



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.
Lead officer (report 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

West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Statement of Assurance 2023-2024

Fire and rescue authorities must provide assurance on financial, governance and operational matters and show how they have had due regard to the expectations set out in their Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) and as part of the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England.

This statement outlines the way in which the West Sussex Fire & Rescue Authority and its fire and rescue service delivered the requirements contained in the National Fire and Rescue Framework and the authority's CRMP during 2023/2024. It reinforces the commitment to provide communities with clear information about how public funds are managed and assure the effectiveness of financial, governance and operational fire service arrangements.

All partners involved have been asked to formally endorse the Annual Statement of Assurance 2023-24. Cabinet will be asked to approve the West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Statement of Assurance for 2023-24.

Decision by	Cabinet
Date added	12 March 2024
Month	June 2024
Consultation/ Representations	<p>The Fire and Rescue Scrutiny Committee will review the West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Statement of Assurance 2023-2024 on 17 June 2024.</p> <p>Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made via the officer contact.</p>
Background documents (via website)	None
Lead officer (report author)	Chief Fire Officer (Sabrina Cohen-Hatton)
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