



FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

MARCH 2009 TO JUNE 2009

This Forward Plan lists the **Key Decisions** which it is proposed to take during the period 1 March 2009 to 30 June 2009. **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. The Forward Plan is updated and published on the Council's website on a monthly basis.

CABINET MEMBERSHIP

Councillor G. N. Denaro

Councillor R. D. Smith

Councillor Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E.

Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey

Councillor R. Hollingworth Leader and Portfolio Holder for Youth and Leisure

Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Street Scene including Clean, Safe and Tidy Streets,

Car Parks and Community Safety

Councillor Dr. D. W. P. Booth Portfolio Holder for Major Projects including the Paperless Office and project management of

Longbridge, the Town Centre, Spatial Project and the transfer of the Dolphin Centre

Portfolio Holder for Finance including Internal Audit and Revenues and Benefits

Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy and Transportation Portfolio Holder for Waste Management and Recycling

Portfolio Holder for Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services, Human Resources and Older

People

Councillor M. J. A. Webb Portfolio Holder for the Customer Service Centre, Revenue Generation, Special Events,

Performance Indicators and the Improvement Plan

Councillor P. J. Whittaker Portfolio Holder for Housing, Environmental Health and Climate Change

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: k.firth@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 4 March 2009	Cabinet 7 Jan 2008	Countywide Overview and Scrutiny Report on Flooding	Key	Councillors Mrs J. M. L. A. Griffiths & P. J. Whittaker	Report received from County later than expected and officers needed to asses any implications for BDC. Further delay to allow any written comments from the Scrutiny and Overview Boards
2	Cabinet 4 March 2009		Future of the Tourist Information Centre (this report will include exempt information and be considered in private session)	Key	Councillor R. Hollingworth	
3	Cabinet 4 March 2009		Capital Strategy 2009/2012	Non-Key*	Councillor G. N. Denaro	* Cabinet will make recommendations to the full Council
4	Cabinet 4 March 2009		CCTV Code of Practice	Non-Key	Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths	
5	Cabinet 4 March 2009		Council Plan 2009/2012 – Part 2	Non-Key*	Councillor R. Hollingworth	* Cabinet will make recommendations to the full Council
6	Cabinet 4 March 2009		Financial and Performance Monitoring Report – Quarter 3 2008/09	Non-Key	Councillors G. N. Denaro & M. J. A. Webb	
7	Cabinet 4 March 2009		Improvement Plan Exception Report – December 2008	Non-Key	Councillor M. J. A. Webb	

8	Cabinet 4 March 2009	Cabinet 4 Feb 2009	Overview and Scrutiny Report on Anti- Social Behaviour and Alcohol Free Zones	Non-Key	Councillors Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths and P. J. Whittaker	Delayed due to the extension of the timescale for the completion of the report
9	Cabinet 4 March 2009		New Audio/Visual System for the Council Chamber (budget virement)	Non-Key	Councillor R. D. Smith	
10	Cabinet 4 March 2009		Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy 2009/10 to 2011/12	Non-Key*	Councillor G. N. Denaro	* Cabinet will make recommendations to the full Council
11	Cabinet 1 April 2009	Cabinet 4 March 2009	Homelessness Grants – Outturn Expenditure 2008/09 and Bids for 2009/10 and 2010/11	Key	Councillor P. J. Whittaker	Delayed by officers for further consideration
12	Cabinet 1 April 2009		Joint Waste Management Strategy	Key	Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey	
13	Cabinet 1 April 2009		Bromsgrove Museum – Closure	Non-Key*	Councillor R. Hollingworth	* Cabinet to consider a report back on the Friends of the Norton Collection Charitable Trust proposal and option 5 and make recommendations to the full Council as appropriate
14	Cabinet 1 April 2009		Bromsgrove Local Strategic Partnership Board Minutes (5 February 2009)	Non-Key	Councillor R. Hollingworth	
15	Cabinet 1 April 2009		Bromsgrove Rovers Football Club Ground	Non-Key	Councillor R. Hollingworth	
16	Cabinet 1 April 2009	Cabinet 3 Dec 2008	Business Continuity Plan	Non-Key	Councillor Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E.	Delayed for further consideration by officers

