

CABINET FORWARD PLAN

February 2007 to June 2007 [Including key decisions]

Purpose

The purpose of this Forward Plan is to give sufficient notice to people affected by key decisions to exercise their rights to see papers and make an input into the decision making process.

Key Decisions

Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations Part III [*Statutory Instruments 2000 No 3272*] states:

- 8 (1) In these regulations a “key decision” means 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 two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority.

Threshold

Suffolk County Council has adopted a threshold of £500,000 for key decisions.

This plan includes decisions which the decision maker has decided are key decisions in that they

- (a) involve significant expenditure or savings; or
- (b) have a significant effect on communities

even though they are either below the adopted threshold or impact on people in one electoral division only.

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22 February 2007	Yes Budget Scrutiny as part of November Scrutiny Meetings.	2007/08 Resources Budget and Medium Term Plan	To set the Council's overall budget and level of council tax.	Cllr Jane Storey	Council	Not applicable	Geoff Dobson 01473 265351 Alex Hopkins 01473 264404	
6 March 2007	Yes Environment, Waste Management and Economic Development	Response to Consultation on Government Proposals for changes to the draft East of England Plan	To respond to the Secretary of State's proposed changes to the East of England Plan	Cllr Eddy Alcock	Cabinet	Directorates within Suffolk County Council Meetings and Correspondence During December 2006	John Pitchford 01473 264804	Deferred from 6 th February 2007 due to anticipated delay in announcement.
6 March 2007	No Children, Schools and Young People's Services	Annual Report of the Suffolk Safeguarding Children Board	Statutory requirement. The report will provide information on the performance of services in Suffolk to safeguard children and young people.	Cllr Patricia O'Brien	(Cabinet) No decision required.	Suffolk Safeguarding Children Board and partner agencies. Board Meetings During December 2006 and January 2007	Cliff James 01473 264731	

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6 March 2007	Yes Environment, Waste Management and Economic Development	Suffolk – Creating the Greenest County and Suffolk County Council's Environmental Targets and Policy	To consider new targets for environmental matters, to consider a corporate energy and water policy and delivery plan and to consider development of a Greenest County initiative	Cllr Eddy Alcock	Cabinet	SCC and stakeholders Personal consultation.	Emma Wilkins 01473 264810 Iain Dunnett 01473 264829	
6 March 2007	Not Applicable. Resources, Finance and Performance	2006/07 Budget Monitoring	This paper will outline the key areas resulting from monitoring of the County Council's budgets.	Cllr Jane Storey	No decision being made. Cabinet asked to note position.	Not applicable.	Katherine Steel 01473 265664	
22 March 2007	Yes Children, Schools and Young People's Services	Recommendations from the School Organisation Review PDP	Overview of consultation regarding developing an educational system fit for 21 st century and recommendations from the Policy Development Panel.	Cllr Patricia O'Brien	County Council	All relevant stakeholders Full range of consultation processes	Rosalind Turner 01473 265353 Gary Nethercott 01473 264572	
22 March 2007	Yes Constitution Working Party	Amendments to County Council Constitution: Procurement Strategy and Regulations	To consider changes to the Procurement Strategy and Regulations within the Council's Constitution.	Cllr Jane Storey	County Council	Procurement staff and senior managers within the County Council Meetings	Dr Tristram Hardman 01473 260450	

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3 April 2007	Yes Children, Schools and Young People's Services	Revised Arrangements for Admission to Schools in Suffolk	A new Draft Code of Practice on Admissions has been issued for the Department for Education and Skills which, if given approval, will come into force in February 2007. The existing arrangements for admissions to schools in Suffolk will need to be revised in light of the new Code.	Cllr Patricia O'Brien	Cabinet	Schools, Local Authorities, Dioceses, Admissions Forum By written documentation, including a report to Governing Bodies of Suffolk Schools.	Ian Brown 01473 260697	
3 April 2007	Yes Children, Schools and Young People Services	School Term Dates 2008-09	To consider the school term and holiday dates for 2008-09	Cllr Patricia O'Brien	Cabinet	Local authorities in the Eastern Region, schools, diocesan authorities, professional associations. In writing December 2006 to February 2007	Peter Knight 01473 264554	
3 April 2007	Yes Environment, Waste Management and Economic Development	Minerals Core Strategy Preferred Options Development Plan Document	To consider content of Minerals Core Strategy Preferred Options paper for public consultation. Policy framework to consider applications against.	Cllr Eddy Alcock	Cabinet	All stakeholders Letters public meetings After 3.4.07 for six weeks.	Adam Nicholls 01473 264807 Viv Codd 01473 264764	

