

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. Due to the continuing public health measures, there will be limited public access to the meeting. Admission is by ticket only, bookable in advance via: democratic.services@westsussex.gov.uk. The meetings will be 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.
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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Executive Director Adults and Health

Contract Extension Discharge to Assess with Reablement Beds

Discharge to Assess with Reablement services are delivered within a residential care setting for people being discharged from hospital who are not yet able to return home. There are currently 36-44 Discharge to Assess with Reablement beds being provided across the County. Demand for services has changed over recent years and the Council has made a commitment to continue to support people being discharged home from hospital through the Home first pathway wherever this is a suitable option for individuals. However, Discharge to Assess with Reablement beds provide an important solution where people are unable to return home straight away and they have previously been shown to evidence a positive return on investment for the health and social care system.

In March 2021 a decision ([ref OKD68 20/21](#)) was taken to extend three contracts delivering Discharge to Assess with reablement beds for an additional 12 months and for the re-purposing of ten beds within the Crawley Shaw healthcare Burleys Wood service to nursing beds. In November 2021 a decision ([ref CAB07 21/22](#)) was taken to end the provision of in-house residential services in Marjorie Cobby House. As this service has been providing Discharge to Assess with Reablement beds, also included in the report was the recommendation to find alternative provision in the short term through the Shaw Healthcare contract. Subsequently 8-10 beds have recently commenced within Glebe House to ensure the continued provision of Discharge to Assess beds for people in and around the Chichester area. This now operates alongside the three other Discharge to Assess with reablement services in Littlehampton, Worthing and Haywards Heath.

The Executive Director for Adults and Health will now be asked to decide on the continued provision of Discharge to Assess with reablement services and the potential extension of contract arrangements for their final contracted year from 1 April 2022- 31 March 2023.

Decision by	Keith Hinkley - Executive Director Adults and Health
Date added	13 January 2022
Month	February 2022
Consultation/ Representations	Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made via the officer contact.
Background Documents (via website)	None
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Executive Director Adults and Health

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 residential and nursing homes are subject to annual review. The Cabinet Member will be asked to consider the fees and rates paid for commissioned services related to the Adult Social Care and Health portfolio for 2022-23.

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; shared lives; and rates and fees paid for community-based services.

In the short term, the priority continues to be to ensure that the market can cope with vulnerable people at this unprecedented time dealing with COVID-19, therefore the Council will address financial pressures resulting from the pandemic independently of this decision.

Decision by	Keith Hinkley - Executive Director Adults and Health
Date added	19 January 2022
Month	February 2022
Consultation/ Representations	<p>In consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults Services who delegated this decision to the Executive Director Adults and Health.</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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