



Forward Plan of Key Decisions

Explanatory Note

The County Council must give at least 28 days' notice of all key decisions to be taken by members or officers. The Forward Plan includes all key decisions and the expected month for the decision to be taken over a four-month period. Decisions are categorised in the Forward Plan according to the [West Sussex Plan](#) priorities of:

- Best Start in Life
- A Prosperous Place
- A Safe, Strong and Sustainable Place
- Independence in Later Life
- A Council that Works for the Community

The Forward Plan is updated regularly and key decisions can be taken daily. Published decisions are available via this [link](#). The Forward Plan is available on the County Council's website www.westsussex.gov.uk and from Democratic Services, County Hall, West Street, Chichester, PO19 1RQ, all Help Points and the main libraries in Bognor Regis, Crawley, Haywards Heath, Horsham and Worthing.

Key decisions are those which:

- Involve expenditure or savings of £500,000 or more (except decisions in connection with 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	The title of the decision, a brief summary and proposed recommendation(s)
Decision By	Who will take the decision
West Sussex Plan priority	See above for the five priorities contained in the West Sussex Plan
Date added to Forward Plan	The date the proposed decision was added to the Forward Plan
Decision Month	The decision will be taken on any working day in the month stated
Consultation/ Representations	Means of consultation/names of consultees and/or dates of Select Committee meetings and how to make representations on the decision and by when
Background Documents	What documents relating to the proposed decision are available (via links on the website version of the Forward Plan). Hard copies of background documents 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

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Forward Plan Summary

Summary of all forthcoming executive decisions in West Sussex Plan priority order

Page No	Decision Maker	Subject Matter	Date
	A Prosperous Place		
	Executive Director of People Services	Commissioning of community advice services from Citizens Advice in West Sussex	June 2019
	Independence in Later Life - None		

A Prosperous Place

Executive Director of People Services

Commissioning of community advice services from Citizens Advice in West Sussex

The community advice service provided by Citizens Advice is part of the information and advice commissioning portfolio within public health. It primarily provides support to working age adults and families and is commissioned as part of the Council's general duty for the promotion of wellbeing under the Care Act.

The community advice service in West Sussex is a universal service with a high-profile brand identity that is well known to the general public. The service is often the first point of contact for people in crisis situations and works with other voluntary and statutory sector organisations that operate within county, district and borough and parish boundaries. Through its universal advice offer the Citizens Advice service contributes to the following key West Sussex Plan objectives:

- Best start in life
- A prosperous place
- A strong, safe and sustainable place
- Independence for later life
- A council that works for the community

The Citizens Advice service in West Sussex is 80% delivered by volunteers and supports volunteering opportunities across the county. The service in West Sussex also supports better partnership working between the voluntary and the statutory sectors including the County Council, for example in promoting place-based local service delivery and the future development of volunteering.

The Cabinet Member for Adults and Health approved (Reference Cabinet Member Decision Report AH15 18-19) the commencement of procurement for a generalist community advice service via a single tender process, with Citizens Advice as the preferred provider, from 1st June 2019 for a period of 1+1+1 years on behalf of funding partners, the West Sussex District and Borough Councils. Authority has been delegated to the Executive Director of People Services to award the contract.

The funding of the community advice service for up to three years is a clear commitment from the County Council to support effective partnership working with District and Borough partners and voluntary and community sector service providers. During the first and second years of the contract the service will be remodelled to meet the changing needs and demographics in West Sussex. Funding will be awarded each year over three years subject to positive progress being made to remodel the service.

Upon completion of the procurement process The Executive Director of People Services will be asked to award the contract to the bidder, Citizens Advice.

Decision By	Executive Director of People Services
West Sussex Plan priority	A Strong, Safe and Sustainable Place
Date added to Forward Plan	1 April 2019

