

Individual Decision

The attached report will be taken as
Individual Portfolio Member Decision on:

Thursday, 14th June 2012

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Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	West Berkshire Council Forward Plan - July 2012 to October 2012
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	14 June 2012
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2417

Purpose of Report: To advise Members and residents of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.

Recommended Action: That the Leader of the Council agrees and where appropriate amends the West Berkshire Council Forward Plan.

Reason for decision to be taken: It is a statutory requirement that a Forward Plan be produced.

Other options considered: Not applicable.

Key background documentation: Forward Plan.

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Implications

Policy:	The Forward Plan details the Policies to be adopted by West Berkshire Council.
Financial:	The Forward Plan has no financial implications.
Personnel:	The Forward Plan has no personnel implications.
Legal/Procurement:	The Forward Plan has no legal or procurement implications.
Environmental:	The Forward Plan has no environmental implications.
Property:	The Forward Plan has no property implications.
Risk Management:	The Forward Plan has no risk management implications.
Equalities:	The Forward Plan is a publication of the Council available for all residents at the Council Office in Market Street and on the Council's website.

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:	Councillor Graham Jones.
Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:	Councillor Brian Bedwell.
Ward Members:	All Members.
Opposition Spokesperson:	Councillor Jeff Brooks.
Local Stakeholders:	The West Berkshire Forward Plan will be published the first working day after the Individual Decision is signed.
Officers Consulted:	Nick Carter, John Ashworth, Margaret Goldie, Heads of Service, Group Executives.
Trade Union:	Not sought.

Is this item subject to call-in.	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:		
The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval		<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council		<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position		<input type="checkbox"/>
Considered or reviewed by O&SMC or associated Task Groups within preceding six months		<input type="checkbox"/>
Item is Urgent Key Decision		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 The Forward Plan attempts to cover all decisions, not just those made by the Executive, which the Authority intends to make over the next four months. The Forward Plan, attached as Appendix A, also shows the decision path of each item so far including Council, Executive and Individual Decisions.
- 1.2 Also attached for information is Appendix B - the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission and Sub-Committees Work Programme.
- 1.3 Publication of the Forward Plan is a statutory requirement of the Local Authority.

Appendices

Appendix A – West Berkshire Council Forward Plan – July 2012 to October 2012

Appendix B – Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission and Sub-Committee Work Programmes.

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West Berkshire Council Forward Plan



West Berkshire Council Forward Plan – July 2012 to October 2012

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JULY 2012											
ID2430	Adoption of Parish Plans <i>To adopt Parish Plans.</i>	ID	01/07/12	Resources	Jo Naylor	Partnerships, Equality, The Visions, Communities		TBC	Local Members and Stakeholders		01 July 2012
ID2466	West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education <i>To agree the Locally Agreed Syllabus for religious education to be taught in West Berkshire Council schools</i>	ID	02/07/12	Resources	Jayne Mann	Children & Young People, Youth Service, Education		22/06/12			01 July 2012
ID2418	West Berkshire Forward Plan - August 2012 to November 2012 <i>To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.</i>	ID	12/07/12	Resources	Moira Fraser (2045)	Leader of Council		04/07/12	All Members, published on website for local residents	Not subject to call in.	01 July 2012
ID2498	Home to School Transport Policy 2013-14 <i>To Approve the Home to School Transport Policy 2013-14</i>	ID	18/07/12	Communities	Mwazwita Mundang-epfupfu	Children and Young People, Youth Service, Education		11/07/12	All schools in West Berkshire, Early Years providers ,parents with children currently receiving transport		01 July 2012
GA2476	Annual Review of Internal Audit <i>To review the internal audit service of the Council.</i>	GA	09/07/12 GA	Resources	Ian Priestley	Finance, Economic Development, Health & Safety, Pensions		02/07/12			01 July 2012

