

Promoting City, Coast & Countryside

# Key Decisions Annual Forward Plan

### **Monthly Update**

## 1 October 2010 31 January 2011



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#### INTRODUCTION

In order to ensure openness and accountability, this Forward Plan of key decisions has been prepared to set out clearly the **key decisions** that the Cabinet and Council Officers will be taking over the next twelve months.

The Plan is updated on a monthly basis and seeks to include all issues that are defined as "key decisions" in accordance with the Council's Constitution and identifies which body will make the decision.

This document is one of the regular monthly updates to the Forward Plan published annually.

The Plan tries to anticipate the issues that will be the subject of a key decision within a given timescale. For each item, this Plan includes:

- a description of the item for decision
- who will take the decision
- the date or period within which it will be taken
- groups identified for consultation and how this will be undertaken
- the process and timescale for persons wishing to make representations
- a list of documents that will be used in consideration of the matter

#### Key Decision - Definition

The definition of a key decision is set out in Part 2, Article 13 "Decision Making" of the Council's Constitution which states:

A decision should be a Key Decision on financial grounds if it relates to any of the following:

expenditure or savings proposal not included within approved capital or revenue budgets (including new schemes, external funding bids, increased spending on or transfers/virements between budgeted schemes):

- estimated at over £50,000 in total (gross), or
- where there are unbudgeted net revenue costs or other potential liabilities arising in current or future years.
- i. Any other initiative that relates to or would result in potential savings of over £50,000 in any year, which are not provided for in the approved budget.
- ii. The allocation of revenue or capital grants (receivable or payable) or any general budget allocations where their specific use or method of allocation has not previously been approved by Cabinet. This also covers any proposals to delegate such arrangements.
- iv. The award of contracts over £50,000.
- v. Proposals that involve taking on the role of Accountable Body for a particular

initiative.

- vi. The carry forward of under- or overspends, irrespective of amount.
- vii. Increasing future years' spending forecasts in line with any flexibility authorised by Council, irrespective of amount.

With the exception of the following which shall not be a Key Decision:

- Transactions carried out as part of the efficient administration of the Council's finances in line with council policy and the s151 Officer's functions, e.g. treasury management.
- Subsequent allocation of grants (receivable or payable) within a framework and criteria previously agreed by Cabinet.
- Setting of fees and charges levels, including concessions, within the approved Budget and Policy Framework.
- Incurring expenditure essential to meet any immediate needs created by an emergency threatening life and limb or related to major structural damage threatening the fabric of a building [see Financial Procedures section A 1.11 (f)].
- A decision should be a Key Decision on community impact grounds if it would have a significant and lasting impact on one or more of the following:
  - (a) reputation of the Council
  - (b) the environment
  - (c) the local economy
  - (d) community safety
  - (e) human rights, equal opportunities or racial equality
- The Monitoring Officer would be responsible for the interpretation of the words **significant and lasting** in the community impact test.

The Plan does not, therefore, include:

- exempt or confidential information as defined in the Council's Constitution Part 4 Section 2, 10.03 and 10.04;
- any reference to decisions made by the Council's regulatory and other committees, i.e.
- Licensing
- Planning and Highways
- Appeals
- Standards
- Audit
- Personnel
- Appraisal
- any decisions made by Cabinet or delegated to Officers which are not defined as **key decisions**.

#### Contacts

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#### FORWARD PLAN – SUMMARY OF KEY DECISIONS

Cabinet Member(s) with Special Responsibility	Decision	Date Decision Due
Leader of the Council	External Funding	5 October 2010
Councillor Abbott Bryning	'A View for Eric' - Morecambe Townscape Heritage Initiative 2	5 October 2010
Councillor Jon Barry	Climate Change Strategy Update 2009-14	5 October 2010
Councillor Abbott Bryning	Lancaster Square Routes	5 October 2010
Councillor Jon Barry	Adoption of the Shoreline Management Plan	5 October 2010
Councillor David Kerr	Proposals for Home Improvement Agency Funding	5 October 2010
	Luneside East - Security Guarding Services	Before 31 October 2010
Councillor Stuart Langhorn	Shared Service Arrangement with Preston City Council for Revenues and Benefits Service	9 November 2010
Councillor Stuart Langhorn	Medium Term Resources Report	9 November 2010
Councillor Stuart Langhorn	Next Generation Broadband Pilot - Rural Development Programme for England Funding Bid	9 November 2010
	Provision of Banking Services	Before 30 November 2010
Councillor Stuart Langhorn	Budget & Policy Framework 2011/12	7 December 2010
Councillor David Kerr	Health & Strategic Housing - Fees & Charges 2011/12	18 January 2011
Councillor Stuart Langhorn	Review of Parking Fees and Charges 2011/12	18 January 2011
Councillor Stuart Langhorn	Budget & Policy Framework 2011/12	18 January 2011

