

HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Forward Plan of Cabinet Decisions - December 2020 to March 2021

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.

Previously there have been no public meetings held due to the Covid-19 (corona virus) pandemic. 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.

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 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 CBarkshire-Jones@hastings.gov.uk

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The plan is available for inspection during opening hours free of charge at the Council offices at the Community Contact Centre, Queen's Square, Priory Meadow, Hastings, TN34 1QR. 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 7 December 2020					
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?
Changes to Council Constitution	Yes	Changes to senior management structure		Christine Barkshire-Jones, Chief Legal Officer Councillor Judy Rogers	Open
Hastings Draft Local Plan – Regulation 18 consultation	Yes	To seek Cabinet approval for the publication of the Hastings draft Local Plan Regulation 18 for public consultation. The purpose of the consultation is to seek a wide range of views from our community, statutory organisations and stakeholders.		Victoria Conheady, Assistant Director, Regeneration and Culture Councillor Kim Forward	Open
Bulverhythe Housing Development	Yes	To advise Members of the progress being made in bringing forward the Bulverhythe Housing Development		Andrew Palmer, Assistant Director Housing and Built Environment Councillor Andy Batsford	Open

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Pelham Arcade Update	No	To update members on progress with the Pelham Arcade Restoration Project. To report back on funding options being explored to enable the Council and its partners to complete the project. To consider priorities and next steps.		Jane Stephen, Conservation Officer Councillor Kim Forward	Open
Commercial Property Lease	Yes	Agreement for new lease		Peter Grace, Assistant Director, Financial Services and Revenues Councillor Peter Chowney	Fully exempt
12/13 York Buildings	Yes	To consider additional costs		Peter Grace, Assistant Director, Financial Services and Revenues Councillor Peter Chowney	Fully exempt

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Churchfield Business Centre	Yes	To share results of tender.		Peter Grace, Assistant Director, Financial Services and Revenues Councillor Peter Chowney	Fully exempt
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Cabinet 04 January 2021					
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Treasury Management - Mid-Year Report 2020/21	Yes	This report advises the Cabinet of the Treasury Management activities and performance during the current year. It provides the opportunity to review the Treasury Management Strategy and make appropriate recommendations to Council to take account of any issues or concerns that have arisen since approving it in February 2020.		Peter Grace, Assistant Director, Financial Services and Revenues Councillor Peter Chowney	Open

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<p>Delegation of powers from East Sussex County Council to Hastings Borough Council for the enforcement of domestic Energy Performance Certificates</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>In order to pilot the BEIS Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards Enforcement toolkit the powers to enforce the requirement for an EPC to be provided at the commencement of a new tenancy needs to be delegated to HBC.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Andrew Palmer, Assistant Director Housing and Built Environment Councillor Andy Batsford</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Housing Renewal Enforcement Policy (including Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards Enforcement)</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>In order to be able to use the enforcement tools provided by the Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) Regulations 2015 a review of the Housing Renewal Enforcement Policy is required.</p>		<p>Andrew Palmer, Assistant Director Housing and Built Environment Councillor Andy Batsford</p>	<p>Open</p>

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Cabinet 1 February 2021					
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Refreshed Equality and Human Rights Charter	Yes	Updating the town's Equality and Human Rights Charter, first agreed in 2011.	Draft refreshed document, once agreed will be forwarded to Hastings and St Leonard's Strategic Partnership with an invitation to sign up as they did in 2011	Mark Horan, Continuous Improvement and Democratic Services Manager Councillor Judy Rogers	

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Cabinet 1 March 2021					
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None					

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Charity Committee 15 th March 2021					
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 Financial Report 2020/21	Yes	To advise members of the Committee on the current year's financial position in 2020/21		Peter Grace, Assistant Director, Financial Services and Revenues Councillor Peter Chowney	Open