

FORWARD PLAN TO 31 JULY 2015

This Plan sets out the key decisions which the Executive expects to take in the period indicated above. The Plan is updated every month. Key decisions are defined in the Council's Constitution as:-

“an executive decision which is likely –

- (a) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority.

For the purpose of the above, savings or expenditure are “significant” if they are equal to or greater than £1M.”

Reports relevant to key decisions, and any listed background documents, may be viewed at any of the Council's Offices/Information Centres 5 days before the decision is due to be made. Copies of, or extracts from, these documents may be obtained on the payment of a reasonable fee from the following address:-

Democratic Services Team
Cheshire East Council ,
c/o Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach Cheshire CW11 1HZ
Telephone: 01270 686472

However, it is not possible to make available for viewing or to supply copies of reports or documents the publication of which is restricted due to the confidentiality of the information contained therein.

A record of the decision for each key decision is published within 6 days of it having been made. This is open for public inspection on the Council's Website, at Council Information Centres and Council Offices.

This Forward Plan also provides notice that the Cabinet may decide to take a decision in private (ie with the public and press excluded from the meeting). In accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, 28 days' notice must be given of any decisions to be made in private by the Cabinet, with provision for the public to make representations as to why they should be made in public. In these cases, Members of the Council and the public may make representations in writing to the Democratic Services Team Manager using the contact details below. A further notice of intention to hold the meeting in private must then be published 5 clear days before the meeting, setting out any representations received as to why the meeting should be held in public, with a response from the Leader and the Cabinet.

The list of decisions in this Forward Plan indicates whether a decision is to be taken in private, with the reason category for that decision being taken in private being drawn from the list overleaf:

1. Information relating to an individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including to authority holding that information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under the authority
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal and professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation of prosecution of crime

If you would like to make representations about any decision to be conducted in private at a meeting then please email:

Paul Mountford, Democratic Services Officer paul.mountford@cheshitreeeast.gov.uk

Such representations must be received at least 10 clear working days before the date of the Cabinet or Portfolio Holder meeting concerned.

Where it has not been possible to meet the 28 day rule for publication of a notice of a key decision or intention to meet in private, the relevant notices will be published as soon as possible in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

The law and the Council's Constitution provide for urgent key decisions to be made. Any decision made in this way will be published in the same way.

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Key Decision and Private Non-Key Decision	Decisions to be Taken	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	How to make representation to the decision made	Private/ Confidential and paragraph number
CE 14/15-31 Adult Services Charging Policy Review 2015	Approval to go to public consultation on a number of proposals around Adult Social Care charging – some of which are statutory requirements of the Care Act. The officers be authorised to take all necessary actions to implement changes outlined subject to the outcome of consultation.	Cabinet	3 Mar 2015		Alison McCudden	possible confidential appendix
CE 14/15-44 Energy Procurement - Corporate Buildings, Street Lighting and Schools	To seek agreement to use the procurement method recommended. To appoint West Mercia Energy as the preferred provider.	Cabinet	3 Mar 2015			No

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CE 14/15-47 Community Equipment Service - Provision of Larger Equipment	To authorise officers to take all necessary actions to procure two equipment framework agreements. One framework will be to enable the purchase of adult equipment. The second framework will be to enable the purchase of children's equipment.	Cabinet	3 Mar 2015			No
CE 14/15-49 Disposal of Council Land at Earl Road, Handforth	To authorise officers to take all necessary actions to dispose of the Council's surplus land holdings at Earl Road, Handforth to a specific purchaser (following a recently completed comprehensive open market exercise) in order to create jobs, support economic growth and generate substantial capital receipts.	Cabinet	3 Mar 2015		Darran Lawless, Head of Development	No
CE 14/15-50 The Care Act in Cheshire East	To provide an overview of the Care Act, regulations and statutory guidance in advance of the implementation of the Act from April 2015, and to seek approval for planned activity to prepare for implementation.	Cabinet	3 Mar 2015			No

