



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.
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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Finance and Property

Cabinet

Emergency Central Government Funding (Rolling Entry)	
<p>Due to the ongoing public health emergency the County Council has received a number of support packages from Central Government. As funds are received the Council needs to determine arrangements to distribute, allocate or make other preparations for the appropriate use of funds received.</p> <p>The relevant decision maker will be determined by the intended use of the allocated funds. The Council may be required to comply with a number of conditions set out in the terms of the grant which may mean decisions need to be taken quickly due to the need to provide timely financial support related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Members will be consulted or advised of planned decisions with as much notice as can be provided.</p>	
Decision by	
Date added	15 February 2021
Month	Before December 2022
Consultation/ Representations	Representations can be made to the officer contact.
Background documents (via website)	None
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Cabinet Member for Finance and Property

Property and Assets (Rolling Entry)	
<p>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. Decisions may be taken by the Cabinet, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property or by the relevant Cabinet Member in relation to assets under the control of the County Council in accordance with the approved and published Asset Management Strategy.</p>	
Decision by	Cabinet Member for Finance and Property (Councillor Jeremy Hunt)
Date added	1 April 2022
Month	Before March 2023

Consultation/ Representations	The following are being consulted: Local members. Representation can be made via the officer contact.
Background documents (via website)	None
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Cabinet, Cabinet Member for Finance and Property, Leader

Performance and Resources Report (PRR) (Rolling Entry)	
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 Member for Finance and Property (Councillor Jeremy Hunt)
Date added	1 April 2022
Month	Before March 2023
Consultation/ Representations	The following will be consulted: All Scrutiny Committees Cabinet 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
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Cabinet Member for Finance and Property

Endorsement Community Asset Transfer Lease: Phoenix Centre

The County Council's [Asset Management Strategy](#) supports the principle of the transfer of community assets in order to empower and strengthen local communities. The Council believes that transferring appropriate public assets to communities leads to more responsive services that better meet local people's priorities. The following vacant property has been identified as suitable for Community Asset Transfer:

- Phoenix Centre, Westloats Lane, North Bersted, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 5JD

This has been declared surplus to operational requirements following the redesign of the Council's Early Help Centres ([CAB02 21/222](#)).

Constituted community groups, charitable organisations, voluntary groups and Town and Parish Councils working in partnership with local community groups have been invited to apply for transfer of this property. The Council is looking to work with suitable organisations that are able to demonstrate, through a selection process, the ability to take on, manage and maintain these assets through a Full Repairing and Insuring Lease, with terms to be agreed, subject to contract. Providing a suitable proposal comes forward, a preferred lessee will be chosen.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Property will be asked to approve the granting of a lease of the property of over 14 years in term at nil rent.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Finance and Property (Councillor Jeremy Hunt)
Date added	9 March 2022
Month	January 2023
Consultation/ Representations	The following are being consulted: local member Representation can be made via the officer contact in the month prior to that in which the decision is to be taken.
Background documents (via website)	None
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Cabinet Member for Finance and Property

Littlehampton Recycling Centre - land purchase	
<p>The County Council has the opportunity to purchase a parcel of land adjacent to the Littlehampton Recycling Centre, as part of a Section 106 agreement with local housing developers. Acquisition of the land could allow the Recycling Centre to be extended and reconfigured in order to provide a more efficient service by providing additional capacity to the current and future residents of the area.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Finance will be asked to exercise the option to purchase the land and to endorse the allocation of capital funding to cover the purchase cost of the site.</p>	
Decision by	Cabinet Member for Finance and Property (Councillor Jeremy Hunt)
Date added	18 October 2022
Month	January 2023
Consultation/ Representations	<p>No consultees currently identified.</p> <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
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Cabinet, County Council

Council Plan and Revenue Budget 2023/24	
<p>The Council Plan and Budget report details a refreshed Council Plan, the County Council's revenue budget, the level of council tax proposed for 2023/24 and the nature of its expenditure, income and savings for a balanced budget. It will also outline the County Council's Capital Programme to cover the period 2023/24 to 2027/28 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 17 February 2023.</p>	
Decision by	Councillor Duncan Crow, Councillor Joy Dennis, Councillor Jeremy Hunt, Councillor Amanda Jupp, Councillor Nigel Jupp, Councillor Bob Lanzer, Councillor Paul Marshall, Councillor Jacquie Russell, Councillor Deborah Urquhart, Councillor Steve Waight
Date added	27 October 2022
Month	January 2023