17	Cabinet 1 April 2009	Cabinet 4 March 2009	Customer First and Access Strategy Review	Non-Key	Councillor M. J. A. Webb	Delayed by officers for further work
18	Cabinet 1 April 2009	Cabinet 4 March 2009	Economic Strategy and Priorities	Non-Key	Councillor R. Hollingworth	Delayed by officers for further work
19	Cabinet 1 April 2009	Cabinet 4 June 2008	E-Government Strategy	Non-Key	Councillor Dr. D. W. P. Booth	Delayed as the work on the Hub Shared Service has taken priority
20	Cabinet 1 April 2009		Improvement Plan Exception Report – January 2009	Non-Key	Councillor M. J. A. Webb	
21	Cabinet 1 April 2009		Longbridge Area Action Plan (to receive recommendations from the LDF Working Party)	Non-Key*	Councillor Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E.	* Cabinet will make recommendations to the full Council
22	Cabinet 1 April 2009		Modern.Gov – The Way Forward and Access to Exempt Information	Non-Key*	Councillor Dr. D. W. P. Booth	* Cabinet will make recommendations to the full Council
23	Cabinet 1 April 2009	Cabinet 4 February 2009	Place Survey Results	Non-Key	Councillor M. J. A. Webb	Delayed as awaiting results from external company
24	Cabinet 1 April 2009		West Midlands Biodiversity Pledge and Revised Biodiversity Action Plan	Non-Key	Councillor P. J. Whittaker	
25	Cabinet 29 April 2009		Commissioning of a Countywide Home Improvement Agency and roll out of the Kick Start Equity Release Scheme for Home Improvements	Key	Councillor P. J. Whittaker	
26	Cabinet 29 April 2009		Private Sector Housing Strategy Review	Key	Councillor P. J. Whittaker	
27	Cabinet 29 April 2009		Improvement Plan Exception Report – February 2009	Non-Key	Councillor M. J. A. Webb	

28	Cabinet 3 June 2009		Civil Parking Enforcement and ANPR	Key	Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths	
29	Cabinet 3 June 2009	Cabinet 5 Nov 2008	Preferred Planning Guidance (PPG)17 - Outturn	Key	Councillor R. Hollingworth	Final PPG17 report delayed by external consultants. Further delay from late April to June 09 to allow Overview Board to consider
30	Cabinet 3 June 2009	Cabinet 5 Nov 2008	Sports Hub Provision	Key	Councillor R. Hollingworth	Delayed due to the delay in the PPG17 report
31	Cabinet 3 June 2009		Alternative System for Managing Excess Charge Notice System	Non-Key	Councillor G. N. Denaro	
32	Cabinet 3 June 2009		Financial and Performance Monitoring Report – Quarter 4 2008/09	Non-Key	Councillors G. N. Denaro & M. J. A. Webb	
33	Cabinet 3 June 2009		Improvement Plan Exception Report – March 2009	Non-Key	Councillor M. J. A. Webb	
34	Cabinet 3 June 2009		Health & Safety Roles and Responsibilities for Elected Members	Non-Key	Councillor R. D. Smith	
35	Cabinet 24 June 2009 Special Meeting		Council Annual Report 2008/09	Non-Key*	Councillor R. Hollingworth	* Cabinet will make recommendations to the full Council
36	Cabinet 24 June 2009 Special Meeting		Statement of Accounts	Non-Key*	Councillor G. N. Denaro	* Cabinet will make recommendations to the full Council

