

# Key Decisions Annual Forward Plan

### **Monthly Update**

## 1 November 201028 February 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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#### LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL

#### FORWARD PLAN - SUMMARY OF KEY DECISIONS

Cabinet Member(s) with Special Responsibility	Decision	Date Decision Due
Councillor Stuart Langhorn, Councillor Eileen Blamire	Medium Term Resources Report	9 November 2010
Councillor Peter Robinson	Review of Statutory Services	9 November 2010
Councillor Stuart Langhorn	Next Generation Broadband Pilot - Rural Development Programme for England Funding Bid	9 November 2010
Councillor David Kerr	Proposals for Home Improvement Agency Funding	9 November 2010
Councillor Stuart Langhorn	Performance Reward Grant	9 November 2010
Councillor Abbott Bryning	Luneside East Regeneration Project	9 November 2010
	Provision of Banking Services	Before 30 November 2010
Councillor Abbott Bryning	Review of Morecambe Central Promenade Development Agreement	7 December 2010
Councillor Stuart Langhorn	Shared Service Arrangement with Preston City Council for Revenues and Benefits Service	7 December 2010
Councillor Stuart Langhorn	Facilities Management Review & Property Services Restructure	7 December 2010
Councillor Stuart Langhorn	Budget & Policy Framework 2011/12	7 December 2010
Councillor David Kerr	Chatsworth Gardens Funding Report	18 January 2011
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
Councillor Stuart Langhorn	Treasury Management Strategy 2011/12	15 February 2011
Councillor Stuart Langhorn	Budget & Policy Framework 2010/11	15 February 2011

