

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

1 MARCH TO 30 JUNE 2012

This Forward Plan lists the **Key Decisions** which it is proposed to take during the period 1 March to 30 June 2012. **Key Decisions** are executive decisions which must be taken or delegated by the Council's Cabinet and relate to matters which fall within the Council's agreed Budget and Policy Framework.

Key Decisions are those executive decisions which are likely to:

- (i) result in the Council incurring expenditure, foregoing income or the making of savings in excess of £50,000 or which are otherwise significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (ii) be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the district;

Key Decisions will include:

1. A decision which would result in any expenditure or saving by way of a reduction in expenditure of £50,000 provided the expenditure or saving is specifically approved in the Medium Term Financial Plan.
2. A virement of any amount exceeding £50,000 provided it is within any virement limits approved by the Council;
3. Any proposal to dispose of any Council asset with a value of £50,000 or more or which is otherwise considered significant by the Corporate Property Officer;
4. Any proposal to cease to provide a Council service (other than a temporary cessation of service of not more than 6 months).
5. Any proposal which would discriminate for or against any minority group.

Further details of each Key Decision are appended to the Forward Plan. To assist with internal forward planning, this Plan also lists other non-key decisions which the Cabinet is expected to make during the specified four month period. It also includes decisions to be taken over a longer period where these are known. The Forward Plan is updated and published on the Council's website on a monthly basis.

CABINET MEMBERSHIP

Councillor R. Hollingworth	Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Partnerships and Economic Development
Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey	Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Older People, the Young and Vulnerable People
Councillor M. J. A. Webb	Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Cultural Services, Environmental Services and Emergency Planning
Councillor Dr. D. W. P. Booth	Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation (including ICT) with special responsibility for the Town Centre Regeneration and Special Projects
Councillor C. B. Taylor	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Core Strategy, Regulatory Services and Strategic Housing
Councillor M. A. Bullivant	Portfolio Holder for Policy, Performance, Communications, Customer Services, Legal, Equalities, Democratic Services and Human Resources

CONSULTATION AND REPRESENTATIONS

For **Key Decisions** the summary document appended to the Forward Plan sets out details of any proposed consultation process. Any person/organisation not listed who would like to be consulted or who wishes to make representations on the proposed decision are encouraged to get in touch with the relevant report author as soon as possible before the proposed date of the decision. Contact details are provided.

Alternatively you may write to The Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services, The Council House, Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove B60 1AA or email: committee@bromsgrove.gov.uk

Item No.	Decision Taker & Expected Date of Decision	Original Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Decision	Type of Decision (Key or Non-Key)	Lead Councillor/ Portfolio Holder	Comments
1	Cabinet 7 March 2012		<i>No items are currently listed</i>			
2	Cabinet 4 April 2012		Longbridge – Statement of Principles regarding Affordable Housing Provision	Key	Councillor C. B. Taylor	
3	Cabinet 4 April 2012		Worcestershire Extra Care Housing Strategy 2011- 2026	Key	Councillor C. B. Taylor	
4	Cabinet 4 April 2012		Overview & Scrutiny Board/Task Group Planning Policy Report	Non-Key	Councillor C. B. Taylor	
5	Cabinet 4 April 2012		Performance Monitoring Quarter 3 2011/12	Non-Key	Councillor M. A. Bullivant	
6	Cabinet 4 April 2012		Review of RIPA Policy (annual operational review)	Non-Key	Councillor M. A. Bullivant	
7	Cabinet 6 June 2012	Cabinet 7 March 2012	Countywide Homelessness Strategy	Key	Councillor C. B. Taylor	Deferred by officers for further consideration
8	Cabinet 6 June 2012		Tenancy Strategy	Key	Councillor C. B. Taylor	
9	Cabinet 6 June 2012		Performance Monitoring Quarter 4 2011/12	Non-Key	Councillor M. A. Bullivant	

10	Cabinet 6 June 2012		Recycling Bank Provision in Bromsgrove	Non-Key	Councillor M. A. Webb	
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Note: There is no Cabinet meeting scheduled for May 2012

Item No.2

KEY DECISION

Proposed to be made by
the Cabinet on
4th April 2012

LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER Councillor Kit Taylor	ITEM Statement of Principles regarding Affordable housing Provision at Longbridge.	WARDS AFFECTED ALL
DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER 'Report of the Head of Community Services' REPORT AUTHOR Head of Strategic Housing	SUMMARY The report proposes the adoption of a jointly agreed Statement of Principles regarding the provision of affordable housing at Longbridge. The Statement is designed to guide the approach of Birmingham City Council and Bromsgrove District Council throughout the regeneration of Longbridge sites in respect of the provision of affordable housing.	REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN Affects two or more wards within the District

CONSULTATION DETAILS	Method of Consultation The statement of Principles has been developed from ongoing discussions between Housing and Planning officers at Birmingham and the BDC Strategic Planning Manager and Strategic Housing Manager. At this stage the report is designed to seek Member views before further consultation is undertaken.	Consultation period or dates
DECISION TO BE MADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Birmingham City Council.		