Consultation/ Representations	<p>The following are being consulted:</p> <p>Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>All Member sessions</p> <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
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Director of Finance and Support Services

Award of Contract(s) Information Technology Services (Rolling Entry)	
<p>In December 2020 the Cabinet Member for Economy & Corporate Resources approved a proposal via decision ECR04 20-21, to insource and recommission, through new contracts, the services currently provided by Capita through the Information Technology outsource contract.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member delegated authority to the then Director of Finance and Support Services to progress the programme and commence procurement of the Service Desk and End User Compute Services, Networks, Telephony, Cloud Hosting and Infrastructure and Application Management Services. In accordance with the decision a procurement exercise is being undertaken.</p> <p>Contract(s) will be awarded to the successful bidder(s) from June 2021 and such dates as contractually needed. Initial service transitions commenced in July 2021.</p>	
Decision by	Director of Finance and Support Services (Taryn Eves)
Date added	14 April 2021
Month	Before April 2023
Consultation/ Representations	<p>The following are to be consulted: External consultants SOCITM</p> <p>Representation 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
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Director of Finance and Support Services

Award of Contract: Data Archiving Solution for SAP

In preparation for decommissioning of the SAP Enterprise Resource Planning System (when replaced with Oracle Fusion via the SmartCore programme), the Council has undertaken a procurement process for a data archive solution to retain historic Finance, Human Resources and Procurement records in line with data retention obligations.

Decision [SSED02 22-23](#) delegated authority to the Director of Finance & Support Services to award the decision.

Decision by	Director of Finance and Support Services (Taryn Eves)
Date added	7 July 2022
Month	January 2023
Consultation/ Representations	SME's within the Business, Market suppliers. Representation can be made via the officer contact.
Background documents (via website)	None
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Cabinet Member for Support Services and Economic Development

Endorsement of Funding: Southwick Square - public realm improvements

The Adur Growth Deal signed in 2017, is a joint commitment between Adur District Council (ADC) and West Sussex County Council (WSCC) to focus partnership resource and investment on economic growth priorities. Work is underway to review investment priorities for a refreshed Growth Deal from 2023.

Discussions to date have focused on supporting growth through improving access and key facilities in town centres and highstreets, including improvements to transport links and digital connectivity to support businesses, residents, and visitors.

A priority scheme is proposed to support economic regeneration at Southwick Square, to bring the public realm up to a modern standard. This will improve accessibility, create more planting, enable businesses to spill out and provide flexible space for performances, markets and areas for community interaction in a busy shopping area.

This aligns with the County Council's Economic Plan (2020-24) and 'Our Council Plan' (2021-25). Design work is underway and it is anticipated works will commence on-site in spring 2023 with completion in late Autumn.

The Cabinet Member for Support Services and Economic Development and will be asked to endorse:

1. The appointment of Adur District Council as the delivery body for the Southwick Square Capital Project; and
2. allocation of up to £600k from the £2m 22/23 WSCC Capital Growth Allocation to support the scheme.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Support Services and Economic Development (Councillor Steve Waight)
Date added	1 December 2022
Month	January 2023
Consultation/ Representations	The following are being consulted: Local residents and businesses. Representation can be made in the month prior to that in which the decision is due to be taken.
Background documents (via website)	None
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Director of Finance and Support Services

Award of Contract: Highway Asset and Customer Management system

The provision of an asset and customer management system is critical to ensuring the County Council can meet its statutory duty to maintain the highways maintainable at public expense and to be able to prove that the authority had taken such care as in all the circumstances is reasonably required to comply with that duty. The current contract has been novated back to the Council from Capita PLC and is due to end on 31 March 2023. A new three-year contract is required and in consultation with the Cabinet Member, procurement has commenced.

Upon the conclusion of the procurement process, the Director of Finance and Support Services, in consultation with the Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) will be asked to award a contract for the provision of a highway asset and customer management system.

Decision by	Director of Finance and Support Services (Taryn Eves)
Date added	22 December 2022
Month	January 2023
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
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