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Exter	External Funding		
WARD:	All W	All Wards;		
SERVICE:	Corpo	orate		
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET M	EMBER:	Councillor Stuart Langhorn	
Key Decision Criteria:		Financia	al and Community Impact	
SUMMARY DESCRI		restruct	ate on the current variance being reported on external funding, detailing what ures the Council has undertaken, and what changes to Government funding have occurred over the past 12 months, which have resulted in the current	
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION		5 Octob	er 2010	
LIST OF BACKGRO PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:	UND	o None		
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATIO		Internal officers		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:		Internal discussions with officers		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	S TO	n/a		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	'A Vie	'A View for Eric' - Morecambe Townscape Heritage Initiative 2			
WARD:	Poulto	Poulton Ward;			
SERVICE:	Reger	neration a	and Policy		
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet		
RESPONSIBLE CAE		EMBER:	Councillor Abbott Bryning		
Key Decision Criteria:		Financia	al and Community Impact		
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU	-	second	se of changes in the projected budgetary position for 'A View for Eric', the Townscape Heritage Initiative for central Morecambe, and to consider making provision commencing in 2011/12 to assure delivery of the project.		
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION		5 Octob	er 2010		
LIST OF BACKGRO PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:			Business item 16th July 2009		
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATIO	_	The Poulton Ward members were involved at an early stage in forming the direction the proposals through the Poulton Neighbourhood Management Housing a Environmental Sub - Group. The August 2008 consultation involved property owners the targeted area within the Morecambe Conservation Area and an open consultation over two days adjacent to the Eric Morecambe statue.			
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:	-	Officers undertook a consultation exercise in August 2008 to engage users, residents, property and business owners in the proposals for a second THI for Morecambe.			
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	S TO	Not applicable.			

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Clima	Climate Change Strategy Update 2009-14		
WARD:	All Wa	ards;		
SERVICE:	Comn	nunity En	gagement	
DECISION MAKER:	-		Cabinet	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET M	EMBER:	Councillor Jon Barry	
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:		Financia	al and Community Impact	
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU			nd and roll forward the council's 5 year strategy that sets out its climate change and agreed actions.	
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION	OR		er 2010	
LIST OF BACKGRO PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:	und N/a			
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATIO		Internal		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:		Internal		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	S TO	то N/a		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Lancaster Squ	Lancaster Square Routes		
WARD:	Duke's Ward;	Castle Ward;		
SERVICE:	Regeneration	and Policy		
DECISION MAKER:		Cabinet		
RESPONSIBLE CAE	INET MEMBER:	Councillor Abbott Bryning		
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:	Financia	al and Community Impact		
SUMMARY DESCRI	ES: what le	ide an update regarding the design work undertaken to date and to consider evel of funding provision the Council might make from 2011/12 to facilitate of public realm improvement schemes in the city centre.		
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION	R	per 2010		
		/inute 95 Cabinet 8 December 2009 /inute 23 Cabinet 23 June 2009		
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATIO	N: Membe Council Internal Lancas Lancas MAPS (	including four local schools. rs, including briefing sessions for Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny and full officers, including CC(D)S, Cultural, Tourism and Planning Services hire County Council, including Highways and Museums hire Police hire Prison Service Community Safety group rts groups, including Litfest and Dukes		
PROCESS FOR MAN REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:	саbinet	ve public, member and stakeholder consultations as detailed in the Cabinet of 23 June 2009 (minute 23) and detailed further in the 8 December 2009 c report (minute 95). Methods included public display, dedicated webpage, eleases, emails, Facebook profile and group, video and podwalk.		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	TO Not applicable			

