

THE FORWARD PLAN

1 May 2012 - 31 August 2012

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The Forward Plan: 1 May 2012 - 31 August 2012

The Forward Plan sets out all the Key and Non-Key Decisions that Executive Councillors will take over the following four months and also includes items that will be brought to Area Committee Meetings for discussion and formal decision.

The Plan is updated monthly and a full copy sent to all Councillors 14 days before the beginning of each month. Members of the public can access the Key Decisions and Area Committees document from this date via the website or from Guildhall Reception.

A decision will be 'KEY' if:

- 1. The decision is likely to result in the City Council incurring expenditure or making savings in excess of £300,000. OR
- 2. The decision relates to the acquisition or disposal of land or interest in land with a value in excess of £600,000.OR
- 3. The decision is likely to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in any ward in Cambridge. OR
- 4. The decision relates to consideration by the Executive of any matters which involve proposals or decisions
 - to change any plan or strategy included in the Policy framework; or
 - to develop any major new plan or strategy; or
 - for the annual budget; or
 - which would otherwise be contrary to or not in accordance with the policy framework or budget: or
- 5. The decision relates to consideration by the Executive of any matters which involve proposals or decisions which would have a substantial impact on the operational management of the Council.

All Key Decisions will automatically be included on Scrutiny Committee agendas but Non-Key Decisions will not.

However - two members of a Scrutiny Committee may request that a Non-Key Decision is brought to the meeting for discussion. This request must be made to Committee Manager (Martin Whelan) no later than 10 working days before the meeting, or the date the Executive Councillor makes the decision, whichever is earlier.

Deadline dates for the request of a Non-Key Decision are included in the Plan.

Any Non-Key decision which does not appear on the Forward Plan at least 15 working days before a Scrutiny Committee meeting will automatically be referred for pre-scrutiny by the relevant Scrutiny Committee.

Committee Report Deadlines

Committee	Page	Date	Draft Report Deadline	Final Report Deadline	Agendas published
North Area Committee	29	17 May	N/A	8 May 9am	9 May
	31	26 Jul	N/A	18 Jul 9am	19 Jul
East Area Committee	27			June TBC	
	28	16 Aug	N/A	7 Aug 9am	8 Aug
South Area	32	10 May	N/A	30 Apr 9am	1 May
Committee	34	16 Jul	N/A	5 Jul 9am	6 Jul
West/Central Area	35	21 June	N/A	12 Jun 9am	13 Jun
Committee	36	23 Aug	N/A	14 Aug 9am	15 Aug
Environment	9	26 Jun	30 May 9am	12 Jun 9am	14 Jun
Development Plan	12	29 May	N/A	18 May 9am	21 May
Scrutiny Sub		12 Jun	N/A	31 May 9am	29 May
		17 Jul	N/A	9 Jul 9am	5 Jul
		14 Aug	N/A	6 Aug 9am	2 Aug
Housing Management Board	13	19 Jun	18 May 9am	1 Jun 9am	7 Jun
Community Services	15	28 Jun	31 May 9am	14 Jun 9am	18 Jun
Strategy and Resources	17	9 Jul	11 Jun 9am	25 Jun 9am	27 Jun
Licensing	22	11 Jul	N/A	29 May 9am	30 May
Civic Affairs	23	14 May	N/A	1 May 9am	2 May
	24	27 Jun	N/A	18 Jun 9am	19 Jun

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Public Participation

Public Speaking at Meetings

Most meetings have an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make statements.

To ask a question or make a statement please notify the Committee Manager (details listed on the front of the agenda) prior to the deadline.

- For questions and/or statements regarding items on the published agenda, the deadline is the start of the meeting.
- For questions and/or statements regarding items NOT on the published agenda, the deadline is 10 a.m. the day before the meeting

Petitions

The council welcomes petitions and recognises that petitions are one way in which people can let us know their concerns.

In 2010 the City Council adopted a petition scheme, which is available at http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/docs/Petition_scheme_Dec_2010.pdf

Forward Plan - Decisions of the Executive

This section includes all items scheduled for consideration by Executive Councillors at the relevant Scrutiny Committee.

- Items marked * are decisions which are expected to be recommendations to Council, either directly or via the Executive.
- Items, which are listed as KEY decisions, will automatically appear on the agenda for debate and decision.
- Items, which are listed as NON KEY decisions, will automatically appear on the agenda but will only be subject to debate if requested by two members of the relevant Scrutiny Committee at least 10 working days before the meeting.

