

ROSSENDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD 1st December 2009 TO 31st March 2010

The Forward Plan sets out the details of the key decisions which the Cabinet or Officers expect to take during the next four month period and beyond where possible. The Plan is updated every month and is available to the public 14 days before the beginning of each month.

Definition of a Key Decision

1. A Key Decision means an executive decision which is likely:
 - a) to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are significant having regard to the budget for the service or function to which the decision relates, or
 - b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising of two or more Wards in the Borough.

2. For the avoidance of doubt, the Council would regard any of the following as ‘significant’:
 - Any decision by the Cabinet in the course of developing proposals to the full Council to amend the policy framework.
 - Any single item of in-budget expenditure or savings in excess of £100,000.
 - Any decision which is likely to have a permanent or long term (more than 5 years) effect on the Council and the Borough.

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Cabinet Membership

The current members of the Cabinet are:

Councillor Tony Swain	Leader of the Council
Councillor William Challinor	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration
Councillor Peter Steen	Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services
Councillor Brian Essex	Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources
Councillor Janet Graham	Portfolio Holder for Communities and Neighbourhoods
Councillor Darryl Smith	Portfolio Holder for Customer Services
Councillor Jason Gledhill	Portfolio Holder for Leisure

Council's Executive Directorate

The Council's Executive Directorate comprises of:

Chief Executive Directorate managed by Chief Executive – Helen Lockwood

- Finance and Property
- People and Policy (includes Policy & Performance, Communications, People and Organisational Development)

Place Directorate managed by Chief Executive – Helen Lockwood

- Regeneration (includes strategic housing)
- Street Scene
- Communities
- Customer Services and ICT
- Executive Office

Business Directorate managed by Director of Business – Stuart Sugarman

- Legal
- Committee and Member Services

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- Elections
- Planning
- Land Charges
- Building Control
- Environmental Health including Licensing

Anyone wishing to make representations about any of the matters listed in the Forward Plan may do so by contacting the relevant officer listed against each key decision.

Under the Access to Information Procedure rules set out in the Council's Constitution, a key decision may not be taken, unless:

- It is published in the Forward Plan
- 5 clear days have lapsed since the publication of the Forward Plan; and
- if the decision is to be taken at a meeting of the Cabinet, 5 clear days notice of the meeting has been given

The law and the Council's Constitution provide an exception that allows urgent key decisions to be made, even though they have not been included in the Forward Plan. This is provided for in Rule 15 (General Exception) and Rule 16 (Special Urgency) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

The Forward Plan also contains details of significant decisions which will be considered by the Cabinet with recommendations to Full Council.

Copies of the following documents may be inspected at the Rossendale Borough Council One Stop Shop, Town Centre Offices, Lord Street, Rawtenstall, Rossendale, Lancashire, BB4 7LZ or accessed from the Council's website www.rossendale.gov.uk

- The Council's Constitution
- The Forward Plan
- Reports on the key decisions to be taken
- The minutes or decision notice for each key decision, which will normally be published 4 working days after having been made.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Cabinet and the dates and times of the meetings are published on the Council's website www.rossendale.gov.uk/meetings or you may contact the Democratic Services Section on telephone number 01706 252422 or email democracy@rossendalebc.gov.uk for further details.

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Public Realm Integration Project	Cabinet	Environmental Services	November 2009	All Members, Officers, Staff, Unions	Meetings, bulletins	Report	Jason Foster, Operations Manager, Tel: 01706 878660, Email: jasonfoster@rossendalebc.gov.uk
Purchase, Lease, Rental of Council Land	Cabinet	Finance and Resources	November 2009	Elected Members	Report	Report	Phil Seddon, Head of Finance Tel: 01706252465 Email: philseddon@rossendalebc.gov.uk
Homelessness Options Review	The Cabinet	Regeneration	November 2009	Green Vale Homes Service Users Peer Agencies Internal Departments Elected Members External Public Bodies such as CLG	Meetings Focus Group Sessions Telephone and face-to-face interviews Documents Peer Review of Other Authorities	Report	Cathy Lord, Strategic Housing and Partnerships Manager, Tel: 01706 252406, Email: cathylord@rossendalebc.gov.uk
Corporate Planning	Full Council	Finance and Resources	December 2009	EMT, Cabinet	Report	Report	Liz Murphy, Head of People and Policy, lizmurphy@rossendalebc.gov.uk 01706 252452

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Approval of the Statement of Principles made under the Gambling Act 2005 – Strategic Report – Statement of Principles Gambling Act	Council	Communities and Neighbourhoods	December 2009	The licensing authority shall consult the chief office of Police, one or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority's area and one or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's functions under this Act (in accordance with S.349).	Letter, advertisements	Report and draft policy	The consultation period ends on 31 st October 2009. Tracy Brzozowski, Planning and Licensing Enforcement Manager, Tel: 01706 238602, Email: tracybrzozowski@rosendalegbc.gov.uk
Leisure Update Leisure	Cabinet recommendation to Full Council Council	Leisure	December 2009 February 2010	Meetings Elected Members Report	Meetings Elected Members Report	Report	Mike Riley, Head of Communities Tel: 01706 252412 Email: michaelriley@rossendalebc.gov.uk