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Mediu	Medium Term Resources Report		
WARD:	All W	ards;		
SERVICE:	Finan	cial Servi	ices	
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET M	EMBER:	Councillor Stuart Langhorn, Leader of the Council and Portfolio holder for LDLSP Management Group Board, Councillor Eileen Blamire, Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder fo rLDLSP Safety	
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:		Financia	al Threshold	
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU	the part of the specific and the same of the specific and		hat require key decisions to be taken may well arise. It is planned that	
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION	EETING/DATE FOR		mber 2010	
LIST OF BACKGROUND N/A at present PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		present		
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATION	_	N/A		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:	S TO	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:	Revie	Review of Statutory Services		
WARD:	All W	All Wards;		
SERVICE:	All Se	rvices;		
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET M	EMBER:	Councillor Peter Robinson, Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder for Education and Skills	
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:		Financia	al and Community Impact	
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU	_	i deliteri etaterilerit te eriabie irieritter aria revieti ali etatateri y eer viete te		
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FOR OFFICER DECISION  9 Nov		9 Nover	mber 2010	
LIST OF BACKGROUND n/a/ PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		n/a/		
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATION		n/a :		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:		n/a		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	S TO	n/a		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Next Generation Broadband Pilot - Rural Development Programme for England Funding Bid			
WARD:	All Wa	All Wards;		
SERVICE:	Rege	neration	and Policy	
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET M	EMBER:	Councillor Stuart Langhorn, Leader of the Council and Portfolio holder for LDLSP Management Group Board	
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:		Financia	al and Community Impact	
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU	-			
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION	R		mber 2010	
LIST OF BACKGRO PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:	UND	Cabinet 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:	S TO	22/10/10		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Proposals for Home Improvement Agency Funding			
WARD:	All War	All Wards;		
SERVICE:	Health	and Ho	using Services	
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET ME	MBER:	Councillor David Kerr, Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder for LDLSP Health and Wellbeing	
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:		Financia	al Threshold	
SUMMARY DESCRI	-		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	R	9 November 2010		
LIST OF BACKGRO PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		Review of HIA's in Lancashire (2009) (Carried out by Housing Quality Network on behalf of the Lancashire Local Area Agreement group).		
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATIO	N:	Supporting People North Lancashire PCT Adult & Community Services (White Cross, Lancaster).		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:		Members of the public to make written representations to the Health & Housing Service in advance of the meeting.		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:		18 October 2010		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Perfo	Performance Reward Grant		
WARD:	All W	Wards;		
SERVICE:	Comr	nunity En	gagement	
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET M	EMBER:	Councillor Stuart Langhorn, Leader of the Council and Portfolio holder for LDLSP Management Group Board	
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:		Financia	al and Community Impact	
SUMMARY DESCRI	and the second decided to approve the LLL of the second decided the se			
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION	R	9 November 2010		
LIST OF BACKGRO PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:	UND	Report from LDLSP Away Day facilitated by Greengage, May 2010" and "LDLSP Management Group 26th October 2010, Agenda Pack Item 7		
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATION		All members of the LDLSP		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:	S TO	Performance Reward Grant must be used to support delivery of Sustainable Community Strategy objectives. The district's Sustainable Community Strategy was the subject of extensive public consultation.		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	s to	Not applicable		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Lunes	Luneside East Regeneration Project		
WARD:	Castle	astle Ward;		
SERVICE:	Rege	neration	and Policy	
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET M	EMBER:	Councillor Abbott Bryning, Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder for LDLSP Economy	
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:		Financia	al and Community Impact	
	SUMMARY DESCRIPTION To con OF RELEVANT ISSUES:		sider the options for moving forward with the project.	
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION	DATE FOR		mber 2010	
LIST OF BACKGROUND N/A PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		N/A		
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATION	_	N/A		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:		Internal consultation will take place within the service, including statutory officers.		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	S TO	Representations to Head of Regeneration and Policy by 09/11/10		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Provis	Provision of Banking Services		
WARD:	All Wa	All Wards;		
SERVICE:	Finan	cial Servi	ices	
DECISION MAKER:			Individual Cabinet Member and Officer Delegated Decisions	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET M	EMBER:		
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:		Financia	al Threshold	
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU	sues: provision		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	FOR		30 November 2010	
LIST OF BACKGRO PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:	UND	Invitation to tender documents  The process will follow and will comply with the Council's contract procedure rules at E U public procedure rules		
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATION	_	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:	Revie	Review of Morecambe Central Promenade Development Agreement		
WARD:	Poult	oulton Ward;		
SERVICE:	Rege	neration a	and Policy	
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET M	EMBER:	Councillor Abbott Bryning, Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder for LDLSP Economy	
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:		Financia	al and Community Impact	
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU			to consider the implications for the current Development Agreement of issues from the consideration of potential for alternative land use options.	
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION	IG/DATE FOR		mber 2010	
LIST OF BACKGROUND Moreca PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		Moreca	mbe Central Promenade Development Brief	
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATION	_	N/A - no groups identified for consultation		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:		N/A		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	S TO	N/A		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Share	Shared Service Arrangement with Preston City Council for Revenues and Benefits Service		
WARD:	All Wa	All Wards;		
SERVICE:	Financ	cial Servi	ices	
DECISION MAKER:	_		Cabinet	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET ME	EMBER:	Councillor Stuart Langhorn, Leader of the Council and Portfolio holder for LDLSP Management Group Board	
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:		Financia	al Threshold	
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU	_	The second secon		
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION	R			
LIST OF BACKGRO PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:	UND	None		
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATION		Formal Staff/Union Consultation Will Be Undertaken In Accordance With The Council's Protocol		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:	S TO	As above.		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	s то	To be confirmed - subsequent to Cabinet taking a decision, staffing matters would be considered by Personnel Committee.		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Facilities Management Review & Property Services Restructure			
WARD:	All Wa	All Wards;		
SERVICE:	Prope	erty Servi	ces	
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet	
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET M	EMBER:	Councillor Stuart Langhorn, Leader of the Council and Portfolio holder for LDLSP Management Group Board	
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:		Financia	al Threshold	
SUMMARY DESCRI OF RELEVANT ISSU		To consider the options available within the Facilities Management Review and its link with the senior management review including the opportunity for a restructure of the Service		
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FO OFFICER DECISION		7 December 2010		
LIST OF BACKGRO PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:	UND	This report is exempt as it relates to both individual staff members and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)		
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATION	_	None		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:		No consultation has yet taken place as the report relates to potential future working arrangements of the council		
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	S TO	6 December 2010		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Budget & Policy Framework 2011/12				
WARD:					
SERVICE:	Finan	icial Servi	ices		
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet		
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET M	EMBER:	Councillor Stuart Langhorn, Leader of the Council and Portfolio holder for LDLSP Management Group Board		
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:	Financi		al and Community Impact		
			of the forthcoming budget and planning process, issues that require key as to be taken may well arise.		
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FOR OFFICER DECISION		7 Decer	7 December 2010		
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		Not applicable at present.			
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATION		N/A at present			
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:	s TO	As set out in the Budget timetable.			
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	s to	ro N/A			