All items listed on the plan for Development Plan Scrutiny Sub Committee automatically appear on the agenda for debate and decision.

Committee reports will be available one week before the meeting from Democratic Services.

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Environment – 26th June 2012 (Key Decisions) Currently no items scheduled for 26th June 2012

Environment – 26th June 2012 (Non-Key Decisions) These items will only appear on the agenda for debate if requested by 12th June 2012.

Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information
Conservation Area Boundary Review and Appraisal for Castle and Victoria Road Conservation Area To request the Executive Councillor for Planning and Sustainable Transport to approve the content of the review and the appraisal		As part of the pro-active conservation work programme, consultants reviewed Castle and Victoria Road area of the Central Conservation Area in order to appraise its character and appearance and to review its boundary. This document will be the subject of public consultation and the results of this will be reported to the Committee with a recommendation.	Executive Councillor for Planning and Sustainable Transport	Susan Smith Senior Conservation and Design Officer	Not currently requested for pre-scrutiny.
Environmental Cleansing Apprenticeship Scheme To note achievements in the 2011/12 scheme and approve the use of Fixed Penalty receipts for a further scheme.		The Environmental Cleansing Apprenticeship scheme in 2011/12 saw eight young adults successfully complete a NVQ level 2 qualification. A further scheme is proposed for 2012/13 and approval is required for the use of fixed penalty receipts.	Executive Councillor for Environmental and Waste Services	Toni Ainley Head of Streets and Open Spaces	Not currently requested for pre-scrutiny.

Trumpington Road Suburbs and Approaches Study	As part of the pro-active conservation programme the approach into the city along	Executive Susan S Councillor for Senior C Planning and Design	Conservation and red	ot currently quested for e-scrutiny.
To request the Executive Councillor for Planning and Sustainable Transport to approve the content of the study	Trumpington Road has been appraised and a document has been drafted which will be reported to the committee.	Sustainable Transport		

Development Plan Scrutiny Sub Committee – 29th May 2012

Currently no items scheduled for 29th May 2012.

Development Plan Scrutiny Sub Committee – 12th June 2012

Currently no items scheduled for 12th June 2012.

Development Plan Scrutiny Sub Committee - 17th July 2012

No items currently scheduled for 17th July 2012.

Development Plan Scrutiny Sub Committee - 14th August 2012

Currently no items scheduled for 14th August 2012.

Hous	Housing Management Board – 19th June 2012 (Key Decisions)						
Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information		
Tenancy Policy To approve a Tenancy Policy for Cambridge.		The report will consider the Tenancy Policy as required by the draft TSA Regulatory Framework for Social Housing. The Tenancy Policy should include clear and accessible policies which outline the City Council's approach to tenancy management, including, amongst other things, their approach to granting tenancies.	Executive Councillor for Housing	Andrew Latchem Area Housing Manager	This item is a key decision and will automatically appear on the agenda.		

Housing Management Board – 19th June 2012 (Non Key Decisions) These items will only appear on the agenda for debate if requested by 6th June 2012.

Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information
Write-Off of former Tenant Arrears		Report sets out details of cases of former tenant arrears together with a summary of the action taken to try to recover the debt	Executive Councillor for Housing	Julia Hovells Housing Finance & Business Manager	Not currently requested for pre-scrutiny.
Tender for Off-Site Housing Cash Collection Services Approval of route for re-procurement of third party housing cash collection service from January 2013		The existing contract for collection of housing rent and charges from post offices and local shops expires in January 2013. Re-provision of the service is required.	Executive Councillor for Housing	Julia Hovells Housing Finance & Business Manager	Not currently requested for pre-scrutiny.
Review of Council Garages across the City To approve the improvement plan detailed within the report, and the recommendation to review the current rental charges for garages across the City		The report will provide a framework and longer term plan to maximise rental income and reduce number of empty garages by improving the security and condition of the Council garage stock.	Executive Councillor for Housing	Sandra Farmer Area Housing Manager	Not currently requested for pre-scrutiny.