NOTE: There will be no Cabinet meeting in May 2009

Item No. 1

KEY DECISION

Proposed to be made by the Cabinet on

4 March 2009

LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER Councillor Mrs J Griffiths / Councillor P Whittaker	ITEM Joint Countywide Task Group on Flooding Report	WARDS AFFECTED All wards
DOCUMENTS TO BE	SUMMARY	REASONS FOR BEING ON THE
CONSIDERED BY THE	At the end of 2007, Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny	FORWARD PLAN
DECISION TAKER	Committees from all local authorities in Worcestershire agreed, in principle, to the	The report examines the implications for Bromsgrove district
Report prepared by Executive	suggestion of undertaking a joint countywide	and considers the approach the
Director – Partnerships and	scrutiny. In January 2008, the former Scrutiny	district can adopt to implementing
Projects	Steering Board agreed to take part in a joint	
	countywide scrutiny on flooding in Worcestershire.	,
REPORT AUTHOR	Details of the scrutiny proposal (including terms of	floods of 2007.
Phil Street – Executive Director	reference) and the working arrangements were also considered at the same meeting. A	
Partnerships and Projects	representative from each local Council in	
01527 881202	Worcestershire was nominated and membership	
	was agreed in February 2008 together with a work	
	programme for the Task Group for March 2008	
	onwards. In brief, the Joint Task Group was	
	expected to: Review the immediate response to the floods by	

- local/public agencies and the recovery since;
- Consider what action needs to be taken to ensure there is a clear approach to dealing with any future emergency;
- Send comments to the national Pitt Review; and
- Make recommendations to County Council, District and Borough Councils, and other agencies and individuals as appropriate. The investigation is now complete and the final meeting of the Task Group took place on 6th November 2008. The final report became available late on Wednesday 19th November 2008 and the next step is for all relevant organisations involved, to consider the findings and recommendations. This report considers the findings and recommendations made by the Joint Countywide Flooding Task Group and examines the implications for Bromsgrove.

CONSULTATION DETAILS	Method of Consultation	Consultation period or dates
	Amongst those involved in giving evidence to	The Group met between 26 th November 2007 and 6 th November 2008.
Stakeholders	the task group were National Flood Forum;	o November 2000.
The report was prepared by	Highways Agency; local residents; West Mercia	
Worcestershire County	Police; Environment Agency; Severn Trent	
Council.	Water: Chamber of Commerce and Fire and	
	Rescue Service.	

Worcestershire County Council; and Redditch, Worcester, Malvern Hills, Wychavon and Wyre Forest District Councils.

Proposed to be made by the Cabinet on

4 March 2009

LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER Councillor Roger Hollingworth	ITEM Future of Tourist Information Centre	WARDS AFFECTED All wards
DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE	SUMMARY	REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN
DECISION TAKER	This report examines the future of the Tourist	The need to relocate the TIC has
Report prepared by Executive Director – Partnerships and Projects	Information Centre (TIC). The TIC is accommodated in the Bromsgrove Museum. The closure of the museum has meant that the TIC has to be moved. The relocation of the TIC has allowed the Council to consider its future	allowed the opportunity to review its work and operation. Consideration needs to be given to whether a capital programme needs to be
REPORT AUTHOR Phil Street – Executive Director – Partnerships and Projects 01527 881202	and how tourist information is best delivered. A series of options are contained in the report and these options examine location, format and efficient delivery of the service. The report acknowledges the importance of tourist information to the district, but puts forward proposals for delivering the service differently.	approved to develop new premises for the TIC or consider different ways of delivering the service in keeping with value for money.

CONSULTATION DETAILS	Method of Consultation	Consultation period or dates
Stakeholders	Staff are to be advised of the various options for the TIC and negotiations will take place with Destination	February to March 2009
Staff at the TIC and Destination Worcestershire	Worcestershire representatives.	

N/A

Proposed to be made by the Cabinet on

4 March 2009

LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER Peter Whittaker	OUTTURN EXPENDITURE OF COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOMELESSNESS GRANT, PERFORMANCE OF GRANT FUNDED SCHEMES AND BIDS FOR FUNDING FOR 2009/10 AND 2010/11	WARDS AFFECTED All Wards
DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER Report of Strategic Housing Manager	SUMMARY Since the Homelessness Act 2002 the Government has allocated grant funding to local authorities to prevent and tackle homelessness.	REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN The performance of grant funded schemes to be noted and approval of funding for 2009/10.
REPORT AUTHOR Andy Coel	The Council was awarded Homelessness Grant totally £80k per annum for a three year period from April 2008 until March 2011. The report provides Members with a breakdown of expenditure and performance for 2008/09 and details of bids for grant funding for 2009/10 and 2010/11 that are recommended for approval by the Homelessness Strategy Steering Group.	