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Chatsworth Gardens Funding Report				
WARD:	Harbo	Harbour Ward;			
SERVICE:	Reger	neration a	and Policy		
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet		
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET M	EMBER:	Councillor David Kerr, Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder for LDLSP Health and Wellbeing		
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:		Financia	al and Community Impact		
OF RELEVANT ISSUES: Com		Commu	orm Cabinet of the outcome of funding discussions with the Homes and nunities Agency for Chatsworth Gardens as per the previous resolution made by et August 2010.		
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FOR OFFICER DECISION		18 Janu	January 2011		
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		Previous Cabinet Reports ARUP Housing Exemplar Options Feasibility Study (exempt under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. Winning Back Morecambe's West End Masterplan Morecambe Action Plan 2002 Lancaster District Housing Strategy 2004/08			
GROUPS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSULTATION:					
REPRESENTATIONS TO Garder DECISION MAKER: line with		Garden	usly extentive community consultation for the Masterplan and Chatsworth as has been undertaken. The current proposals for Chatsworth Gardens are inhit in this. Further consultation is planned once a more certain position is obtained ding.		
		Represe meeting	entations to Head of Regeneration and Policy by e-mail before the date of the g.		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Health & Strategic Housing - Fees & Charges 2011/12				
WARD:	All W	ll Wards;			
SERVICE:	Healt	h and Ho	using Services		
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet		
RESPONSIBLE CAE	RESPONSIBLE CABINET MEMBER:		Councillor David Kerr, Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder for LDLSP Health and Wellbeing		
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:			al 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 PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		Fees & Charges Cabinet Report 2010/11			
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATION		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:	S TO	1 December 2010			

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Review of Parking Fees and Charges 2011/12				
WARD:	All Wa	All Wards;			
SERVICE:	Prope	erty Servi	ces		
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet		
RESPONSIBLE CABINET MEMBER:		EMBER:	Councillor Stuart Langhorn, Leader of the Council and Portfolio holder for LDLSP Management Group Board		
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:	Financia		al Threshold		
	SUMMARY DESCRIPTION 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 None PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		None at	e at present		
GROUPS IDENTIFIE FOR CONSULTATION		Local C appropr	hambers of Commerce and of Trade and other stakeholders and users as iate.		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:	S TO	Cabinet report to be circulated to Local Chambers of Commerce and of Trade and other stakeholders and users as appropriate. Letters or emails to the Head of Propert Services or Parking and Administration Manager or addressed to Property Services, Town Hall, Lancaster, LA1 1PJ.			
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	S TO	Friday 7 January 2011.			

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Budget & Policy Framework 2011/12				
WARD:	All W	All Wards;			
SERVICE:	Finan	icial Serv	ices		
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet		
RESPONSIBLE CABINET MEMBER:		EMBER:	Councillor Stuart Langhorn, Leader of the Council and Portfolio holder for LDLSP Management Group Board		
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:			al and Community Impact		
			of the forthcoming budget and planning process, issues that require key ns 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 IDENTIFIED N/A FOR CONSULTATION:		N/A at p	N/A at present		
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:	ONS TO		out in the Budget timetable.		
DATE FOR N/A REPRESENTATIONS TO BE RECEIVED:		N/A			

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Treasury Management Strategy 2011/12				
WARD:	All W	All Wards;			
SERVICE:	Finan	cial Servi	ices		
DECISION MAKER:			Cabinet		
RESPONSIBLE CAE	BINET M	EMBER:	Councillor Stuart Langhorn, Leader of the Council and Portfolio holder for LDLSP Management Group Board		
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:		Financia	Financial and Community Impact		
SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF RELEVANT ISSUES:		Formal approval of Treasury Management Strategy by Cabinet is required before 01 April, though some aspects also require full Council and will be referred on accordingly. The Strategy sets out overall borrowing and related budget assumptions for 2011/12.			
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FOR OFFICER DECISION		15 February 2011			
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		N/A			
GROUPS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSULTATION:					
REPRESENTATIONS TO propo DECISION MAKER:		proposa	Council's professional advisors will be consulted. Should timescale permit, the losals will be presented to Budget & Performance Panel for consideration.		
DATE FOR See about the Representations to BE Received:		See abo	ove		

ITEM FOR DECISION:	Budget & Policy Framework 2010/11				
WARD:	All Wa	Wards;			
SERVICE:	Financ	cial Servi	ices		
DECISION MAKER:	_		Cabinet		
RESPONSIBLE CAE	RESPONSIBLE CABINET MEMBER:		Councillor Stuart Langhorn, Leader of the Council and Portfolio holder for LDLSP Management Group Board		
KEY DECISION CRITERIA:			al and Community Impact		
			of the forthcoming budget and planning process, issues that require key as to be taken may well arise.		
DATE OF CABINET MEETING/DATE FOR OFFICER DECISION		15 February 2011			
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION:		Not applicable at present.			
GROUPS IDENTIFIED N FOR CONSULTATION:		N/A at present			
PROCESS FOR MAI REPRESENTATIONS DECISION MAKER:	з то	911111111111111111111111111111111111111			
DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS BE RECEIVED:	s to N/A				