Item No.3

KEY DECISION

Proposed to be made by
the Cabinet on
4th April 2012

<p>LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER Councillor Kit Taylor</p>	<p>ITEM Worcestershire Extra Care Housing Strategy 2011 - 2026</p>	<p>WARDS AFFECTED ALL</p>
<p>DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER 'Report of the Head of Community Services'</p> <p>REPORT AUTHOR Head of Strategic Housing</p>	<p>SUMMARY</p> <p>Worcestershire CC with District and Borough Councils has developed a strategy setting out a framework for the development of Extra Care Housing that covers all areas of Worcestershire.</p> <p>The strategy estimates that an additional 4,651 units of extra care housing are required across Worcestershire by 2026 to reflect the growing population of older people and the desire for people to continue to live in their own homes rather than residential care.</p> <p>The strategy which aims to make Extra Care Housing an increasingly well known and chosen form of accommodation for people that want to buy or rent, identifies local authorities as taking the leading role in encouraging providers from the social, charitable and private sectors to deliver the extra care housing required across Worcestershire.</p> <p>The strategy comes forward for the endorsement and approval of Members.</p>	<p>REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN</p> <p>Affects two or more wards within the District</p>

CONSULTATION DETAILS	Method of Consultation	Consultation period or dates
<p>Stakeholders District Councils County Council Commissioners with an interest in Extra Care. Supporting People RSLs Providers of Extra Care Groups of senior citizens with an interest in housing.</p>	<p>The strategy has taken 'The Housing and Support Needs of Older Persons Assessment' that was carried out in 2009/10 and been developed through the involvement of a broad range of partners and stakeholders which included two focus groups of older people that were held in Bromsgrove Town and Alvechurch.</p>	<p>Dec 2011 – April 2012</p>
<p>DECISION TO BE MADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH All district and Borough Councils within Worcestershire.</p>		

DECISION TO BE MADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

All six districts are adopting individual Tenancy Strategies. However an approach is being undertaken whereby there is a Countywide framework developed to achieve a degree of uniformity across the County but still allowing for individual authority strategies to reflect the more localised detail necessary. The Bromsgrove strategy is being developed in collaboration with Redditch BC to achieve maximum uniformity.

KEY DECISION

Proposed to be made by
the Cabinet on
6th June 2012

<p>LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER</p> <p>Kit Taylor</p>	<p>ITEM</p> <p>COUNTY HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY</p>	<p>WARDS AFFECTED</p> <p>All</p>
<p>DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER</p> <p>The County Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>REPORT AUTHOR</p> <p>Andy Coel Strategic Housing Manager</p>	<p>SUMMARY</p> <p>The report introduces a revised and updated County Homelessness Strategy for approval.</p> <p>The Strategy sits under the County Homelessness Strategy and sets out the County’s goals and aspirations for preventing homelessness or meeting the needs of those who become homeless.</p> <p>The Strategy will be in two parts – the Countywide element and then a series of local Action Plans for each partner local authority.</p>	<p>REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN</p> <p>The Strategy is relevant for anyone who is facing homelessness or actually homeless across this District.</p>

CONSULTATION DETAILS	Method of Consultation	Consultation period or dates
Stakeholders Service users, partners and other stakeholders	Paper and telephone survey of those who have accessed housing options services across the County. Interviews of homeless households. Countywide Home Truths event for stakeholders.	July – Sept 2011
	Draft report circulated to partners and stakeholders	Oct – Nov 2011

DECISION TO BE MADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

Other local authorities across the County.

KEY DECISION

Proposed to be made by
the Cabinet on **6th June 2012**

<p>LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER Councillor Kit Taylor</p>	<p>ITEM A Tenancy Strategy for Bromsgrove and Redditch</p>	<p>WARDS AFFECTED ALL</p>
<p>DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER 'Report of the Head of Community Services'</p> <p>REPORT AUTHOR Head of Strategic Housing</p>	<p>SUMMARY</p> <p>The Localism Act 2011 introduces a number of housing reforms including the ability for local authorities and social landlords to grant fixed term tenancies with limited security of tenure and changes to the allocation of housing and the law relating to homelessness.</p> <p>The Localism Act places a duty on the Local Authority to prepare and publish a Tenancy Strategy by November 2012.</p> <p>A Strategy has been developed collaboratively between Bromsgrove and Redditch Councils in their strategic role by working in close consultation with our Registered Providers, stakeholders and the Housing Management Department of Redditch Borough Council.</p> <p>The strategy will come forward, following the close of the consultation period, for approval by Members.</p>	<p>REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN</p> <p>Affects two or more wards within the District</p>

CONSULTATION DETAILS	Method of Consultation	Consultation period or dates
<p>Stakeholders District Councils County Council Supporting People RSLs Homes and Communities Agency GOWM OT Service PCT</p>	<p>A multi agency consultation event was hosted by Bromsgrove on the 18th November 2011 for authorities across Worcestershire that enabled all parties to contribute through a workshop approach.</p> <p>A draft Tenancy Strategy is being circulated to stakeholders for comments to be returned by the 29th February 2012.</p>	<p>Last week of January - 29th February 2012</p>
<p>DECISION TO BE MADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH</p> <p>All six districts are adopting individual Tenancy Strategies. However an approach is being undertaken whereby there is a Countywide framework developed to achieve a degree of uniformity across the County but still allowing for individual authority strategies to reflect the more localised detail necessary. The Bromsgrove strategy is being developed in collaboration with Redditch BC to achieve maximum uniformity.</p>		