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GA2477	Internal Audit Plan 2012-15 <i>To outline a programme of internal audit work for the Council.</i>	GA	09/07/12 GA	Communities	Ian Priestley	Finance, Economic Development, Health & Safety, Pensions		02/07/12			01 July 2012
GA2499	Internal Audit - Annual Report 2011-12 <i>To provide the Committee with an opinion from the "Head of Internal Audit" on the Council's internal control framework, and to support the approval of the Annual Governance Statement</i>	GA	09/07/12 GA	Resources	Ian Priestley	Finance, Economic Development, Health & Safety, Pensions		02/07/12			01 July 2012
EX2456	Key accountable measures and activities 2011/12. Update on progress: year end outturns <i>To report year end progress against the key accountable measures and activities for West Berkshire Council for 2011/12 and to report by exception those measures/activities not achieved/expected to be achieved and cite remedial action that is being taken.</i>	EX	19/07/12 EX	Resources	Jason Teal	Performance, Strategic Support, Emergency Planning, Community Safety		11/07/12			01 July 2012
EX2350	Proposal for Redevelopment of Taceham House (Paragraph 3 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person) <i>To consider the options for Taceham House and agree best course of action.</i>	EX	19/07/12 EX	Communities	Mel Brain	Strategy, Council Plan, Housing	Yes	11/07/12			01 July 2012
EX2494	Response to the scrutiny review into the facilities available for young people. <i>To respond to the recommendations of the OSMC following the investigation into the facilities available for young people.</i>	EX	19/07/12 EX	Resources	Elaine Walker	Children & Young People, Youth Service, Education		11/07/12			01 July 2012

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EX2513	Director of Public Health <i>To agree a model for public health across the six Berkshire Unitaries.</i>	EX	19/07/12 EX	Resources	Andy Day	Leader of the Council		11/07/12			01/07/12
EX2514	County Archive <i>To seek approval to continue with the current joint arrangement.</i>	EX	19/07/12 EX	Environment	Amanda Loaring	Countryside, Environmental Protection, 'Cleaner and Greener', Culture		11/07/12			01 July 2012
AUGUST 2012											
ID2431	Adoption of Parish Plans <i>To adopt Parish Plans.</i>	ID	01/08/12	Resources	Jo Naylor	Partnerships, Equality, The Visions, Communities		TBC	Local Members and Stakeholders		01 August 2012
ID2443	Approval of Village Design Statements <i>To approve Village Design Statements.</i>	ID	01/08/12	Environment	Paula Amorelli	Planning, Transport Policy, Property		TBC	Local Members and Stakeholders		01 August 2012
ID2419	West Berkshire Forward Plan - September 2012 to December 2012 <i>To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.</i>	ID	16/08/12	Resources	Moira Fraser (2045)	Leader of Council		08/08/12	All Members, published on website for local residents	Not subject to call in.	01 August 2012
SEPTEMBER 2012											
ID2432	Adoption of Parish Plans <i>To adopt Parish Plans.</i>	ID	01/09/12	Resources	Jo Naylor	Partnerships, Equality, The Visions, Communities		TBC	Local Members and Stakeholders		01 September 2012
ID2444	Approval of Village Design Statements <i>To approve Village Design Statements.</i>	ID	01/09/12	Environment	Paula Amorelli	Planning, Transport Policy, Property		TBC	Local Members and Stakeholders		01 September 2012

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ID2420	West Berkshire Forward Plan - October 2012 to January 2013 <i>To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.</i>	ID	13/09/12	Resources	Moira Fraser (2045)	Leader of Council		05/09/12	All Members, published on website for local residents	Not subject to call in.	01 September 2012
EX2478	Finance Report - Quarter 1	EX	06/09/12 EX	Resources	Joseph Holmes	Finance, Economic Development, Health & Safety, Pensions		29/08/12			01 September 2012
C2459	Changes to the Constitution, Parts 7, 9,10 and 13 <i>To consider changes to the Financial Rules of procedure and Protocols in light of legislative changes.</i>	C	27/09/12 C 10/09/12 GA	Resources	Joseph Holmes	Leader of Council		19/09/12C 31/08/12GA			01 September 2012
C2501	Proposed Member Development Programme for 2012 to 2015 <i>To ask Council to agree the Member Development Programme for 2012/13</i>	C	27/09/12 C	Resources	Jude Thomas	Leader of Council		19/09/12	Members		01 September 2012
OCTOBER 2012											
ID2433	Adoption of Parish Plans <i>To adopt Parish Plans.</i>	ID	01/10/12	Resources	Jo Naylor	Partnerships, Equality, The Visions, Communities		TBC	Local Members and Stakeholders		01 October 2012
ID2445	Approval of Village Design Statements <i>To approve Village Design Statements.</i>	ID	01/10/12	Environment	Paula Amorelli	Planning, Transport Policy, Property		TBC	Local Members and Stakeholders		01 October 2012
ID2421	West Berkshire Forward Plan - November 2012 to February 2013 <i>To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.</i>	ID	18/10/12	Resources	Moira Fraser (2045)	Leader of Council		10/10/12	All Members, published on website for local residents	Not subject to call in.	01 October 2012