Community Services – 28th June 2012 (Key Decisions)					
Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information
Tenancy Strategy To approve a Tenancy Strategy for Cambridge.		The Localism Act requires local authorities to have a Tenancy Strategy, which states what sort of tenancies the authority wants local Providers to provide, in the context of new Affordable Rents.	Executive Councillor for Housing	Alan Carter Head of Strategic Housing	This item is a key decision and will automatically appear on the agenda.
Housing Strategy 2012-2015 To approve a revised Housing Strategy for the City, for 2012-2015		This is to review the Council's current Housing Strategy which runs until 2012, in the context of the Council's priorities and the new national Housing Strategy '	Executive Councillor for Housing	Alan Carter Head of Strategic Housing	This item is a key decision and will automatically appear on the agenda.

Community Services - 28th June (Non Key Decisions) These items will only appear on the agenda for debate if requested by 14th June 2012.

Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information
Refurbishment of public areas at the Crematorium To approve the procurement to refurbish public areas at The Crematorium		The Capital Plan includes provision to repair and modernise the present facilities, including chapels, waiting rooms and public toilet areas, in accordance with the 2011-2016 Bereavement Services Business Plan	Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health	Tracy Lawrence Bereavement Services Manager	Not currently requested for pre-scrutiny

Str	Strategy and Resources - 9th July 2012 (Key Decisions)					
Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information	
Network and Telecoms To procure ICT Communications Links and other ICT Services		Procure wide area network and subject to review telecoms links. The Cambridgeshire Public Sector Network (CPSN) will be analysed first for potentially savings and infrastructure to share services.	Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources	James Nightingale Head of ICT Client	This item is a key decision and will automatically appear on the agenda.	
Update on the CBbid, Business Improvement District Project (BID) To support the introduction of a Business Improvement District in Cambridge and to approve the mechanism through which the Council will exercise its vote, which will take place in October 2012.		The report will set out a proposal for the introduction of a Business Improvement District in Cambridge and the opportunities for increased investment in the management of the city centre. It will also set out the timeline that will lead to the BID ballot in October 2012.	Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources in consultation with the Leader	Emma Thornton Head of Tourism & City Centre Management	This item is a key decision and will automatically appear on the agenda.	
Review of the Street Trading Policy The Executive Councillor is requested to note the outcome of the recent Street Trading Review that has been undertaken and to approve the proposed draft policy and procedures to go out to consultation.		The City Council's Street Trading Policy has not been reviewed for some time. This review seeks to review best practise nationally and to make recommendations where appropriate to update this policy to ensure it is fit for purpose for the street trading environment in Cambridge	Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources	Emma Thornton Head of Tourism & City Centre Management	This item is a key decision and will automatically appear on the agenda.	

Cambridge City Council Climate Change Strategy and Carbon Management Plan To approve the Carbon Management Plan, the consultation draft of the Climate Change Strategy, and revised criteria for the Climate Change Fund	The new Climate Change Strategy will set the framework for action by the Council to address climate change. The Carbon Management Plan forms part of the Strategy and details how the Council will further reduce carbon emissions from its own operations and estate. The Climate Change Fund criteria need to be revised if the Fund is to support the projects that will deliver these reductions in emissions.	Leader of the Council	Andrew Limb Head of Corporate Strategy	This item is a key decision and will automatically appear on the agenda.
Area Working: Review of North Area Committee Participation Pilot, devolution and ways forward To agree the learning points from the North Area Pilot, note the progress with devolving decisions and endorse the proposed way forward.	The Participation Pilot has been running in North Area Committee for a year. It has involved trying out new approaches, both within meetings and outside of meetings, to engage more local people in its work. This report builds on the interim report to the October meeting of this committee. The report also reports progress with devolving decision making to area committees; and proposes a way forward to map community engagement opportunities in each area.	Leader of the Council	Andrew Limb Head of Corporate Strategy	This item is a key decision and will automatically appear on the agenda.

Community Rights under the Localism Act To approve the draft process for responding to bids the City Council may receive under the new Community Rights in the Localism Act 2011	The Localism Act 2011 created new rights for community groups to bid for assets of community value, and to run public services. This report will propose how the City Council should prepare itself for, and respond to, any bids made under these rights.	Leader of the Council	Andrew Limb, Patsy Dell Head of Corporate Strategy, Head of Planning	This item is a key decision and will automatically appear on the agenda.
Code of Best Practice on Consultation and Community Engagement To review the progress made with the implementation of the Code of Best Practice.	The report will provide councillors with an update on the work that has taken place to implement the Code of Best Practice since it was adopted at this committee a year ago.	Leader of the Council	Andrew Limb Head of Corporate Strategy	This item is a key decision and will automatically appear on the agenda.

