

Waverley Borough Council Forward Plan of Key Decisions

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

This Forward Plan sets out those **Key Decisions** which the Executive expects to take over forthcoming months. A key decision is a decision to be taken by the Executive which (1) is likely to result in the local authority incurring expenditure or making savings of above £200,000 and/or (2) is significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards. Other decisions to be made by the Executive may also be included.

Please direct any enquiries about the Forward Plan to the Democratic Services Manager, Ben Bix, by email committees@waverley.gov.uk.

Executive Forward Plan for the period 8 April, 2024 onwards

| Title | Summary | Decision taker | Exempt? ¹ | Key | Anticipated earliest (or next) date for decision | Contact officer | Portfolio holder |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|-----|--|--|--|
| Economic Development Strategy | To approve the revised Economic Development Strategy. | Executive Council | Open | Yes | 9 Apr 2024 23 Apr 2024 | Executive Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy | Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economic Development |

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| Weydown Road Development Project | To receive recommendations. | Executive | Part exempt 3 | Yes | 9 Apr 2024 | Debbie Smith, Development Programme Manager | Portfolio Holder for Finance, Assets and Property |
| Fairground Development Project | Decision to progress to next stage of procurement for a development partner | Executive | Part exempt 3 | Yes | 23 Apr 2024 | Debbie Smith, Development Programme Manager | Portfolio Holder for Finance, Assets and Property |
| HRA Property Disposal | Request to sell property to prevent long standing ongoing neighbourhood issues | Executive Council | Part exempt 1, 2 | Yes | 9 Apr 2024 23 Apr 2024 | Hugh Wagstaff, Head of Housing Operations | Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing (Operations and Services) Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing (Operations and Services) |
| Disposal of Council owned assets - Shared Ownership Homes, Ockford Ridge. | Report to seek approval to dispose of the initial shares in two affordable shared ownership homes at Ockford Ridge, Godalming. | Executive Council | Part exempt 3 | Yes | 9 Apr 2024 23 Apr 2024 | Louisa Blundell, Housing Development Manager | Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing (Delivery) |

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| Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Bidding Cycle 2023/2024 | This report seeks to gain approval from the Executive for the allocation of Strategic CIL funding to the projects recommended for funding by the CIL Executive Working Group in relation to the Strategic CIL Bidding Cycle 2023/24. | Executive | Open | Yes | 23 Apr 2024 | Sarah Ball | Councillor Nick Palmer |
| Contract Extension: Gas and Electrical Auditors | Request to enter into an extension period of the existing planned works contract for Auditing services | Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing (Operations and Services) | Open | Yes | 25 Apr 2024 | Gareth Plunkett | Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing (Operations and Services) |
| Contract Extension: HSL Water Hygiene Contractors | Request to enter into an extension period of the existing Water Hygiene Compliance: risk assessment, monitoring, sampling, testing and remedial works contract for services by HSL. | Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing (Operations and Services) | Open | Yes | 25 Apr 2024 | Ibiyemi Akoto | Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing (Operations and Services) |

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| Community Asset Transfer Policy | To approve policies to enable the transfer of assets to Town and Parish councils. (Revised title - October 2023) | Executive | Open | Yes | 7 May 2024 | Executive Head of Assets and Property | Portfolio Holder for Finance, Assets and Property |
| Carbon Neutrality Action Plan Priority Actions | Agree to prioritise key projects identified in the Carbon Neutral Action Plan that could be completed by 2030, to use this priority list when considering projects in budget setting and reset the dates for which other key projects could be completed beyond 2030 | Executive | Open | Yes | 7 May 2024 | Delma Bryant, Sustainability Manager | Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing (Delivery), Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability |
| Grounds Maintenance contract | To consider the extension of the existing Grounds Maintenance contract or in-housing of the service. | Executive | Open | Yes | 7 May 2024 | Mark Allen, Interim Head of Environmental Services | Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability |
| Waverley LCWIP Adoption | Adoption of the Farnham and wider-Waverley LCWIPs into planning policy. | Executive | Open | Yes | 7 May 2024 | Thomas Lankester, Sustainable Transport Planning Officer | Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability |

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| Housing Services: Electrical Services Contract | Contract to deliver electrical servicing, certificates, repairs, planned upgrades and electrical heating to council homes | Executive | Part exempt 3 | Yes | 7 May 2024 | Hugh Wagstaff, Head of Housing Operations | Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing (Operations and Services) |
| Housing Services: Domestic and Heating Contract | Decision to award contract following procurement to provide gas servicing, annual certificates, repairs and replacement programme | Executive | Part exempt 3 | Yes | 7 May 2024 | Hugh Wagstaff, Head of Housing Operations | Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing (Operations and Services) |
| Farnham Leisure Centre decarbonisation | Approve the use of the grant funding from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme and contribution from the Empty Homes Grant to deliver the proposed work on Farnham Leisure Centre | Executive | Open | Yes | 7 May 2024 | Delma Bryant, Sustainability Manager | Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability |
| Central Godalming Regeneration Project | To close the project and agree new project start up, with reallocation of funds. | Executive | Open | Yes | 7 May 2024 | Debbie Smith, Development Programme Manager | Portfolio Holder for Finance, Assets and Property |

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| Customer Charter | Approval of proposed review of customer charter | Executive | Open | No | 7 May 2024 | Nicola Haymes, Executive Head of Communications & Customer Services | Portfolio Holder for Customer Services and IT |
| Swimming Pool Support Fund | To consider the recommendations | Executive | Open | No | 11 Jun 2024 | Paul Smith | Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Leisure and EDI |
| Corporate Strategy 2024- 2028 | To recommend a revised Corporate Strategy to Council. | Executive Council | Open | Yes | 11 Jun 2024 16 Jul 2024 | Executive Head of Organisational Development | Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Policy, Governance and Communications |
| Equalities, Diversity & Inclusion Policy | To approve a corporate EDI Policy | Executive | Open | Yes | 11 Jun 2024 | Executive Head of Organisational Development | Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Leisure and EDI |

The agenda for each Executive meeting will be published 5 working days before the meeting and will be available for inspection at the Council Offices and on the Council's Website (www.waverley.gov.uk). This programme gives at least 28 days' notice of Key Decisions before they are considered at a meeting of the Executive and consultation will be undertaken with relevant interested parties and stakeholders where necessary.

Note 1: Exempt information:

Whilst the majority of the Executive's business at the meetings listed in this Plan will be open to the public and press, there will inevitably be some business to be considered which contains confidential, commercially sensitive or personal information which will be discussed in exempt

session, i.e. with the press and public excluded. These may relate to key and non-key decisions. If they are not key decisions, 28 days' notice of the likely intention to consider the item in exempt needs to be given.

This is formal notice under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 that part of any of the Executive meetings listed below may be held in private because the agenda and reports or annexes for that meeting contain exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it. The exemptions and corresponding paragraphs are listed below:

Paragraph (1) - Information relating to any individual.

Paragraph (2) - Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

Paragraph (3) - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Paragraph (4) - Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office-holders under, the authority.

Paragraph (5) - Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

Paragraph (6) - Information which reveals that the authority proposes – (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.

Paragraph (7) - Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- (8) Information falling within paragraph (3) above is not exempt information by virtue of that paragraph if it is required to be registered under
 - (a) the Companies Act 1985;
 - (b) the Friendly Societies Act 1974;
 - (c) the Friendly Societies Act 1992;
 - (d) the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 1978;
 - (e) the Building Societies Act 1986; or
 - (f) the Charities Act 1993.
- (9) Information is not exempt information if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.
- (10) Information which
 - (a) falls within any of paragraphs 1 to 7 above; and
- (b) is not prevented from being exempt by virtue of paragraph 8 or 9 above, is exempt information if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Councillor Paul Follows

Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holder for Policy, Governance and Communications; Liberal Democrats Group Leader

Primary areas of responsibility: Leader of the Council. Corporate Strategy, Council Policy, Communications and Engagement, Democratic and Committee Services, Elections, Information Security, GDPR, Governance, Legal, Overview and Scrutiny Support

Additional: Member of the Joint WBC/GBC Governance Committee.