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CE 14/15-51 Update on Environmental Hub	That officers be authorised to appoint the preferred supplier of the tender exercise as the main contractor and finalise the agreements required for the two phased contract to deliver the Environmental Hub.	Cabinet	3 Mar 2015		Chris Allman	No
CE14/15-18 Cheshire Homechoice - Allocation Policy Review	To approve the final version of the Cheshire Homechoice Policy for adoption and authorise officers to take all necessary steps to implement the revised Housing Allocation Policy. Cheshire Homechoice is the Choice Based Lettings Partnership between Cheshire East Council and Registered Providers who allocate Social Housing in Cheshire East.	Cabinet	31 Mar 2015		Karen Carsberg	
CE 14/15-29 Crewe Town Centre Regeneration Delivery Framework	To consider recommendations on a regeneration framework for Crewe town centre.	Cabinet	31 Mar 2015		Jez Goodman	No

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CE 14/15-41 Congleton Lifestyle Offer	To note the outcome of assessments and consultation to date and approval to: 1. Progress the modernisation of the existing leisure facilities by undertaking all required consultation, supporting assessments and studies to develop a detailed design; and 2. Delegate all necessary powers to the Executive Director for Strategic Commissioning to undertake procurement of a delivery partner and progress the scheme to a submission of a planning application.	Cabinet	31 Mar 2015			No

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CE 14/15-43 Digital Customer Services	To authorise officers to take all necessary actions to implement the future 'digital by design' operating model for customer contact.	Cabinet	31 Mar 2015		Paul Bayley	No
CE 14/15-46 Determination of Local Authority Co-ordinated Scheme and Admission Arrangements	To approve the Local Authority's Co-ordinated Scheme and Admission Arrangements for 2016/17.	Cabinet	31 Mar 2015		Barbara Dale	No
CE 14/15-55 Better Care Fund - Section 75 Agreement	To approve the Better Care Fund Section 75 Agreements and to authorise officers to take all necessary actions to implement the proposal.	Cabinet	31 Mar 2015		Guy Kilminster	No
CE 14/15-56 Congleton Public Realm Enhancement	To approve the initial site investigations, scope of the scheme, preliminary design and commitment to funding.	Cabinet	31 Mar 2015		Paul Griffiths	No

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CE 14/15-57 Strategic Acquisition, Crewe	To approve the acquisition of the freehold of a key site in Crewe and, following due diligence, to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Economic Growth & Prosperity to authorise the exchange and completion of contracts in relation to the proposed acquisition. To authorise officers to develop a business case to support redevelopment plans for this property and develop proposals for the procurement of a development partner.	Cabinet	31 Mar 2015		Jez Goodman	No
CE 14/15-33 Strategic Asset Management Plan	To accept the new Strategic Asset Management Plan and authorise the officers to take all necessary actions to implement it.	Cabinet	28 Apr 2015		Julian Cobley	No

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CE 14/15-38 Cheshire East Housing Strategy 2016-2021	Initially to authorise officers to release a draft version of the Strategy for public consultation. Subject to the consultation response, ratify the Strategy and authorise officers to implement all initiatives and actions contained therein.	Cabinet	28 Apr 2015		Karen Carsberg	No
CE 14/15-42 Cheshire East Indoor Facility and Playing Pitch Strategies	To adopt both the Indoor Facility and the Playing Pitch Strategies in support of the Council's Local Plan.	Cabinet	28 Apr 2015		Mark Wheelton	No
CE 14/15-48 Alderley Park Development Framework	To consider the outcome of the public consultation and approve the use of the Development Framework for development management purposes.	Cabinet	28 Apr 2015		Adrian Fisher, Head of Planning and Policy	No
CE 14/15-52 Jodrell Bank - Square Kilometre Array	To support the work at Jodrell Bank and the bid to secure the Square Kilometre Array HQ, and to authorise officers to take all necessary actions to implement the proposal.	Cabinet	28 Apr 2015			No

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CE 14/15-54 Crewe Bus Interchange Facility	To consider the findings of the feasibility study and preliminary design work to identify and appraise the options to deliver a replacement bus interchange facility in Crewe by 1st May 2016. To approve the recommended option and associated delivery plan to enable a scheme to be implemented in line with the approved capital budget of £2.9M. To authorise the officers to take all necessary actions to implement the scheme in line with the agreed delivery plan, including engagement and consultation with stakeholders and residents.	Cabinet	28 Apr 2015		Jenny Marston	No
CE 14/15-53 Congleton Link Road - Approval to Submit a Planning Application	Officers be authorised to submit a planning application for the Congleton Link Road in accordance with the details contained in the report.	Cabinet	June 2015		Paul Griffiths	No