Strategy and Resources – 9th July 2012 (Non Key Decisions) These items will only appear on the agenda for debate if requested by 25th June 2012.

Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information
Standard Item: NNDR		The purpose of this report is to inform the Executive Councillor and Members of the Scrutiny Committee of those accounts where it is deemed that the amount of outstanding debt in relation to NNDR/Business Rates and Benefits are irrecoverable and are to be written-off.	Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources	Alison Cole Head of Revenue & Benefits	Not currently requested for Pre Scrutiny.
Standard Item: General Debts - Bad debts for write-off		The purpose of this report is to inform the Executive Councillor and Members of the Scrutiny Committee of General Income accounts where there are amounts that are deemed not to be collectable and require to be written off.	Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources	Karl Tattam Support Services Manager	Not currently requested for Pre Scrutiny

Regulatory Committees

This section includes all items scheduled for consideration by Regulatory Committees.

The Regulatory Committees are

- Civic Affairs
- Licensing Committee
- Standards Committee
- Planning Committee*
- Joint Development Control Committee*

Committees marked with a * primarily consider planning applications and not included on the Forward Plan.

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Licensing – 11th June 2012									
Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information				
Review of the Street Trading Policy The Committee is requested to note the outcome of the recent Street Trading Review that has been undertaken, and make any comments regarding the proposed consultation on the draft policy and procedures prior to a decision of the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources on 9 th July.		The City Council's Street Trading Policy has not been reviewed for some time. This review seeks to review best practise nationally and to make recommendations where appropriate to update this policy to ensure it is fit for purpose for the street trading environment in Cambridge	Licensing Committee	Emma Thornton Head of Tourism & City Centre Management	This item will automatically appear on the agenda.				

Civic Affairs – 14th May 2012									
Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information				
Nominations for Honorary Councillors		To consider nominations for Honorary Councillors	Civic Affairs	Antoinette Jackson Chief Executive	This item will appear automatically on the agenda.				
Nominations For Committees For The Municipal Year 2012/13		To consider nominations for committees for the municiapl year 2012/13.	Civic Affairs	Antoinette Jackson Chief Executive	This item will appear automatically on the agenda.				
Nominations For Chairs And Vice Chairs Of Scrutiny & Regulatory Committees		To consider nominations for Chairs and Vice Chairs of Scrutiny and Regulatory Committees	Civic Affairs	Antoinette Jackson Chief Executive	This item will appear automatically on the agenda.				
Appointment of Leader		Annual Council will be asked to approve the appointment of the Leader.	Civic Affairs	Antoinette Jackson Chief Executive	This item will appear automatically on the agenda.				

Civic Affairs – 27th June 2012									
Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information				
Media Protocol and E-Petitions		To review the media protocol and the e-petition scheme.	Civic Affairs	Andrew Limb Head of Corporate Strategy	This item will appear automatically on the agenda.				
Review of the effectiveness of the systems of Internal Audit		Annual review of the provision of Internal Audit services.	Civic Affairs	Steve Crabtree Head of Internal Audit	This item will appear automatically on the agenda.				
Head of Internal Audit Opinion		Details of the works undertaken by Internal Audit in 2011 / 2012 and an assessment on the effectiveness of the governance and systems in place across Cambridge City Council.	Civic Affairs	Steve Crabtree Head of Internal Audit	This item will appear automatically on the agenda.				
Review of Local Elections held on 3rd May 2012		To review the Local Elections held on 3rd May 2012.	Civic Affairs	Gary Clift Democratic Services Manager	This item will appear automatically on the agenda.				

Assurance Framework and Draft Annual Governance Statement 2011/12	Statutory document setting out the processes and procedures in place across Cambridge City Council to deliver good governance. This will then be included in the Statement of Accounts.	Civic Affairs	David Horspool Director of Resources	This item will appear automatically on the agenda.
Statement of Accounts 2011-12 Review and approval of required changes in accounting policy and presentation in respect of the 2011-12 Statement of Accounts.	There is a statutory requirement for Civic Affairs to approve the accounts by 30 September. However, they are asked to note the contents of the draft accounts and approve any required changes in accounting policy before the beginning of detailed external audit work.	Civic Affairs	Charity Main Accountant (Projects and Publications)	This item will appear automatically on the agenda.
Code of Corporate Governance	The Council's Code of Corporate Governance is "the system by which the authority directs and controls its functions and relates to its communities". It is reviewed annually.	Civic Affairs	Simon Pugh Head of Legal Services	This item will appear automatically on the agenda.

