



## **THE KEY DECISION LIST**

**INCLUDING PROPOSED PRIVATE DECISIONS**

**(18 June 2018)**

## **The Key Decision List including Proposed Private Decisions**

There is a legal requirement for local authorities to publish a notice in respect of each Key Decision that it proposes to make, at least 28 days before that decision is made. There is also a similar requirement to advertise those decisions, whether they are Key Decisions or not, which it is proposed to be made in private with the public and press excluded from the meeting. This Key Decision List, including those decisions proposed to be made in private, constitute that notice. Copies of the Key Decision List are available for inspection at the Council's Civic Offices, as well as on the Council's website in the 'Your Council' section.

Any background paper listed can be obtained by contacting the relevant Officer in the first instance, or failing that the Democratic Services Officer listed below.

## **Key Decisions**

The Council's Constitution defines key decisions as:

- (i) Any decision within budget and policy that involves expenditure/savings of £250,000 or more in the current municipal year;
- (ii) Any decision not within budget and policy that involves expenditure/savings of £100,000 or more in the current municipal year;
- (iii) Any decision that raises new issues of policy;
- (iv) Any decision that increases the Council's financial commitments in future years, over and above existing budgetary approval;
- (v) Any decision that involves the publication of draft or final schemes, which may require either directly, or in relation to objections to, the approval of a Government minister;
- (vi) Any decision that involves the passage of local legislation; and
- (vii) Any decision that affects two or more wards, and has a discernible effect on the quality or quantity of services provided to people living or working in that area.

Borrowing or lending decisions undertaken under delegated authority by the Director of Resources are not defined as a key decision.

The Council has also agreed the following additional requirements in relation to key decisions:

- (a) Key decisions cannot be made by officers;
- (b) Key decisions not within budget and policy can only be made by the Council;

- (c) Key decisions within budget and policy but involving expenditure/savings in excess of £1million can only be made by the Cabinet and/or Council;
- (d) Key decisions within budget and policy but involving expenditure/savings between £250,000 and £1million can be made by the relevant Portfolio Holder;
- (e) Portfolio Holders can only make key decisions affecting their wards if the decision is based upon a recommendation by a Service Director or as one of a range of options recommended by a Service Director.

### **Private Decisions**

Any decisions that are proposed to be taken in private will be reported as such. The paragraph number quoted relates to Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and their definitions are as follows:

- (1) Information relating to any individual.
- (2) Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
- (3) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
- (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.
- (5) Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
- (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.
- (7) Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

## **Corporate Aims & Key Objectives 2018/19**

### **Stronger Communities**

- (1) People live longer, healthier and independent lives:
  - (a) supporting healthy lifestyles; and
  - (b) promoting independence for older people and people with disabilities;
- (2) Adults and Children are supported in times of need:
  - (a) safeguarding and supporting people in vulnerable situations; and
- (3) People and Communities achieve their potential:
  - (a) enabling Communities to support themselves;
  - (b) Providing culture and leisure opportunities; and
  - (c) Keeping the District safe.

### **Stronger Place**

- (1) Delivering effective core services that people want:
  - (a) Keeping the District clean and green; and
  - (b) Improving the District housing offer;
- (2) A District with planned development:
  - (a) Planning development opportunities; and
  - (b) Ensuring infrastructure supports growth; and
- (3) An environment where new and existing businesses thrive:

- (a) Supporting business enterprise and attracting investment;
- (b) People develop skills to maximise their employment potential; and
- (c) Promoting retail, tourism and the visitor economy.

#### Stronger Council

- (1) Customer satisfaction:
  - (a) Engaging with the changing needs of our customers;
- (2) Democratic engagement:
  - (a) Robust local democracy and governance;
- (3) A culture of innovation:
  - (a) Enhancing skills and flexibility of our workforce; and
  - (b) Improving performance through innovation and new technology; and
- (4) Financial independence with low Council Tax:
  - (a) Efficient use of our financial resources, buildings and assets; and
  - (b) Working with commercial partners to add value for our customers.

### **Cabinet Membership 2018/19**

Chris Whitbread	Leader of the Council
Syd Stavrou	Deputy Leader and Housing
Anne Grigg	Asset Management & Economic Development
Helen Kane	Leisure & Community Services
John Philip	Planning & Governance
Alan Lion	Technology & Support Services
Gagan Mohindra	Finance
Sam Kane	Safer, Greener & Transport
Nigel Avey	Environment

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**WORK PROGRAMME - 18 JUNE 2018 TO 18 OCTOBER 2018**
**PORTFOLIO - LEADER**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	KEY DECISION	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	PRIVATE DECISION	REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS	BACKGROUND PAPERS
Transformation Programme 2018-19	To monitor the progress of the Transformation Programme.	Yes	14 June 2018	Cabinet		David Bailey 01992 564105	
People Strategy Common Operating Model	To consider further details for the implementation of the Council's People Strategy.	Yes	14 June 2018	Cabinet		Derek Macnab 01992 564050	PID P170 - People Strategy Common Operating Model - Management Structure
Corporate Plan 2018-2023 Progress reporting & Performance Indicator Set	To consider the proposed performance indicator set for the new Corporate Plan and the proposed reporting format.	Yes	21 June 2018	Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee		David Bailey 01992 564105	
Service Accommodation Review	To consider the detailed feasibility and costings report for the preferred option, including the Customer Contact Centre..	Yes	6 September 2018  25 September 2018	Cabinet  Council	<b>YES, paragraph (3)</b>	David Bailey  01992 564105	Previous reports to Cabinet on Transformation
Corporate Enforcement Strategy	To produce a new corporate strategy.	Yes	17 July 2018	Cabinet		Robin Ray 01992 564004	