CONSULTATION DETAILS	Method of Consultation	Consultation period or dates
Stakeholders Homelessness Strategy Steering Group	Homelessness Strategy Steering Group meetings	30 th October 2008 – 16 Jan 2009

Decision to be made with regard to recommendation from Homelessness Strategy Steering Group.

Proposed to be made by the Cabinet on 1 April 2009

LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER	ITEM	WARDS AFFECTED
Cllr M Sherrey	REFRESH OF WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY DOCUMENT	All
DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER	SUMMARY	REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN
Report of Head of Street Scene and Community	All County and District Councils are required to produce a long term Waste Management Strategy and review it every 5 years. This is the first review of the existing	Significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the district;
REPORT AUTHOR	strategy that has been in place since 2004. The document sets out the long term aims of the waste	,
Michael Bell	partnership and how it will achieve its statutory targets over the next 25 years.	

CONSULTATION DETAILS	Method of Consultation	Consultation period or dates
Consultation will be carried out with statutory consultees over a period of several months.	Direct access to statutory consultees.	

County Council as Waste Disposal Authority and the other district Councils with Worcestershire and Herefordshire.

Proposed to be made by the Cabinet on **1 April 2009**

LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER	ITEM	WARDS AFFECTED All Wards
Cllr Roger Hollingworth	SPORTS HUB PROVISION	
DOCUMENTS TO BE	SUMMARY	REASONS FOR BEING ON THE
CONSIDERED BY THE		FORWARD PLAN
DECISION TAKER	The report is to update members on the out turn of the recent PPG17 review of the district and to advise	This report will result in:
Report of the Head of Street	members of the key items contained with in it in relation	This report will result in.
Scene & Community	to the future need of play pitches with in the District.	The Council incurring additional expenditure in excess of
REPORT AUTHOR	The report will also be used as a basis for the recommendation to cabinet on the proposed use of the	£50,000. • A significant effect on
John Godwin	Capital funding allocated this year for the provision of	communities living or working in
Deputy Head of Street Scene &	Sports Hubs and potential partnership funding in the	an area compromising of two or
Community	delivery of these schemes.	more wards in the district.
01257 881730	,	more wards in the district.
j.godwin@bromsgrove.gov.uk		

CONSULTATION DETAILS	Method of Consultation	Consultation period or dates
Stakeholders	The PPG 17 out turn report is the final stage of an in depth consultation process that will be closed by the	N/A
Elected members SMT & CMT	time the report is written.	
Planning Officers Sports development Officers	Consultation has been undertaken with:	
Parks Officers	Elected members District & County Council Officers Parish Council Residents Inc Children & Young People User Groups WCC Officers	
	Sport England Community Sports Network (BECAN)	

N/A

Proposed to be made by the Cabinet on 29th April 2009

LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER	ITEM	WARDS AFFECTED
Cllr Peter Whittaker	Commissioning of a Countywide Home Improvement Agency and the rollout of the Kick Start Equity Release scheme for home improvements to Worcestershire.	All
DOCUMENTS TO BE	SUMMARY	REASONS FOR BEING ON THE
CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER	The report brings forward for approval a proposal to	FORWARD PLAN
DEGIGION TAKEN	commission a Countywide Home Improvement	More than one ward.
Report of the Head of Planning and Environment	Agency for all of Worcestershire.	
	HIAs (also known as Care and Repair Agencies)	
REPORT AUTHOR	primarily help homeowners and private sector residents, who are older and disabled, to remain in	
Strategic Housing Manager	their own home, living independently in safety and comfort.	
	A Countywide multi agency re commissioning of older people's housing advice and adaptation services is to be carried out to provide a single provider countywide service that will that will better meet strategic, operational and best value principles and most importantly, deliver better services and options to older and vulnerable people in Worcestershire.	