Area Committees

This section includes all items (except planning applications) scheduled for consideration by Area Committees.

The Area Committees cover the following wards.

East Area Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield and Romsey

North Area Arbury, East Chesterton, Kings Hedges and West Chesterton

South Area Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's and Trumpington

West/Central Area Castle, Market and Newnham

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East Area – 14th June 2012 Currently no items scheduled for 14th June 2012

East Area - 16th August 2012									
Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information				
Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods		A profile of crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental issues is presented for discussion and comment Councillors. The committee are asked to advise on the priorities to be adopted for the next period of Neighbourhood Policing Councillors. The committee will advise on the priorities but the final decision on priorities to be adopted will be made at the Neighbourhood Action Group following the Area Committee	East Area Committee	Lynda Kilkelly Safer Communities Section Manager	This item will appear automatically on the agenda.				

North Area – 17th May 2012										
Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information					
Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods		A profile of crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental issues is presented for discussion and comment Councillors. The committee are asked to advise on the priorities to be adopted for the next period of Neighbourhood Policing Councillors. The committee will advise on the priorities but the final decision on priorities to be adopted will be made at the Neighbourhood Action Group following the Area Committee	North Area Committee	Lynda Kilkelly Safer Communities Section Manager	This item will appear automatically on the agenda.					
Young people issues		Opportunity to invite groups and organisations to the meeting to discuss better ways to engage with young people in the area.	North Area Committee	Jonathan James Head of Customer Services	This item will automatically appear on the agenda.					

Community Development and Leisure Grants	The City Council gives Community Development and Leisure funding to voluntary and community groups for activities and services, which benefit city residents, especially identified priority groups. Community Development funding is to enable residents to participate in their communities and develop services to meet their needs and Leisure funding is to help increase access to cultural and leisure activities.	North Area Committee	Marion Branch Grants Director, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation	This item will automatically appear on the agenda.
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North Area - 26th July 2012									
Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information				
Health and Wellbeing		Looking at health issues in the North area with an emphasis on sport and exercise.	North Area Committee	Jonathan James Head of Customer Services	This item will automatically appear on the agenda.				

South Area – 10th May 2012										
Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information					
Community Development and Leisure Grants		The City Council gives Community Development and Leisure funding to voluntary and community groups for activities and services, which benefit city residents, especially identified priority groups. Community Development funding is to enable residents to participate in their communities and develop services to meet their needs and Leisure funding is to help increase access to cultural and leisure activities.	South Area Committee	Marion Branch Grants Director, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation	This item will appear automatically on the agenda.					

Community Project	Olympics	Public	Art	Cambridge City Council would like to introduce its Community Olympic Public Art Commission, which is inspired by the Olympics and its Mission Statement.	South Area Committee	Andrew Preston Project Delivery & Environment Manager	This item will automatically appear on the agenda.
				The session will include a presentation by Andy Preston (Project Delivery & Environment Manager) and artist company (Same Sky), plus a question and answer session for Councillors and members of the public.			

South Area - 16th July 2012									
Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information				
Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods		A profile of crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental issues is presented for discussion and comment Councillors. The committee are asked to advise on the priorities to be adopted for the next period of Neighbourhood Policing Councillors. The committee will advise on the priorities but the final decision on priorities to be adopted will be made at the Neighbourhood Action Group following the Area Committee.	South Area Committee	Lynda Kilkelly Safer Communities Section Manager	This item will automatically appear on the agenda				

		West/Central Area – 21 Currently no items scheduled for			
Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information

West/Central Area - 23rd August 2012					
Subject/Decision	New Item	Background Information	Decision Taker	Officer	Additional Information
Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods		A profile of crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental issues is presented for discussion and comment Councillors. The committee are asked to advise on the priorities to be adopted for the next period of Neighbourhood Policing Councillors. The committee will advise on the priorities but the final decision on priorities to be adopted will be made at the Neighbourhood Action Group following the Area Committee	West / Central Area Committee	Lynda Kilkelly Safer Communities Section Manager	This item will appear automatically on the agenda.