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EX2492	Localising Support for Council Tax in England <i>To make a decision on the scheme to be adopted by West Berkshire Council as a replacement for Council Tax benefit</i>	EX	18/10/12 EX	Resources	Bill Blackett	Finance, Economic Development, Health & Safety, Pensions		10/10/12	Formal consultation with Taxpayers and major precepting authorities is a requirement of the legislation introducing Localisation of Council Tax support		01 October 2012
EX2500	Residential and Nursing Placement Policy <i>To seek approval of the policy post consultation.</i>	EX	18/10/12 EX	Communities	Tandra Forster	Community Care, Insurance		10/10/12	Wider consultation with stakeholders		01 October 2012
EX2515	Home Care Reablement Reconfiguration	EX	18/10/12 EX	Communities	Steve Duffin	Community Care, Insurance		10/10/12			01 October 2012

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OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 2012/13

Reference	Subject/purpose	Methodology	Expected outcome	Review Body	Dates	Lead Officer(s)/ Service Area	Portfolio Holder(s)	Status: In Progress Completed	Comments
OSMC/11/104	Anti-Child Poverty Strategy	To monitor the strategy	Monitoring item	HSP	Start: On-going End: April 2012	Julia Waldman – 2815 Children and Young People	Cllr Irene Neill	In Progress	for discussion on 19/06/12
OSMC/11/105	Dignity and Nutrition – Hospitals To review the Care Quality Commission report on Dignity and Nutrition - Hospitals	To survey and hold focus groups detailing information		HSP	Start: July 2011 End: April 2012	Nigel Owen, West Berkshire LINK, Age UK	Cllr Joe Mooney	In Progress	for discussion on 19/06/12. Mr Donald (Chief Executive of the Royal Berkshire NHS Trust)
OSMC/11/106	Update on the Health and Wellbeing Board To receive updates from the Health and Wellbeing Board	To update members on Health and Wellbeing Board	Monitoring item	HSP	Ongoing	Teresa Bell/June Graves	Cllr Joe Mooney	In Progress	for discussion on 19/06/12
OSMC/11/107	Update on the Health Service in West Berkshire	To update members on the changes to Health Service in West Berkshire	Monitoring item	HSP	Ongoing	Bev Searle - Director Joint Partnerships and Commissioning	Cllr Joe Mooney	In Progress	
OSMC/11/119	Continuing Healthcare (CHC) To examine the operation of the NHS CHC scheme in the NHS Berkshire West area	In meeting review		HSP	Start: Jan 2012 End: April 2012	Jan Evans – 2736 Adult Social Care	Councillor Joe Mooney	In Progress	
OSMC/11/125	Day Centres To examine the provision of day centres across the District.	Task group review with information supplied by, and questioning of, lead officers and external partners.		HSP	Start: TBD End: TBD	Jan Evans – 2736 Adult Social Care	Councillor Joe Mooney	To be scheduled	
OSMC/12/122	Home Care To understand and critically appraise the systems and process in place for the provision of Home Care	TBD		HSP	Start: TBD End: TBD	Jan Evans – 2736 Adult Social Care	Councillor Joe Mooney	To be scheduled	Item incorporated at OSMC meeting of 21/02/12. Scope and ToR to be provided at the meeting of 17/04/12
OSMC/12/124	The effect of health service reorganisation on local provision and private finance initiatives (PFI).			HSP	Start: TBD End: TBD				
OSMC/09/02	Performance Report for Level One Indicators To monitor quarterly the performance levels across the Council and to consider, where appropriate, any remedial action.	In meeting review with information supplied by, and questioning of, lead officers.	Monitoring item	OSMC	Start: each Q End: OSMC 01/11/11	Jason Teal – 2102 Policy & Communication	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld	In Progress	Quarterly item.
OSMC/11/103	Olympics and Diamond Jubilee Events 2012. To review and monitor events in West Berkshire	In meeting review.		OSMC	Update 1: 2/12 Update 2: 5/12	Chris Jones 2558 Culture & Youth	Carol Jackson-Doerge	In Progress	Updates following briefing in November 2011. Further update to be provided in May 2012.