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Adopt	Adoption of the Shoreline Management Plan		
WARD:	All Wa	ards;		
SERVICE:	Reger	neration a	and Policy	
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet	
RESPONSIBLE CAE		EMBER:	Councillor Jon Barry	
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:		Commu	nity Impact	
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU	-	which w	oreline Management Plan is in the process of being updated. The new plan vill indicate a management regime for all lengths of our coastline will shortly be e. Local Authorities are being asked to endorse the plan proposals.	
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION	EETING/DATE FOR		er 2010	
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		Draft po	licies issued to all councillors in November 2009	
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATIO			Councils, Landowners, Residents Associations and members of the public	
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:		Extensive consultation of stakeholders and public undertaken with newspap advertisements, radio, leaflets and public meetings.		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	S TO	Public consultation ended 14th February		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Propo	Proposals for Home Improvement Agency Funding		
WARD:	All Wa	ards;		
SERVICE:	Health	n and Ho	using	
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET M	EMBER:	Councillor David Kerr	
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:		Financia	al Threshold	
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU			k approval to accept the offer of external funding for the purpose of both ning and enhancing the council's Home Improvement Agency service.	
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION	OR		er 2010	
LIST OF BACKGRO PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:	s FOR behalf		of HIA's in Lancashire (2009) (Carried out by Housing Quality Network on f the Lancashire Local Area Agreement group).	
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATIO		North La	ing People ancashire PCT Community Services (White Cross, Lancaster).	
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:		Members of the public to make written representations to the Health & Housin Service in advance of the meeting.		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	S TO	13 September 2010		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Luneside East - Security Guarding Services		
WARD:	Castle Ward;		
SERVICE:	Regeneration	and Policy	
DECISION MAKER:		Officer Delegated Decisions	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET MEMBER:		
Key Decision Criteria:	Financi	al Threshold	
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU		norise a tender for a contract to provide 24 hour security for the Luneside East ration site, St George's Quay, Lancaster	
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION	R	31 October 2010	
LIST OF BACKGRO PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:	UND Tender	documentation - Security Guarding Services	
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATIO		Property Services	
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:		Internal service liaison.	
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:		By 31 August 2010 to the Head of the Regeneration and Policy Service	

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Shared Service Arrangement with Preston City Council for Revenues and Benefits Service			
WARD:	All Wards;	All Wards;		
SERVICE:	Financial S	rvices		
DECISION MAKER:		Cabinet		
RESPONSIBLE CAE	вінет Мемве	Councillor Stuart Langhorn		
Key Decision Criteria:	Fina	cial Threshold		
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU	IES: arra	to previous decisions, work is underway on the feasibility of a shared service ment for the administration of Revenues and Benefits. An update report was ared at August Cabinet, and it is anticipated that the full business case will be d in November, to inform a final decision.		
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION	R	ember 2010		
LIST OF BACKGRO PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:	und Non			
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATIO		Formal Staff/Union Consultation Will Be Undertaken In Accordance With The Counc Protocol		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:		As above.		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:		To be confirmed - subsequent to Cabinet taking a decision, staffing matters would be considered by Personnel Committee.		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Mediu	Medium Term Resources Report		
WARD:	All Wa	ards;		
SERVICE:	Finan	cial Servi	ices	
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET M	EMBER:	Councillor Stuart Langhorn, Councillor Eileen Blamire	
Key Decision Criteria:		Financia	al Threshold	
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU	JES: issues		of the half yearly monitoring and update arrangements of the approved MTFS, that require key decisions to be taken may well arise. It is planned that y, Finance and Human Resources will be included in this report.	
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION	FOR		nber 2010	
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		N/A at present		
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATIO				
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:	-	None directly - though individual issues may relate to items that have been the subject of consultation previously.		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	S TO	N/A at present		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Next Generation Broadband Pilot - Rural Development Programme for England Funding Bid		
WARD:	All Wards;		
SERVICE:	Regeneratio	on and Policy	
DECISION MAKER:		Cabinet	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET MEMBER	councillor Stuart Langhorn	
Key Decision Criteria:	Final	ncial and Community Impact	
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU	JES: broa	ort on the outcome of a bid to the NWDA for a rural 'Next Generation Access' dband pilot under their RDPE funding stream. The project also includes elements n could improve the wider district's broadband connectivity.	
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION	R	vember 2010	
LIST OF BACKGRO PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:	und Cabi	net report to be published	
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATIO		Rural Broadband Stakeholder Group Statutory consultees	
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:		Via the lead project officer, email progers@lancaster.gov.uk.	
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:		22/10/10	

