenue funding which has recently been awarded to the County Council.

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport will be asked to approve the application of the additional BSIP revenue funding and revisions to priorities in the Enhanced Partnership Spending Plan.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Cllr Joy Dennis)
Date added	10 August 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	<p>Consultation undertaken with Bus Operators and DfT Relationship Manager</p> <p>Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker via the report author.</p>
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Bill Leath Tel: 033 022 25438
Contact	Judith Shore Tel: 033 022 26052

Contract award for a new bus service in Burgess Hill

Funding has been agreed through a Section 106 agreement with Homes England to provide a new direct bus service (no. 38) linking the development in north Burgess Hill with the town centre and railway station.

The contract for the no. 38 bus service will be procured through the Public Bus Service Dynamic Purchasing System.

Upon the conclusion of the procurement process, the Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) will be asked to award the contract for the no. 38 bus service in Burgess Hill.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) (Matt Davey)
Date added	9 October 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	<p>In 2015, Mid Sussex District Council carried out consultation on Northern Arc transport plans. Included in Burgess Hill Public Transport Strategy published by Aecom in 2016.</p> <p>Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker via the report author.</p>
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Bill Leath Tel: 033 022 25438
Contact	Judith Shore Tel 033 022 26052

Award of Capital Delivery Highways Frameworks Lots 4, 5 and 6

West Sussex County Council is a designated Highways Authority under the Highways Act 1980 and has a duty to maintain highways maintainable at public expense.

In September 2023, the [Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport approved](#) the commencement of the procurement exercise for the provision of new Capital Delivery Frameworks (Lots 4, 5 and 6) to be effective from 1 April 2024 and delegated authority to the Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) to finalise the terms of and award the framework agreements for Lots 4, 5 and 6.

At the conclusion of the procurement process, the Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) will be asked to award the highway framework agreements for Lots 4, 5 and 6.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) (Matt Davey)
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Date added	11 December 2023
Month	January 2024
Consultation/ Representations	No consultees currently identified Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker via the report author.
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Gary Rustell Tel: 033 022 26397
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Highways and Transport Delivery Programmes 2024-2025

The Highway and Transport Delivery Programmes identify capital highways infrastructure maintenance and transport improvement schemes for delivery during 2024/25 and beyond. Capital funding for the Delivery Programmes is predominantly received from the Government for roads maintenance (the Local Highway Maintenance Block), and transport improvements (the Integrated Transport Block) supported by additional funding from developer agreements and contributions.

The indicative forward programmes for Highway Infrastructure Maintenance, Local Transport Improvements (LTIP) and Community Highway Schemes (CHS), have informed the 2024/25 Highways and Transport Delivery Programmes. These provide transparency of the maintenance and improvement investment needs and the funding priorities prepared and selected for review and approval in this decision.

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport will be asked to approve –

1. the Highway and Transport Delivery Programmes 2024-25; and
2. delegate authority to the Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) to adjust the 2024/25 Delivery Programmes to take account of budgetary pressures and any changes in priority arising as a result of network availability, emergencies, or other operational circumstances, in consultation with the Cabinet Member.

It should be noted that the above will be subject to confirmation of funding at a Full Council meeting.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Cllr Joy Dennis)
Date added	9 January 2024
Month	February 2024

Consultation/ Representations	<p>The Local Transport Improvement Programme, Strategic Transport Investment Programme and the Community Highway Schemes etc. are, or have been, subject to consultation with local county councillors and/or district, borough and parish councils, depending on the scope and nature of individual schemes.</p> <p>Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker via the report author.</p>
Background documents (via website)	None
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Public Health and Wellbeing

None

Support Services and Economic Development

Award of Contract(s): Digital Innovation Project	
<p>The County Council is working with the food and drink agricultural sectors across Sussex to improve their economic performance by co-developing foundational technology (e.g. 5G and Artificial Intelligence) use cases with telecoms and technology partners, education centres and commercial producers.</p> <p>External funding has been sought and a procurement process to select a technology provider/operator to take forward the project has commenced, following decision SSED01 23/24 taken in December 2023.</p> <p>On the conclusion of the procurement process the Director of Place Services will be asked to agree to the award of a contract(s) to implement the digital innovation project, subject to confirmation by DSIT of the grant award.</p>	
Decision by	Director of Place Services (Lee Harris)
Date added	20 December 2023
Month	March 2024

Consultation/ Representations	<p>Consultees will include Brinsbury College, Plumpton College, West Sussex Growers' Association</p> <p>Representation can be made during the month prior to that in which the decision is due to be taken.</p>
Background documents (via website)	None
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