

# **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 <u>cabinet member</u> portfolios.

The most important decisions will be taken by the Cabinet sitting in public. The meetings are also available to watch online via our <u>webcasting website</u>. The <u>schedule of monthly Cabinet meetings</u> 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 <u>Plan</u> is available on the website. <u>Published decisions</u> 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.

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/	How views and representations about the proposal will be considered or the
Representations	proposal scrutinised, including dates of scrutiny committee meetings.
Background	The documents containing more information about the proposal and how to
Documents	obtain them (via links on the website version of the Forward Plan). Hard copies
	are available on request from the decision contact.
Lead officer	The contact details of the decision report author.
(report author)	
Contact	Who in Democratic Services you can contact about the entry.

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

#### 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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# **Forward Plan Summary**

## Summary of all forthcoming executive decisions in Cabinet Member portfolio order

Decision Maker	Subject Matter	Date
Interim Assistant Director (Education and Skills) (Steve Nyakatawa)	Allocation of Funding for 2023-24 Holiday Activities and Food Programme	September 2023
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills (Cllr Jacquie Russell)	Phase 2 Special Support Centre Programme - Warden Park Secondary Academy - Allocation of Additional Funding for Project Delivery	September 2023
Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)	Allocation of S106 funding to enable expansion of St Wilfrid's Catholic School, Crawley	September 2023
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Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)	Award of contract for construction of an All Weather Pitch at The Forest School, Horsham	September 2023
Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)	Award of contract for works to expand Lindfield Primary Academy, Haywards Heath	September 2023
Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)	Award of Enabling Works Contract for delivery of the new Bedelands Secondary School in Burgess Hill	September 2023
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# Children and Young People, Learning and Skills

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# Learning and Skills Portfolio

## Allocation of Funding for 2023-24 Holiday Activities and Food Programme

The Department for Education (DfE) has provided every local authority in England funding to coordinate the provision of free holiday activities, to include healthy food and a range of enrichment activities for children eligible for benefits related free school meals. The funding is to cover provision for the Easter, summer and Christmas Holidays covered by the period of the financial year 2023-24.

Market engagement with suitable providers has been undertaken and expressions of interest have been sought to offer Holiday Activities and Food services during the main school holidays occurring through the period of the financial year 2023-24.

The Assistant Director (Education and Skills) will be asked to approve the award of grant
funding to successful organisations in advance of each of the holiday periods.

Decision by	Interim Assistant Director (Education and Skills) (Steve Nyakatawa)
Date added	25 May 2023
Month	September 2023
Consultation/ Representations	Potential HAF providers including schools, colleges, sports clubs and childcare providers. Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the Assistant Director (Education 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)	Andrew Jenkins
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

#### Phase 2 Special Support Centre Programme - Warden Park Secondary Academy - Allocation of Additional Funding for Project Delivery

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 that are attached to mainstream schools and academies. This will assist with the aim of enabling children to attend school locally.

In December 2019 Cabinet approved the proposal to develop Phase two of the project for opening additional Special Support Centres in accordance with capital governance processes (decision reference CAB03(19/20). In October 2020 the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills approved the allocation of design fees to progress 6 of the Special Support Centres (SSC) including expanding the SSC at Warden Park Academy to create additional places (Decision reference ES09 (20/21).

In November 2020 the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills approved the allocation of Section 106 funding for education infrastructure capital projects, including education infrastructure at Warden Park Secondary Academy (decision ES10 (20/21) refers).

Since that approval further design work has been undertaken and costed in relation to expanding the SSC at Warden Park Academy. This indicates that additional funding will be required over and above the S106 allocation to deliver the works required.

The Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills will be asked to approve the allocation of additional capital funding from the Capital Programme to enable the project to create additional places at the Special Support Centre at Warden Park Academy to proceed.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills (Cllr Jacquie Russell)
Date added	26 July 2022
Month	September 2023
Consultation/ Representations	No consultees currently identified Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the Cabinet Member for 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	

## 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	September 2023
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 to enable expansion of The Holy Trinity CE Secondary School, Crawley

The Holy Trinity CE Secondary School in Crawley is currently a 7 form entry (7FE) 11-18 Secondary School. To meet the increased need for pupil places in Crawley and the wider area, it is necessary to accommodate a bulge class of 30 pupils at the school in September 2022. Projections indicate an ongoing demand for additional Secondary places and therefore it is proposed that the school be expanded from 7FE to 8FE (210 to 240 per year) to meet the demand. Additional accommodation is required to enable the school to become an 8FE 11-18 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	September 2023
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

### 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 ESO2(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	September 2023
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)	Liam Hayward Tel: 033 022 22002
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

#### Award of contract for works to expand Lindfield Primary Academy, Haywards Heath

Following a review of pupil projections for the North of the County, and in particular the Haywards Heath/Lindfield areas, it was necessary to provide for a bulge class of 30 pupils at Lindfield Primary Academy. The additional pupils started at the school in September 2021 with temporary arrangements in place to accommodate the extra children.