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Provis	Provision of Banking Services		
WARD:	All Wa	ards;		
SERVICE:	Financ	cial Servi	ces	
DECISION MAKER:			Officer Delegated Decisions	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET ME	EMBER:		
Key Decision Criteria:		Financia	al Threshold	
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU	sues: provisio		n to tender for the provision of main banking services to enable the continued n of banking services to the Council following expiry of the contract with the supplier on 31 March 2011.	
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION	OR		30 November 2010	
LIST OF BACKGRO PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:	The pro		n to tender documents cess will follow and will comply with the Council's contract procedure rules and lic procedure rules	
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATIO		Not Applicable		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:	-	Consultation is not appropriate as this is a private contract		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	S TO	01/10/2010		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Budget	Budget & Policy Framework 2011/12			
WARD:	All War	Nards			
SERVICE:	Financi	ncial Services			
DECISION MAKER:	DECISION MAKER:		Cabinet		
RESPONSIBLE CABINET MEMBER:		MBER:	Councillor Stuart Langhorn		
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:	Financia		al and Community Impact		
		As part of the forthcoming budget and planning process, issues that require key decisions to be taken may well arise.			
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FOR OFFICER DECISION		7 December 2010			
LIST OF BACKGROUND NO PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		Not applicable at present.			
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATIO			present		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:	IS TO		out in the Budget timetable.		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:		N/A			

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Health & Strategic Housing - Fees & Charges 2011/12				
WARD:	All Wards	All Wards;			
SERVICE:	Health ar	alth and Housing			
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet		
RESPONSIBLE CABINET MEMBER:		IBER:	Councillor David Kerr		
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:			Il Threshold		
		The report will set out options for increasing fees and charges for a range of services in Health & Strategic Housing as part of the budget process.			
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FOR OFFICER DECISION		18 January 2011			
LIST OF BACKGROUND Fee PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		ees & (	es & Charges Cabinet Report 2010/11		
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATIO		None specifically.			
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:		Verbally or in writing to Head of Health & Strategic Housing, Town Hall, Morecambe Tel: 01524 582701.			
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:		1 December 2010			

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Revie	Review of Parking Fees and Charges 2011/12				
WARD:	All Wa	Vards;				
SERVICE:	Prope	erty Services				
DECISION MAKER:	DECISION MAKER:		Cabinet			
RESPONSIBLE CABINET MEMBER:		EMBER:	Councillor Stuart Langhorn			
Key Decision Criteria:			al Threshold			
SUMMARY DESCRIPTION TO CO OF RELEVANT ISSUES:		To cons	sider the level of parking fees and charges for 2011/12.			
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FOR OFFICER DECISION		18 January 2011				
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		None at present				
		Local C appropr	Chambers of Commerce and of Trade and other stakeholders and users as riate.			
REPRESENTATIONS TOother stateDECISION MAKER:Services		other sta Services	report to be circulated to Local Chambers of Commerce and of Trade and akeholders and users as appropriate. Letters or emails to the Head of Property s or Parking and Administration Manager or addressed to Property Services, all, Lancaster, LA1 1PJ.			
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	S TO	Friday 7 January 2011.				

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Budget & Policy Framework 2011/12				
WARD:	All Ward	Vards;			
SERVICE:	Financia	ncial Services			
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet		
RESPONSIBLE CABINET MEMBER:		MBER:	Councillor Stuart Langhorn		
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:			al and Community Impact		
			rt of the forthcoming budget and planning process, issues that require key ons to be taken may well arise.		
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FOR OFFICER DECISION		18 January 2011			
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		Not applicable at present.			
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATIO		N/A at p	resent		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:		As set out in the Budget timetable.			
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:		N/A			