

HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Forward Plan of Cabinet Decisions - January 2024 to April 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 January 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
Asset Management Plan	Yes	The report will provide information about the Asset Management Plan		Kit Wheeler, Chief Finance Officer & S151 Officer Councillor Paul Barnett	Open
The Future of Internal Audit	Yes	The Future arrangements of the Internal Audit Team		Kit Wheeler, Chief Finance Officer & S151 Officer Councillor Paul Barnett	Open
Pay Policy Statement 2024/25	Yes	The purpose of the report is to approve the Pay Policy Statement for 2024/25 as required by the Localism Act 2011		Verna Connolly, Head of People and Business Support Councillor Judy Rogers	Open

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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 Andy Batsford	Open
Review of the Gating Public Space Protection Order	Yes	To review the consultation feedback and consider the need to update and extend the gating order for a further 3 years from 1 March 2024.	General Public to be consulted	Natasha Tewkesbury, Head of Community and Regulatory Services Councillor Judy Rogers	Open
Housing Allocations Scheme	Yes	A review of the Council's housing allocations scheme for social housing following a public consultation	Consultation period of six weeks from 13 October 2023	Chris Hancock, Head of Housing Councillor Simon Willis	Open
Land at Sidney Little Road	Yes	To seek approval to proceed with the sale of the land		Amy Terry, Property and Commercial Assets Manager Councillor Paul Barnett	Open
Hastings Housing Company Ltd (HHC Ltd) Update	Yes	An update on the latest position of HBC's wholly owned Housing Company		Kit Wheeler, Chief Finance Officer & S151 Officer Councillor Paul Barnett	Part exempt

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Budget Cabinet 5 February 2024					
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Draft Corporate Plan consultation response and draft Corporate Plan 2024/5- 2029/30	Yes	To present the corporate plan 2024/25-2029/30 together with feedback from the public consultation on the draft budget and corporate plan update.	Residents, staff and partners will be consulted on the draft corporate plan. Documentation will be published on the Council's website.	Jane Hartnell, Chief Executive Councillor Paul Barnett	Open
Revenue Budget 2023/24 Revised and 2024/25, plus Capital Programme 2024/25-2026/2027 (informed by decisions made by Budget Planning Council 13/12/23)	Yes	Report presents the Revenue Budgets 2023/24 revised and 2024/25, plus Capital Programme 2024/25-2026/27	Consultation on budget proposals will have been undertaken in November 2023.	Kit Wheeler, Chief Finance Officer & S151 Officer Councillor Paul Barnett	Open

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Treasury Management, Annual Investment Strategy and Capital Strategy 2024/25	Yes	Determination of the strategy to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003. This includes borrowing, investment, and prudent repayment of debt. Full Council is required to approve parts of the strategy.	General public. Draft budget and corporate plan documentation to be published on the Council's website.	Kit Wheeler, Chief Finance Officer & S151 Officer Councillor Paul Barnett	Open
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Cabinet 4 March 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
Update on various key Government Regeneration and Levelling Up funding initiatives.	Yes	The report will provide updates on key government regeneration and levelling up funding initiatives. This includes UK Shared Prosperity Fund; Levelling Up Partnership; Long Term Town Plan - Endowment Fund; Levelling Up Round 3 and other related initiatives as appropriate.		Victoria Conheady, Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Place Councillor Maya Evans, Councillor Andy Batsford	Open

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Charity Committee 13 March 2024					
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Foreshore Trust Finance Report	Yes	To advise the committee on the current year's financial position.		Kit Wheeler, Chief Finance Officer & S151 Officer Councillor John Cannan	Open

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Cabinet 2 April 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