

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – 13th June, 2013

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Forward Plan of Key Decisions

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the four-month period commencing 1st June, 2013, and make any recommendations as to items to be scrutinized to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

Background

2. The Access to Information Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of the Constitution include a requirement for a Forward Plan to be prepared by the Leader covering a period of four months.
3. Attached as an Appendix is the Forward Plan covering the four-month period from 1st June, 2013. The Forward Plan sets out information on key decisions that are likely to be taken by the Council, Cabinet, a Cabinet Member or Chief Officers in the period covered by the Plan.
4. The Forward Plan is available on the Internet via the Committee Management Information System (CMIS).
5. The Forward Plan is reported to all ordinary meetings of the Cabinet and will also be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in future. Increasing accessibility to the Forward Plan will assist the process of overview and scrutiny of key decisions.
6. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board at its meeting held on 29th May, 2013 considered the Forward Plan and agreed that it be referred to the Council's five Scrutiny Committees with a request that they inform the Board of any items that they would wish to scrutinise so that further consideration can be given to this matter by the Board at a future meeting.

Finance

7. The financial implications associated with individual key decisions will be included in reports submitted on each individual item.
8. A key decision is defined as an executive decision which is likely:-

- (a) to result in the Council incurring expenditure, or the making of savings, which are £250,000 or more (revenue or capital); or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in one or more wards in the Borough.

Law

9 The requirement to produce a forward plan is set out under the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.

10. The Constitution is adopted by the Council pursuant to the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000.

Equality Impact

11. The equality impact of specific key decisions will be referred to in individual reports on the items concerned.

Recommendation

12. That consideration be given to the Forward Plan of Key Decisions with a view to making any recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as to items to be scrutinised.



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List of Background Papers

The Constitution