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OSMC/11/120	Potholes To examine the methodology in operation for the repair of pot holes	Task group review with information supplied by, and questioning of, lead officers and external partners.		OSMC	Feb-12	Mark Edwards – 2208 Highways & Transport	Councillor David Betts	In Progress	Item to begin following the completion of Item 78, Councillors Brian Bedwell, Emma Webster, Keith Woodhams participating. First meeting held on 29/03/12.
OSMC/11/129	Housing Allocations policy To contribute to the development of a new policy	In meeting policy development supported by task group and individual Member activity.		OSMC	Feb-12	Mel Brain - 2403 Social Care Commissioning and Housing	Councillor Alan Law	In Progress	Added to work programme at the 10 January 2012 meeting, following a suggestion by Corporate Board
OSMC/12/123	Domestic Abuse To understand and critically appraise the systems and process in place for the mangement of domestic abuse in the District	TBD		OSMC	Start: TBD End: TBD	Davy Pearson, Robin Rickard (TBC)	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld	To be scheduled	Item incorporated at OSMC meeting of 21/02/12. Scope and ToR to be provided at the meeting of 17/04/12
OSMC/12/128	Youth Justice To review the outcomes being achieved following the changes made to police interventions with young people and the resultant drop in people entering the youth justice system.	In meeting review with information supplied by, and questioning of, lead officers.		OSMC	Start: Aug 2012 End: Aug 2012	Susan Powell, Robin Rickard	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld		Item raised in response to performance reported at Q2 2011/12. See agenda and minutes of 21/02/12. To be heard at OSMC in September 12
OSMC/12/130	Consultation The effectiveness of consultation undertaken by the Council	Task group review with information supplied by, and questioning of, lead officers and external partners.		OSMC	Start: TBD End: TBD	Jason Teal – 2102 Policy & Communication	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld	To be scheduled	item incorporated at OSMC meeting of 2012-04-17
OSMC/12/131	Youth Clubs			OSMC	Start: TBD End: TBD		Councillor Irene Neill	To be scheduled	item incorporated at OSMC meeting of 29/05/12. for discussion on 26/06/12
OSMC/09/57	Revenue and capital budget reports To receive the latest period revenue and capital budget reports To consider any areas of concern.	Information supplied by, and questioning of, lead officer via in meeting review	Monitoring item	RMWG	Start: 13/09/10 End: Latest report to each meeting	Andy Walker – 2433 Finance	Councillor Keith Chopping	In Progress	May lead to areas for in depth review.
OSMC/09/63	Establishment Reports To receive the latest report on the changes to the Council's establishment.	Information supplied by, and questioning of, lead officer via in meeting review	Monitoring item	RMWG	Start: 13/09/10 End: Quarters 2 & 4	Robert O'Reilly – 2358 Human Resources	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld	In Progress	May lead to areas for in depth review.

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OSMC/11/110	Energy Saving To review the Council's policies and procedures for Energy Saving.	In a meeting review the Council's procedures to Energy Saving		RMWG	Start: April 2012 End: April 2012	Adrian Slaughter	Councillor Hilary Cole	Complete	Review to be undertaken in April 2014.
OSMC/11/111	Risk Register To scrutinise individual items on the Risk Register on an annual basis.	In meeting review and scrutinise individual items on Risk Register.	Monitoring item	RMWG	Ongoing	Ian Priestley	Councillor David Betts	In Progress	Next request Sept 2012
OSMC/11/112	Medium Term Financial Strategy To review the role and format of the MTFS	In meeting review of the MTFS		RMWG	Start: Oct 2012 End: Oct 2012	Andy Walker	Councillor Keith Chopping	In Progress	Requested by RMWG on 26 July 2011
OSMC/11/113	Procedures for Blue Badge Holder To review the operation of the new procedures, criteria and rules of use for Blue Badge holders following the introduction of them in January 2012.	In meeting review.		RMWG	Start: Jan 2013 End: Jan 2013	Mark Edwards	Councillor David Betts	In Progress	Requested by RMWG on 26 July 2011
OSMC/12/121	Asset Management To understand and critically appraise the systems and process in place for the management of the Council's assets	In meeting review with information supplied by, and questioning of, lead officers.		RMWG	Start: July 2012 End: July 2012	John Ashworth	Councillor David Betts	To be scheduled	Item incorporated at OSMC meeting of 2012-02-21

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 OSMC Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
 HSP Health Scrutiny Panel
 RMWG Resource Management Working Group

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