

HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Forward Plan of Cabinet Decisions - April 2024 to August 2024

The Council is required to publish a forward plan of all key decisions to be taken in the following four months. The first plan commenced on 1st November 2001 and is updated monthly. Since April 2004 the Forward Plan has been expanded to show details of all decisions that the Cabinet intends to take.

The Plan shows:-

- When those decisions will be made
- Who will make the decisions
- What the consultation arrangements are
- What documents relating to those decisions are available

The Council has determined that the Cabinet will make decisions collectively and individual Councillors will not therefore make decisions on their own other than in cases of urgency. The Council has determined that officers will not be taking key decisions on behalf of the Council or the Cabinet.

The council is now set up to host council meetings virtually. These are open to the public and can be viewed live on our council meetings area of the website here; <https://www.hastings.gov.uk/my-council/cm/>.

Meetings of the Cabinet are held monthly in Muriel Matters House. They are open to members of the public. Information about the time and venue for a particular meeting may be obtained from the agenda (available at the Community Contact Centre, address below), from the Councils website or from the Committee Administration Section (Telephone: (01424) 451764, or e-mail committee_admin@hastings.gov.uk).

The Council has decided that key decisions will include decisions that involve expenditure or savings of above £250,000. It also includes decisions which although not having a significant financial effect nevertheless have a significant effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 came into effect on 10th September 2012. These regulations require that the Council gives 28 clear days' notice of any decision it intends to make in private (other than in cases of urgency wherein other processes need to be followed). The column in the attached table identifies whether or not each individual item will be wholly or partly decided on in private, and will give a statement of reasons for doing so. Members of the public may

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make representations to the Council before the date of the meeting as to why they consider the meeting should be held in public – the council will publish these representations at least five-clear working days before the decision is taken. For more information, please contact the Chief Legal Officer on 451731 or e-mail legalservices@hastings.gov.uk

The plan is available for inspection during opening hours free of charge at the Council offices at the Community Contact Centre, Muriel Matters House, Breeds Place, Hastings, TN34 3UY. The Plan will also be published on the Council's Website.

If you have any questions about the Forward Plan please contact Coral Harding, Continuous Improvement and Democratic Services Officer at Muriel Matters House on 01424-451764 or e-mail them at charding@hastings.gov.uk

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Cabinet 29 April 2024					
Report title	Key decision	What is it about	Consultation and Timetable / Documents	Responsible Officer / Lead Member	Item wholly or in part to be decided in private?
None					

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Cabinet 10 June 2024					
Report title	Key decision	What is it about	Consultation and Timetable / Documents	Responsible Officer / Lead Member	Item wholly or in part to be decided in private?
Financial Monitoring Report	Yes	Report about the Financial Performance of the Council		Kit Wheeler, Chief Finance Officer & S151 Officer Councillor Paul Barnett	Open
Appointment of Cashless Parking Contractor	Yes	Report to agree the renewal of the Cashless Parking Provider (by Phone) through RingGO		Natasha Tewkesbury, Head of Community and Regulatory Services Councillor Glenn Haffenden	Open

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High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2024-2029	Yes	The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 requires local authorities with land in an AONB to prepare and publish an up-to-date plan. The 15 local authorities that make up the High Weald AONB have published a joint management plan setting out policies for the area. Each partner local authority is required to formally adopt the plan after which it is sent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for approval.		Natasha Tewkesbury, Head of Community and Regulatory Services Councillor Glenn Haffenden	Open
Appointment of a new Welfare Funerals contractor	Yes	Following a competitive tender process, approval is sought to appoint a new contractor for the provision of welfare funeral		Cameron Morley, Head of Environment and Operations Councillor Glenn Haffenden	Part exempt

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Charity Committee 24 June 2024					
Report title	Key decision	What is it about	Consultation and Timetable / Documents	Responsible Officer / Lead Member	Item wholly or in part to be decided in private?
Foreshore Trust Finance Report	Yes	To advise the committee on the current year's financial position.		Kit Wheeler, Chief Finance Officer & S151 Officer Councillor Ali Roark	Open

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Cabinet 1 July 2024					
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Financial Monitoring Report	Yes	Report about the Financial Performance of the Council		Kit Wheeler, Chief Finance Officer & S151 Officer Councillor Paul Barnett	Open
Hastings Castle project	Yes	To obtain approval to progress the first phase of the Hastings Castle Town Deal project		Victoria Conheady, Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Place Councillor Julia Hilton	Open

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Cabinet 5 August 2024					
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Financial Monitoring Report	Yes	Report about the Financial Performance of the Council		Kit Wheeler, Chief Finance Officer & S151 Officer Councillor Paul Barnett	Open