It is proposed to expand the school by creating 1 additional classroom as an extension to the existing school buildings, along with other necessary associated works, to provide permanent provision for this bulge class.

In November 2020 the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills approved the allocation of Section 106 funding for education infrastructure capital projects, including the expansion of Lindfield Primary (decision ES10 (20/21) refers). As part of the decision the Cabinet Member also delegated authority to the then Director of Property and Assets to undertake a procurement exercise and to enter into contracts for delivery of the projects. At the time of this decision it was not considered that an individual project would require an allocation in excess of  $\pounds$ 500,000; following a feasibility study the works required at Lindfield Primary will exceed this value, meeting the criteria for an individual officer key decision.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)
Date added	3 October 2022
Month	September 2023
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)	Katerina Evans-Makrakis Tel: 07597 526870
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

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

## Award of Enabling Works Contract for delivery of the new Bedelands Secondary School in Burgess Hill

The new 6 form entry Secondary School and Special Support Centre to be built in the Brookleigh development will provide 900 pupil places to the Burgess Hill area.

In July 2022 the Cabinet Member for Learning & Skills approved a budget allocation of  $\pounds$ 53.845m for delivery of the new school and delegated authority to the Assistant Director (Property & Assets), in consultation with the Cabinet Member, to enter into a contract or contracts to enable the progression of the project within the overall agreed budget (decision LS04(22/23) refers).

Procurement of this scheme used the Southern Construction Framework, with the successful contractor, Willmott Dixon Limited, being awarded the Pre-Construction Services Agreement (PCSA) (decision OKD45(22/23) refers) to develop the design and tender the enabling works and main works packages. In addition to the PCSA, two further awards of Construction Works contract are required as part of this project. The first will be for an enabling works package and the second for the main construction works. Approval is now sought for entering into a contract for the enabling works.

The Assistant Director (Property and Assets), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills, will be asked to enter into an Enabling Works Contract with Willmott Dixon Limited to deliver the enabling works for the Bedelands Secondary School project.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)
Date added	28 February 2023
Month	September 2023
Consultation/ Representations	Cabinet Member for 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)	Lydia Schilbach Tel: 033022 25832
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

#### Additional budget allocation 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 (<u>decision</u> <u>LS03(22/23)</u> refers).

Since that time inflationary pressures have led to additional costs and the Multi-Disciplinary Consultant has reported that additional funds are needed for this project to be completed.

The Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills will be asked to approve the additional budget allocation to enable the delivery of the new SSC at Edward Bryant school.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills (Cllr Jacquie Russell)
Date added	14 March 2023
Month	September 2023

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)	
Lead officer (report author)	Ben Barnes Tel: 07355 023408
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).

A procurement has been 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	September 2023
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

#### 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 (<u>Decision ES08(20/21)</u> 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	September 2023
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

#### Creation of Sixth Form provision at St Oscar Romero Catholic School, Worthing - Determination of Statutory Proposals

St Oscar Romero Catholic School currently offers provision for 11–16-year-olds. The Governors of the school propose to extend the age range to 11-18 through <u>creation of a</u> <u>sixth form</u>, commencing in September 2024.

In accordance with <u>Department for Education (DfE) guidance</u> for the addition of a sixth form the governors published formal statutory proposals for a four week period seeking representations from stakeholders on the proposals.

Following assessment of any representations received the Director of Children, Young People and Learning will be asked to determine whether the creation of a sixth form at St Oscar Romero school should proceed.

Decision by	Interim Assistant Director (Education and Skills) (Steve Nyakatawa)
Date added	2 August 2023
Month	September 2023
Consultation/ Representations	Parents and carers, pupils and staff and a wide range of other stakeholders including primary and secondary schools, and colleges. 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
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Tracey Dunn Tel: 033 022 23048
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 22553

#### **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 <u>OKD11(21/22</u>) 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 Director of Children, Young People and Learning 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)
Date added	10 August 2023
Month	September 2023
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.
Background documents (via website)	

Lead officer	And
(report author)	

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#### 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	October 2023
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

#### Award of contract for modifications to Arun House to provide a Satellite site for Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee School, Horsham

In March 2023 the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills approved the budget required to enable the phased establishment of a satellite site to Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubiilee school (QE2) to provide additional pupil places (decision <u>LS11 (22/23)</u> refers). The County Council's Multi-Disciplinary Consultant (MDC) has been appointed to undertake the full design of the satellite site. The new accommodation will provide up to an

additional 60 places increasing the current school's capacity for 15-19yr olds, from the current 120 to 180 planned places.

The Cabinet Member also approved the delegation of authority to the Assistant Director (Property and Assets) to commence a procurement process and enter into a construction contract or contracts with the successful tenderer or tenderers to carry out the work.

A procurement process is being undertaken and, following completion, the Assistant Director (Property and Assets) will be asked to approve the award of contract for the phased establishment of the satellite site to QE2 school.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)
Date added	14 July 2023
Month	October 2023
Consultation/ Representations	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)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Katerina Evans-Makrakis Tel: 07597 526870
Contact	Wendy Saunders Tel: 033 022 553