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3 April 2007	Yes Resources, Finance and Performance	Work Environment Programme – Bury Public Service Village	To consider whether the County Council, in partnership with St Edmundsbury Borough Council should enter a contractual arrangement to procure the construction of proposed public service village building on Western Way, Bury St Edmunds.	Cllr Jane Storey	Cabinet	Staff, service managers, St Edmundsbury Borough Council, Strategic Finance, Communications Meetings and presentations, workstreams and PSV Board meetings Period to 3.4.07	Brian Williams 01473 264181 Brian Prettyman 01473 264101	
3 April 2007	Yes Adult and Community Services	Charges for Non-Residential Care Services – Review of Policy	To consider proposals to review the charging policies for adult and community services.	Cllr Graham Newman	Cabinet	Customers, carers, voluntary sector Letters and meetings December 2006 to March 2007	Aiden Dunn 01473 264570 Mel Cassidy 01473 264319	
3 April 2007	No	External Auditor's Annual Report on the County Council's Direction of Travel	Cabinet to note the External Auditor's report on the Council's Direction of Travel and Improvement Rating	Cllr Jane Storey	Cabinet No decision required	N/A	Sue Edwards 01473 264325	
3 April 2007	Yes Children, Schools and Young People's Services	Proposals for the Children and Young People's Services Capital Programme 2007-2011	To consider the proposed capital programme for 2007-08 and provisionally for a further two years.	Cllr Patricia O'Brien	Cabinet			

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10 May 2007	Yes Roads and Transport	Recommendations from Rights of Way Committee of 16 th March 2007	To consider the recommendations of the Rights of Way Committee at its meeting on 16 th March 2007	Cllr Guy McGregor	Cabinet	Consultation as Rights of Way Report.	Alan Thorndyke 01473 264955	
10 May 2007	Yes Resources, Finance and Performance	Corporate Property Strategy 2007-10	To consider a new property strategy covering the 2007/08 to 2009/10 period and looking to the longer term.	Cllr Jane Storey	Cabinet	Directorate Managements Teams, senior service managers Through Strategic Property Managers January to mid April	Andy Wooden 01473 264163	
10 May 2007	Yes Roads and Transport	Use of On Street Parking Account 2007/08	To consider allocation of parking fund to a wide range of projects, developed from a wide range of bids.	Cllr Guy McGregor	Cabinet	District and Borough Councils, Councillors, In writing Late 2006/early 2007	Mike Manning 01473 264946 Alan Thorndyke 01473 264955	
29 May 2007	Yes Public Protection	Regional Fire Control Centre – Local Authority Company	To consider the Regional Fire Control Centre Local Authority Company constitution.	Cllr Joanna Spicer	Cabinet	Councillors, Trades Unions Via the Fire and Rescue Service internal consultation mechanism Ongoing. More detailed consultation planned.	Mark Sanderson 01473 260540	

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29 May 2007	Yes Resources, Finance and Performance	Review of SCC Commercial Activities: Outline Business Case	To consider the approach for future delivery of “soft services”.	Cllr Jane Storey	Cabinet	Schools, Trades Unions, service providers, representatives of food suppliers and other stakeholders. Meetings January to April 2007	Joanne Avery 01473 263000	
29 May 2007	No Roads and Transport	Ipswich Local Development Framework – Issues and options consultation East Bank Link Road	Whether to support the inclusion of the East Bank Link Road within the Ipswich local development framework covering the period up to 2021.	Cllr Guy McGregor	Cabinet	Portfolio Holder and local Councillors In writing	Fran Toomey 01473 264821 Dave Watson 01473 264822	Moved from February
29 May 2007	Yes Environment, Waste and Economic Development	Supporting District Recycling and Composting Schemes	To consider recommendations on proposals to secure Waste Collection Authority performance and to incentivise further improvement.	Cllr Eddy Alcock	Cabinet	All District Councils Through the Suffolk Waste Partnership Ongoing	Bryn Griffiths 01473 264780	
29 May 2007	Yes Public Protection	Fire and Rescue Service – Private Finance Initiative Serviced Accommodation Project	To authorise progression of the project to financial close and contract signature	Cllr Joanna Spicer	Cabinet	Suffolk community Public meetings, planning application, locality meetings, planning meetings.	Andy Severy 01473 264477 Paul Collins 01473 260506	Moved from April in view of need to resubmit planning application.