CONSULTATION DETAILS	Method of Consultation	Consultation period or dates
Stakeholders	Multi Agency Commissioning Group.	
District Councils County Council Adult and Community Setrvices and Supporting People PCT		

Other District Councils and Supporting People.

Proposed to be made by the Cabinet on 29 April 2009

LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER	ITEM	WARDS AFFECTED
Councillor Peter Whittaker	PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING STRATEGY AND REVIEW OF ASSISTANCE AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY.	All
DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE	SUMMARY	REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN
DECISION TAKER	The current Private Sector Housing Strategy for this authority forms a significant part of the Council's	Significant affect upon all wards.
Report of the Head of Planning & Environment	Housing Strategy Document 2006 – 2011.	
DEDORT AUTUOR	The re inspection of Strategic Housing Services by the	
REPORT AUTHOR	Audit Commission in 2008 recommended that an overarching strategy be developed to guide all housing	
A.M. Coel – Strategic Housing Manager	activities in the private sector.	
	Consultation with stakeholders commenced in	
	November 2008 and a draft private sector housing strategy and accompanying policy relating to how the	
	Council offers assistance to private sector home	
	occupiers and how it enforces housing standards is being formulated.	

CONSULTATION DETAILS	Method of Consultation	Consultation period or dates
Stakeholders		
PCT BDHT & partner RSL's Supporting People Social Services Occupational Therapy Service Age Concern Service users Private landlords Private Tenants Members	Two stakeholder consultation events were held on the 26 th November 2008. A draft strategy and policy document will be circulated to all stakeholders for comment prior to referral to Cabinet for approval.	February / March 2009

DECISION TO	D BE MADE	IN PARTI	JERSHIP	WITH

N/A

Proposed to be made by the Cabinet on 3 June 2009

LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER	ITEM	WARDS AFFECTED
Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths	Civil Parking Enforcement and ANPR	All
	SUMMARY	REASONS FOR BEING ON THE
DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE	During 2008 members agreed in principle to the	FORWARD PLAN
DECISION TAKER	introduction of Civil Parking enforcement but requested a further report detailing the business	Report has the potential to affect all Wards within the Councils area.
Report of the Head of Street Scene and Community	case and project plan for doing so.	
REPORT AUTHOR		
Steve Martin		

CONSULTATION DETAILS	Method of Consultation	Consultation period or dates
Stakeholders		
	Not yet agreed.	Not yet agreed.
Town centre businesses. Town centre users.		

County Council as Highways Authority.

Proposed to be made by the Cabinet on 3 June 2009

LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER Cllr Roger Hollingworth	PREFERRED PLANNNING GUIDANCE 17 (PPG17) – OUT TURN REPORT	WARDS AFFECTED All Wards
DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER Report of the Head of Street Scene & Community REPORT AUTHOR John Godwin Deputy Head of Street Scene & Community 01257 881730 j.godwin@bromsgrove.gov.uk	SUMMARY The report is to update members on the out turn of the recent PPG17 review of the district and to advise members of the key items contained with in it in relation to service delivery and future budget requirements. The report will also be used as a basis for the recommendation to cabinet on the current level and future requirements of the Councils Park, Open Space, Play Areas & Pitches provision and Inc potential areas for redevelopment, removal and/or disposal.	REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN This report will result in: The Council incurring additional expenditure in excess of £50,000. Further more it may result: In the disposal of a Council assist with a value over £50,000. In the identification of a proposal to cease the delivery of a service.

CONSULTATION DETAILS	Method of Consultation	Consultation period or dates
Stakeholders	The PPG 17 out turn report the is final stage of an in depth consultation process that will be closed by the	N/A
Elected members SMT & CMT	time the report is written.	
Planning Officers Parks Officers	Consultation has been undertaken with:	
	Elected members	
	District & County Council Officers	
	Parish Council	
	Residents Inc Children & Young People	
	User Groups	
	WCC Officers	
	Sport England	
	Community Sports Network (BECAN)	

N/A