



Forward Plan

1 April 2010 to 31 July 2010

This plan shows the Key decisions the Council will be taking during the period
1 April 2010 to 31 July 2010

The main decision-making body of the council is the Cabinet which comprises the Leader of
the Executive and five portfolio holders as shown below:

Michael Snelling	Leader and Business and Regeneration
David Turner	Deputy Leader and Community
John Cubitt	Community Safety and Environment "Clean, Green and Safe"
Laura Hryniewicz	Young Gravesham
Anthony Pritchard	Housing
Adrian Warburton	Transformation

The Cabinet meets every month (on Mondays at 7 pm or Tuesday after Bank Holidays).
Meetings are open to the public. Dates and times are available from the Committee &
Electoral Services department.

Forward Plan of Key Decisions

Introduction

Gravesham Borough Council operates a Leader and Cabinet style of executive with the Cabinet as the main decision-making arm of the council. An Overview & Scrutiny Committee, chaired by the Leader of the opposition party, examines decisions made and conducts reviews on matters of local interest.

Each month the council will publish a forward plan of the key decisions expected to be taken during the following four months.

A “key decision” is one relating to a function of the Cabinet which is likely to:

- (i.) result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council’s budget for the service or function; or
- (ii.) be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more Wards in the council’s area.

Items are considered “significant” in financial terms where they exceed £250,000 in value.

The plan lists the key decisions for the four month period and then goes on to set out the following information about each decision:

The topic
Which body will make the decision (usually the Cabinet)
Date when the decision is expected to be made
Particular Wards affected
Who is being consulted and the methods used
How representations can be made and a final date for their receipt
Relevant documents to be taken into account

The summary sheet that follows lists all of the key decisions likely to be made between 1 April 2010 to 31 July 2010 and shows the contact officer at the borough council on each issue. Any enquiries about these decisions should be directed to that officer in the first instance. In the case of any difficulty, the committee section of the Committee and Electoral Services Department will be happy to help.

Summary of Key Decisions for the period 1 April 2010 – 31 July 2010

Page	Decision number	Topic	Officer contact
1	07/00065	Comprehensive Equalities Strategy	Director (Communities), Civic Centre, Gravesend 01474 33 73 24
2	09/00086	Disposal of Land at Vale Road, Northfleet	Director (Business), Civic Centre, Gravesend 01474 337 585
3	09/00089	Local Development Framework – Core Strategy and Generic Development Management Development Plan Document	Director (Business), Civic Centre, Gravesend 01474 337 585
4	09/00090	Town Pier Pontoon – Tender Results	Director (Business), Civic Centre, Gravesend 01474 337 585
5	09/00093	South Thames Gateway Building Control Business Plan and Budget	Tony Van Veghel Director, South Thames Gateway Building Control Partnership at Compass Centre, Chatham Tel 01634 331 133
6	10/0001	Gravesham Gateway	Director (Communities), Civic Centre, Gravesend 01474 33 73 24

Forward Plan – Key Decision

Decision No:	07/00065
Topic:	Comprehensive Equalities Strategy - Cabinet to make recommendations to council to adopt the strategy
Decision-maker	Cabinet Council
Proposed Date:	Originally June 2009 PROBABLY EARLY 2010
Wards affected:	All Wards
Main Consultees:	North West Kent Racial Equality Council The Residents' Panel The Disability Equality Reference Group Communities' Consultation Reference Group Other partners and stakeholders, as appropriate
Method of consultation:	There will be a number of channels: including discussion groups, surveys and an on-line facility
How to make representations:	To Director (Communities)
Final date for representations:	Originally notified as June 2008 but is likely to be during the autumn/winter of 2009
List of relevant documents	None listed at present.

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Decision No:	09/00086
Topic:	Potential Disposal of land at Vale Road, Northfleet
Decision-maker	Cabinet
Proposed Date:	Work ongoing –likely to completed by the spring of 2010
Wards affected:	All Wards
Main Consultees:	Public
Method of consultation:	Use of newspaper advertisement required under Local Government Act 1972
How to make representations:	Director (Business)
Final date for representations:	3 weeks after initial publication of advertisement
List of relevant documents	Asset Management Plan

First Publication date: February 2009

Forward Plan – Key Decision

Decision No:	09/00089
Topic:	Local Development Framework – Core Strategy and Generic Development Management Development Plan Document
Decision-maker:	Cabinet
Proposed Date:	Special meeting of Cabinet took place on 21 December 2009 Considered at a meeting of Overview Scrutiny Committee on 12 January 2010. Currently undergoing public consultation exercise.
Wards affected:	All
Main consultees:	n/a
Method of consultation:	n/a
How to make representations:	Director (Business) Civic Centre, Gravesend 01474 337 585
Final date for representations:	n/a
List of relevant documents:	n/a

First Publication Date: 2009

Forward Plan – Key Decision

Decision No:	09/00090
Topic:	Town Pier Pontoon – Tender Results
Decision-maker:	Cabinet
Proposed Date:	Consideration of Tender – March 2010 commencement on site probably May 2010
Wards affected:	Town Pier straddles Riverside and Pelham wards. The pontoon would sit entirely in Riverside ward
Main consultees:	n/a
Method of consultation:	n/a
How to make representations:	n/a
Final date for representations:	n/a
List of relevant documents:	Most of the documents in the working file are not publicly available.

First Publication Date: 2009

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Decision No:	09/00093
Topic:	South Thames Gateway (STG) Building Control Partnership business plan and budget for 2010/2011
Decision-maker:	STG Joint Committee
Proposed Date:	June 2010 at AGM of STG Joint Committee
Wards affected:	All wards
Main consultees:	The three partner local authorities - Gravesham, Medway and Swale
Method of consultation:	Presentation to Gravesham BC Cabinet in January 2010 Presentation to Gravesham BC Overview Scrutiny Committee in January 2010
How to make representations:	To the Director at South Thames Gateway Building Control Partnership
Final date for representations:	N/A
List of relevant documents:	Draft STG business plan 2010/2011

First Publication Date: November 2009

Forward Plan – Key Decision

Decision No:	10/0001
Topic:	Gravesham Gateway
Decision-maker:	Cabinet
Proposed Date:	Report being presented to Cabinet 6 April 2010 for approval. If agreed, the Gravesham Gateway could be open in the summer.
Wards affected:	All Wards
Main consultees:	Public Partner Agencies
Method of consultation:	Workshop event 24 April 2010 Further consultation as part of ongoing development
How to make representations:	Director (Communities)
Final date for representations:	N/A
List of relevant documents:	None listed at the moment

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