



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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Community Support, Fire and Rescue

None

Environment and Climate Change

Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change

Establishment of the West Sussex Energy Reinvestment Scheme	
<p>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. The scheme will operate on a similar basis to the SALIX scheme which has been used successfully by WSCC for several years but is being wound down by the government.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Decision by	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change (Councillor Deborah Urquhart)
Date added	9 June 2022
Month	January 2023
Consultation/ Representations	<p>Director of Law and Assurance Director of Finance and Support Services</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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Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection)

Award of Demand Side Response Management Contract at the Halewick Lane Battery Storage site and Westhampnett Solar and Battery Farm
<p>The appointed Demand Side Response (DSR) management operator acts on behalf of the County Council to manage and create revenue from the County Council's battery assets by engaging in the DSR markets with the National Grid to sell energy and services to support grid stability.</p>

The current contract expires on 31 March 2023 and a procurement process for a new supplier will be undertaken through the Laser Energy flex framework Lot 2 (Additional Services) framework.

The previous contract award was rescinded because an acceptable set of terms and conditions for both parties could not be reached. A suitable route to market has now been identified and, upon the conclusion of the procurement process, the Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) will be asked to award a Demand Side Response management contract at the Halewick Lane Battery Storage site and Westhampnett Solar and Battery Farm.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) (Steve Read)
Date added	11 October 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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Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning)

Countryside Contractors - Dynamic Procurement System

The Countryside Contractors Framework Agreement is used to deliver works on the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) network and at various countryside sites around West Sussex. It enables the County Council to use a variety of qualified contractors to deliver works that fall outside of the PRoW maintenance contract.

The [existing Framework Agreement](#) ends on 31st March 2023.

The Framework Agreement will be replaced by a Dynamic Procurement System to allow new contractors to join throughout the lifetime of the Agreement.

Upon the conclusion of the procurement process, the Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) will be asked to approve the new Dynamic Procurement System.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) (Matt Davey)
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Date added	20 October 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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Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning)

Contract Award - Public Rights of Way Routine Maintenance	
<p>Routine maintenance works on the Public Rights of Way network in West Sussex are delivered by a third party contractor and the current contract expires on 30 April 2023.</p> <p>In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders on Procurement and Contracts a procurement process to establish a new contract for the delivery of Routine Maintenance on Public Rights of Way will be undertaken.</p> <p>Upon the conclusion of the procurement process, the Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) will be asked to award the contract for Public Rights of Way Routine Maintenance.</p>	
Decision by	Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) (Matt Davey)
Date added	20 October 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.
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Highways and Transport

Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy and Policy

The Asset Management Strategy sets out the approach to efficient and effective Highway Infrastructure Asset Management and how the Asset Management Policy will be delivered.

The Strategy and Policy, which form part of the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management framework, have been reviewed and updated following [approval of the current Strategy and Policy](#) in December 2020.

The updates are minor in nature ensuring alignment to [Our Council Plan](#) and that relevant data is updated.

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

- the implementation of the revised Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy and Policy; and
- the delegation of authority to the Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) to approve the individual asset group lifecycle plans.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Councillor Joy Dennis)
Date added	27 October 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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Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

Bus Services Improvement Plan/Enhanced Partnership - Spending Plan

In April 2022 the Government confirmed that the Council could 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](#) that the Council has agreed to enter with 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 will have to be delivered.

This includes some capital highways improvements schemes that could prove technically challenging and presents some financial risk to the Council.

Subject to the receipt of funding from the Department of Transport, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport will be asked to approve the capital funding allocation and the schemes outlined in the [Summary Enhanced Partnership Plan Spending Plan](#) approved in June 2022.

Decision by	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Councillor Joy Dennis)
Date added	29 September 2022
Month	January 2023
Consultation/ Representations	Task and Finish Group, and Communities, Highways, Environment Scrutiny Committee on 10 June 2022 Borough and District Councils Local bus operators 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 Highways and Transport

Highways and Transport Delivery Programme 2023-2024

The Highway and Transport Delivery Programmes identify capital highways infrastructure maintenance and transport improvement schemes for delivery during 2023/24 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 2023/24 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 2023-24; and
2. delegate authority to the Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) to adjust the 2023/24 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 (Councillor Joy Dennis)
Date added	15 September 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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Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning)

Award of Highways Contract Lot 6 (phase 2)

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 [January 2019](#), the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure approved the commencement of a procurement process for a new Highways Maintenance Term Contract or set of contracts and delegated authority to the Director of Highways and Transport to finalise the terms of and award the Highway Maintenance Term Contract, or set of contracts, at the conclusion of the procurement process.

In November 2019, the Director of Highways, Transport and Planning [appointed contractors](#) to a four-year Framework Agreement to commence 1 April 2020 for capital works for highways.

Lot 6 (infrastructure works) is procured annually, and a formal procurement process will be undertaken in autumn 2022 for the delivery of highway works in 2023-24.

At the conclusion of the procurement process, the Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) will be asked to award the highway improvement contract (Lot 6) phase 2.

Decision by	Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) (Matt Davey)
Date added	15 September 2022
Month	February 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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