Notes: Governance, Legal and Democratic roles shared with Cllr Victoria Kiehl

Executive Working Groups: Cost of Living EWG (Chair), Governance & Constitution Review EWG (Chair)

Councillor George Murray

Portfolio Holder for Customer Services and IT

Primary areas of responsibility: Complaints, Ombudsman, Customer Services, Case Management, Digital Services, FOI, ICT and Business Systems.

Councillor Victoria Kiehl

Portfolio Holder for Organisational Development and Governance

Primary Responsibilities: Business Transformation, HR, Learning and Development, Strategy and Policy Performance, Programme Assurance, Audit and Risk Management, Emergency Planning and Business Continuity, Governance, Legal, O&S Support

Additional: Member of the Joint WBC/GBC Governance Committee

Notes: Business Transformation shared with Cllr Peter Clark. Emergency Planning, Governance, Legal, O&S Support Shared with Cllr Paul Follows

Executive Working Groups: Governance & Constitution Review EWG (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Tony Fairclough

Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Enforcement and Regulatory Services

Primary Responsibilities: Corporate Health and Safety, Environmental Health/Crime, Food Safety, Licensing, Private Sector Housing, Parking, Building Control, Events, Planning Enforcement

Councillor Kika Mirylees

Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Leisure and EDI

Primary Responsibilities: Children and Young People, Careline, Community Grants, Community Safety, Safer Waverley Partnership, Disabled Facilities Grants, Adaptations, Family Support, Health, Safeguarding, Supporting Vulnerable People, Migrants and Refugees, EDI, Museums and Culture, Leisure Centres.

Additional: Lead contact for Citizens Advice Waverley and the Police/PCC

Notes: Cranleigh LC Project sits with Cllr Liz Townsend until centre is operational.

Executive Working Groups: Cost of Living EWG (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Janet Crowe

Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing (Delivery)

Primary Responsibilities: Housing Delivery, Housing Compliance and Performance, Landlord Services

Additional: Delegated Powers for Housing Matters (see constitution)

Notes: Consultee on HRA matters

Executive Working Groups: Waverley Housing Delivery EWG (Chair), Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) EWG (Chair)

Councillor Paul Rivers

Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing (Operations and Services)

Primary Responsibilities: Housing Maintenance and Repairs, Housing Compliance and Performance. Landlord Services

Additional: Delegated Powers for Housing Matters (see constitution)

Notes: Consultee on HRA matters

Executive Working Groups: Landlord Services EWG (Co-Chair), Waverley Housing Delivery EWG (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Liz Townsend

Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economic Development

Additional: Executive member responsibility for Brightwell's

Notes: None

Executive Working Groups: N/A

Councillor Mark Merryweather

Portfolio Holder for Finance, Assets and Property

Primary Responsibilities: Finance and accounting, (General Fund / Housing Revenue Account), Internal Audit, Procurement, Revenues and Benefits, Property and Land Assets, Facilities.

Additional: None

Notes: None.

Executive Working Groups: Assets and High Street Investment EWG (Chair)

Primary Responsibilities: Planning Applications, Planning Integration and Improvement, Economic Development, Planning Policy, Design, Conservation, Regeneration, Waverley Training Services

Additional: None

Notes: Cranleigh LC Project sits with Cllr Liz Townsend until centre is operational.

Executive Working Groups: Local Plan Review EWG (Chair), Dunsfold Governance EWG (Chair)

Councillor Steve Williams

Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability

Primary Responsibilities: Carbon Neutrality Commitment, Environmental sustainability, renewable energy. Sustainable transport, waste management strategies for sustainability.

Additional: Surrey Pensions Committee (Member), Surrey Environmental Partnership (Member), Surrey Greener Futures Board (Member)

Notes: None

Executive Working Groups: Climate Change EWG (Chair), Sustainable Transport EWG (Chair), Waste Strategy EWG (Chair)