



Hinckley & Bosworth  
Borough Council

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# **FORWARD PLAN OF EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL DECISIONS**

**APRIL 2012 TO JULY 2012**

## **HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **INFORMATION ABOUT THE FORWARD PLAN**

#### **WHAT IS THE FORWARD PLAN?**

The Forward Plan contains decisions which are due to be taken by Council, Executive or under delegated powers to individual Executive members or senior officers. Each plan covers a four month period and is updated monthly. The plan includes all decisions to be taken both “key decisions” (definition opposite) and non-key decisions.

#### **WHAT INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN THE FORWARD PLAN?**

The Forward Plan details:

- The nature of the decision to be made and whether it is a key decision (definition opposite);
- The committee or individual who will take the decision;
- The date or period when the decision is to be taken;
- The stages which will be undertaken prior to the decision, both consultation and presentation to committees;
- The documents which will be presented to the decision maker(s);
- The author of the report.

You can view copies of the current Forward Plan on our web site ([www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk](http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk)) or alternatively at:

**The Main Reception, Council Offices, Argents Mead, Hinckley**

#### **WHAT IS A KEY DECISION?**

A key decision is an Executive decision which:

- involves expenditure (of reduction of income) of over £20,000 on any particular scheme/project;
- adopts a policy or strategy (which the Executive has the power to adopt);
- involves the adoption or amendment of the Scale of Fees and Charges;
- is one that affects the whole of the Borough and is one which the residents of Hinckley & Bosworth would normally expect to be notified or consulted; or
- involves a recommendation by the Executive to a Partnership organisation which will take the ultimate decision.

Decisions by the regulatory committees (ie Planning, Regulatory, Licensing and Standards) and Personnel Committee are never key decisions.

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#### **RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECISIONS**

Part 3 of the Council’s Constitution sets out which committee/individual has responsibility for taking decisions.

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**1 APRIL 2012 TO 31 JULY 2012**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Date of decision</b>	<b>Report pathway</b>	<b>Consultation</b>	<b>Documents (report author)</b>
Green Space Delivery Plan	Business, Contract & Street Scene Services	Executive 28 Mar 2012			None. (Caroline Roffey)
Carbon Management Plan 2011-14	Environmental Health	Executive 28 Mar 2012	Scrutiny Environment Group Before 28 Mar 2012	Internal & external	None. (Rob Parkinson)
HRA Subsidy Reform	Housing	Executive 28 Mar 2012		Report to Scrutiny Scrutiny Commission	None. (Sharon Stacey)
Area of Separation	Planning	Executive 28 Mar 2012			None. (Simon Wood)
Value for money report	Business, Contract & Street Scene Services	Council 17 Apr 2012	Scrutiny Commission 1 Mar 2012		None. (Michael Brymer)
Corporate Governance Review	Corporate Services	Council 17 Apr 2012		Residents, stakeholders	None. (Louisa Horton)
New Standards Regime To seek approval of procedures and agree changes to Constitution following Localism Act	Corporate Services	Council 17 Apr 2012			None. (Louisa Horton)

Pre-determination For information following changes to requirements	Corporate Services	Council 17 Apr 2012			None. (Louisa Horton)
Single Equality Policy	Corporate Services	Council 17 Apr 2012			None. (Louisa Horton)
Homelessness mortgage prevention & empty properties grants	Housing	Council 17 Apr 2012			None. (Sharon Stacey)
HRA Business Plan	Housing	Council 17 Apr 2012	Scrutiny Commission 13 Mar 2012		None. (Sharon Stacey)
Affordable Rent	Planning	Council 17 Apr 2012	Executive 28 Mar 2012	Recommendation by Planning Committee 06/03/12 then Executive	None. (Simon Wood)
Constitution - review of Scheme of Delegation Amendments to Scheme of Delegation relating to Environmental Health items	Corporate Services	Council 15 May 2012			None. ( )
Leicestershire Waste Partnership Strategy	Business, Contract & Street Scene Services	Executive 23 May 2012			Strategy (Michael Brymer)
Waste Collection Policy	Business, Contract & Street Scene Services	Executive 23 May 2012	Executive 19 Apr 2012		None. (Michael Brymer)
Areas of special character	Planning	Executive 23 May 2012			None. (Simon Wood)

Discounted open market sale properties	Planning	Executive 23 May 2012			None. <i>(Valerie Bunting)</i>
Earl Shilton & Barwell Area Action Plan	Planning	Executive 23 May 2012		Public, Town & Parish Councils, Scrutiny working group	None. <i>(Simon Wood)</i>
Green wedge / areas of separation / countryside topic paper	Planning	Executive 23 May 2012			None. <i>(Simon Wood)</i>
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Review	Planning	Executive 23 May 2012			None. <i>(Simon Wood)</i>
Environmental Health food hygiene annual plan	Environmental Health	Council 19 Jun 2012			None. <i>(Rob Parkinson)</i>
Argents Mead	Planning	Council 19 Jun 2012			None. <i>()</i>
Leisure Centre	Cultural Services	Council 19 Jun 2012			None. <i>(Simon D Jones)</i>
Introduction of full cost recovery for licensing	Environmental Health	Executive July 2012			None. <i>()</i>

## DETAILS OF COUNCIL DECISION MAKERS

The table below details the Council's Service Areas and the Executive Member responsible for each with the Council Official responsible for service management.