**WORK PROGRAMME - 18 JUNE 2018 TO 18 OCTOBER 2018****PORTFOLIO - PLANNING & GOVERNANCE**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>KEY DECISION</b>	<b>DATE OF DECISION</b>	<b>DECISION MAKER</b>	<b>PRIVATE DECISION</b>	<b>REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS</b>	<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>
District Electoral Review	Gain approval or an Electoral Review of the District Council.	Yes	7 March 2019	Cabinet		Simon Hill 01992 564249	



**WORK PROGRAMME - 18 JUNE 2018 TO 18 OCTOBER 2018****PORTFOLIO - FINANCE**

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Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2019/20	To review the Scheme for 2019/20:  1...Consider amendments.  2...Finalise Scheme.  3...Approve Scheme.	Yes	6 September 2018  7 February 2019  28 February 2019	Cabinet  Cabinet  Council		Janet Twinn 01992 564215	

**WORK PROGRAMME - 18 JUNE 2018 TO 18 OCTOBER 2018****PORTFOLIO - ENVIRONMENT**

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Waste Management Recycling	To consider options arising from the Chinese Government's decision to restrict imports from UK recycling processing plants.	Yes	14 June 2018	Cabinet		Qasim Durrani 01992 564055	
Employment of Consultant	Waiving of Procurement Rules to re-employ a specialist consultant for private water supply regulation.	No	27 July 2018	Environment Portfolio Holder		Qasim Durrani 01992 564055	
Waste Management Review	Review of the Waste and Recycling service and the costs of the dry recycling sacks.	Yes	11 October 2018	Cabinet		Qasim Durrani 01992 564055	
Fleet Operations	Review of fees and charging structure.	Yes	8 November 2018	Cabinet		Qasim Durrani 01992 564055	

**WORK PROGRAMME - 18 JUNE 2018 TO 18 OCTOBER 2018**
**PORTFOLIO - HOUSING**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	KEY DECISION	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	PRIVATE DECISION	REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS	BACKGROUND PAPERS
Homelessness Strategy 2018	To approve a new Homelessness Strategy.	Yes	20 July 2018	Housing Portfolio Holder		Roger Wilson 01992 564419	
Council Housebuilding Programme	To award the contracts for the Housebuilding works.	Yes	1 August 2018	Council Housebuilding Cabinet Committee		Paul Pledger 01992 564248	
Private Sector Housing	To consider the adoption of the Essex Amenity Standards for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO).	Yes	6 September 2018	Cabinet		Sally Devine 01992 564149	
Homelessness	Use of Flexible Homelessness Support Grant for 2019/20.	Yes	6 September 2018	Cabinet		Roger Wilson 01992 564419	
Fire Safety Policy - Residential Properties	Adoption of the Policy.	Yes	7 September 2018	Housing Portfolio Holder		Paul Pledger 01992 564248	
Housing Strategy 2018	To approve a new Housing Strategy Action Plan 2018/19.	Yes	11 October 2018	Cabinet		Alan Hall 01992 564004	
Review of the West Essex Tenancy Strategy and the Council's Tenancy Policy	To agree the revised West Essex Tenancy Strategy and the Council's Tenancy Policy when the Government's Statutory Guidance has been issued.	Yes	7 February 2019	Cabinet		Roger Wilson 01992 564419	
Sheltered Housing Assets	To consider the development potential of Sheltered Housing assets.	Yes	7 February 2019	Cabinet		Alan Hall 01992 564004	
Council Housebuilding Programme Annual Report	To receive the annual report on the Council Housebuilding Programme.	Yes	11 April 2019	Cabinet		Paul Pledger 01992 564248	

**WORK PROGRAMME - 18 JUNE 2018 TO 18 OCTOBER 2018****PORTFOLIO - LEISURE & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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Receipt of Petition - Future of Epping Sports Centre	To consider the petition received by the Council.	No	14 June 2018	Cabinet			

**WORK PROGRAMME - 18 JUNE 2018 TO 18 OCTOBER 2018****PORTFOLIO - SAFER, GREENER AND TRANSPORT**

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Vere Road Car Park	To create new car parking provision in the Vere Road car park.	No	14 June 2018	Cabinet		Qasim Durrani 01992 564055	
Car Parking Tariffs	To review options for the car parking tariff structure in Council car parks, especially the impact of the increase in LUL parking charges.	Yes	6 September 2018	Cabinet		Amanda Hoadley 01992 562252	
CCTV Strategy	Review of the Strategy.	Yes	11 October 2018	Cabinet		Caroline Wiggins 01992 564122	

**WORK PROGRAMME - 18 JUNE 2018 TO 18 OCTOBER 2018**

**PORTFOLIO - TECHNOLOGY & SUPPORT SERVICES**

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**WORK PROGRAMME - 18 JUNE 2018 TO 18 OCTOBER 2018****PORTFOLIO - ASSETS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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Review of Estates and Valuation	Future structure of the Council's Asset Management resources.	Yes	10 April 2018	Cabinet		Derek Macnab 01992 564050	
Epping Forest Shopping Park	Update report on progress with the project.	Yes	5 July 2018	Asset Management and Economic Development Cabinet Committee	<b>YES, paragraph (3)</b>	Derek Macnab 01992 564050	Report by Colliers International Previous reports to the Cabinet