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY / SERVICE AREA	EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CHIEF OFFICERS	HEAD OF SERVICE CONTACT DETAILS
<b>Strategic Leadership</b>	<b>Councillor SL Bray</b> (Leader) <b>Mr S Atkinson</b> (Chief Executive)	Tel: 01455 255606 Fax: 01455 890229 Email: <a href="mailto:steve.atkinson@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk">steve.atkinson@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk</a>
<b>Community Direction</b> (including Housing, Community Safety, Partnerships, Environmental Health, Planning & Cultural Services)	<b>Councillor D Bill</b> (Deputy Leader) (Community Safety) <b>Councillor SL Bray</b> (Leader) (Planning) <b>Councillor DS Cope</b> (Housing & Environmental Health) <b>Councillor MT Mullaney</b> (Culture, Leisure, Parks & open spaces) <b>Mr B Cullen</b> (Deputy Chief Executive, Community Direction)	Tel: 01455 255676 Fax: 01455 890229 Email: <a href="mailto:bill.cullen@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk">bill.cullen@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk</a>
<b>Corporate Direction</b> (including Corporate & Customer Resources, Scrutiny, Ethical Standards, Finance, ICT, Estates & Asset Management)	<b>Councillor KWP Lynch</b> (Finance, ICT & Asset Management) <b>Councillor Ms BM Witherford</b> (Corporate Services, Equalities) <b>Mr S Kohli</b> (Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate Direction)	Tel: 01455 255607 Fax: 01455 251172 Email: <a href="mailto:sanjiv.kohli@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk">sanjiv.kohli@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk</a>
<b>Business, contract &amp; Streetscene Services</b> (including Refuse Collection, Street Cleansing, Car Park Management, Housing repairs, Neighbourhood Wardens)	<b>Councillor SL Bray</b> (Leader) (Car Parks) <b>Councillor DS Cope</b> (Housing Repairs) <b>Councillor WJ Crooks</b> (Refuse and Recycling, Street Cleansing) <b>Councillor MT Mullaney</b> (Green Spaces, Grounds Maintenance) <b>Mr M Brymer</b> (Head of Service)	Tel: 01455 255852 Fax: 01455 234590 Email: <a href="mailto:michael.brymer@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk">michael.brymer@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk</a>
<b>Rural Issues (across all portfolios and including Village Centres)</b>	<b>Councillor WJ Crooks</b> <b>Mr B Cullen</b> (Deputy Chief Executive, Community Direction)	Tel: 01455 255676 Fax: 01455 890229 Email: <a href="mailto:bill.cullen@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk">bill.cullen@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk</a>

Further clarification and representations about any item included in the Forward Plan can be made to the appropriate Executive Member and Head of Service either using the contact details above or in writing to: Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Council Offices, Argents Mead, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1BZ. Representations should be made before noon on the working day before the date on which the decision is to be taken.

## **DECISION MAKING ARRANGEMENTS**

The views of local people are at the heart of decision making at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, because major decisions are made by Councillors who are elected every four years by local people. Councillors work with the communities that they represent to ensure that local priorities are reflected in the work that the Council does.

The Council is made up of 34 Councillors representing 16 wards. If you want to know which Councillor(s) represents your area or you would like to contact your Councillor(s) concerning an issue, you will find contact details on our website ([www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk](http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk)) or alternatively you can contact the Council on 01455 238141.

The Council is committed to the principle of open government and everyone is welcome to attend meetings (except for confidential business) and to receive details of non-confidential items. Below are further details of the Council's democratic decision making arrangements.

### **The Council**

The Council is responsible for setting the budget and the policy framework. Each year there is an Annual Meeting, which selects the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (who are the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council) and decides the membership of the Scrutiny Commission and Regulatory Committees. There are six ordinary meetings of the Council per year, which make strategic, policy and major budget decisions. This Forward Plan details decisions to be taken by the Council over the next four months.

### **Executive Functions**

Many day to day policy and operational decisions are taken by Executive, a group of seven Councillors comprising of the Leader, Deputy Leader and five Executive Members each responsible for an area of Council policy and activity. The Executive members and their responsibilities are detailed in the previous table.

### **Overview and Scrutiny Functions**

Decisions of the Executive are subject to scrutiny by the Scrutiny Commission and the Finance, Audit & Performance Committee. The Scrutiny Commission and Finance, Audit & Performance Committee also have a role in Policy development. In addition, Scrutiny Panels are established to oversee ad-hoc projects. The Scrutiny Commission publishes an Annual Report and a Work Programme; this is available on the Council's website and from the Council on request.

### **Regulatory Functions**

In addition the Council has established committees to deal with regulatory issues, these committees are Planning Committee, Licensing Committee, Regulatory Committee and the Standards Committee.

Further information about the Council's Decision Making Arrangements can be obtained from Democratic Services on 01455 255879.