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Rossendale Gateway Programme Confidential Item	Cabinet	Regeneration	December 2009	Meeting Elected Members Report	Meetings Elected Members Report	Report	Stuart Sugarman, Director of Business, Tel: 01706 252447 Email: stuartsugarman@rossendale.bc.gov.uk
Conservation Strategy	The Cabinet	Regeneration	January 2010	The draft Conservation Strategy will be deposited for public consultation	Consultation will be in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement	Conservation Strategy	Stephen Stray Planning Unit Manager Tel: 01706 252420 email: stephenstray@rossendalebc.gov.uk
Approval of the Pennine Lancashire Stock Condition Survey and Rossendale Stock Condition Survey	The Cabinet	Regeneration	January 2010	Executive Management Team, Scrutiny Committee PLLACE	Report	Pennine Lancashire Stock Condition Survey Rossendale Stock Condition Survey	Rebecca Lawlor Regeneration Delivery Manager Tel: 01706 252402 Email: rebeccalawlor@rossendalebc.gov.uk
Private Sector Housing Strategy	The Cabinet	Regeneration	January 2010	Service Users Private Landlords Forum Peer Agencies Internal Departments Members External Public Bodies such as CLG	Meetings Focus Group Sessions Telephone and face-to-face interviews Documents Peer Reviews of other authorities	Private Sector Housing Strategy	Rebecca Lawlor, Regeneration Delivery Manager, Tel: 01706 252402, Email: rebeccalawlor@rossendalebc.gov.uk

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Customer Access Strategy	The Cabinet	Customer Services	January 2010	Customers Stakeholders Elected Members	Consultation, Meetings, Report	Report	Andrew Buckle, Head of Customer Services, Tel: 238606, Email: andrewbuckle@rosse.ndalebc.gov.uk
Local Development Scheme	Cabinet	Regeneration	January 2010	Government Office Customers Stakeholders Elected Members	Consultation, Meetings, Report	Report	Stephen Stray Planning Unit Manager Tel: 01706252420 Email: stephenstray@rosse.ndalebc.gov.uk
Bacup Conservation Area Appraisal	Cabinet	Forward Planning	February 2010	The appraisal will lead to future consultation in respect of the review of the conservation area boundary	Consultation will be in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement and the relevant Town and Country Planning Regulations.	Report	Stephen Stray Planning Unit Manager Tel: 01706252420 Email: stephenstray@rosse.ndalebc.gov.uk
Leisure	Council	Leisure	February 2010	Meetings Elected Members Report	Meetings Elected Members Report	Report	Mike Riley, Head of Communities Tel: 01706 252412 Email: michaelriley@rosse.ndalebc.gov.uk
Decent Homes Assistance Loans	The Cabinet	Regeneration	February 2010	Finance Portfolio Holder Providers	Meetings	Report with recommendations for new scheme	Rebecca Lawlor, Regeneration Delivery Manager, Tel: 01706 252402, Email: rebeccalawlor@rosse.ndalebc.gov.uk

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Medium Term Financial Strategy	Cabinet recommendation to Full Council	Finance and Resources	February 2010	Public & local businesses	Neighbourhood Forums Local Businesses	Report	Phil Seddon, Head of Finance Tel: 01706252465 Email: philseddon@rossendalebc.gov.uk
Capital Programme	Cabinet recommendation to Full Council	Finance and Resources	February 2010	Public & local businesses	Neighbourhood Forums Local Businesses	Report	Phil Seddon, Head of Finance Tel: 01706252465 Email: philseddon@rossendalebc.gov.uk
Revenue Budget and Council Tax Setting	Cabinet recommendation to Full Council	Finance and Resources	February 2010	Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee Public Consultation	Neighbourhood Forums Lancashire Local Partners Select Local Businesses	Report	Phil Seddon, Head of Finance Tel: 01706252465 Email: philseddon@rossendalebc.gov.uk
Vacant Property Strategy	The Cabinet	February 2009	February 2010	Internal Departments Members External Public Bodies such as CLG and Elevate	Meetings Telephone and face-to-face Interviews Documents Peer review of other Local Authorities	Vacant Property Strategy	Rebecca Lawlor, Regeneration Delivery Manager, Tel: 01706 252402, Email: rebeccalawlor@rossendalebc.gov.uk
Approval of revised Contaminated Land Strategy	The Cabinet	Environmental Services	March 2010	Regeneration Dept Lancashire County Council	Postal consultation	Report with attached Strategy	Philip Mephram, Environmental Health Manager Tel: 01706 252566 Email: philipmephram@rossendalebc.gov.uk

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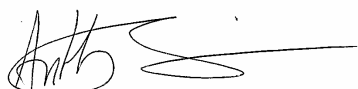
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Drinking Water Strategy	The Cabinet	Communities and Neighbourhoods	March 2010	Community and private water supply owners and consumers	Meetings and mailshot	Report with attached strategy	Philip Mepham Environmental Health Manager Tel: 01706 252566 Email: philipmepham@rosse-ndalebc.gov.uk
Re-use of Buildings in the Countryside Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	Full Council	Regeneration	March 2010	The draft SPD will be deposited for public consultation	Consultation will be in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement	Re-use of Buildings in the Countryside Interim Policy	Stephen Stray Planning Unit Manager Tel: 01706 252420 email: stephenstray@rosse-ndalebc.gov.uk
Core Strategy	Full Council	Regeneration	March 2010	The Core Strategy will be published for final comments regarding only the soundness of the document in June 2010. The Core Strategy will then be submitted to SOS for examination and approval. Cabinet Policy Overview and Scrutiny	Publication and submission stages for the Core Strategy will be in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement and the relevant Town and Country Planning Regulations.	Core Strategy DPD	Stephen Stray Planning Unit Manager Tel: 01706 252420 email: stephenstray@rosse-ndalebc.gov.uk

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Allocation of Performance Reward Grant	Cabinet recommendation to Full Council	Communities & Neighbourhoods	March 2010	LSP Executive, LSP Theme Group Members, Small sub-group of LSP Executive	Meeting Report	Report	Mike Riley Communities Manager 01706 252412 michaelriley@rossendalebc.gov.uk
Food and Health Strategy	The Cabinet	Communities and Neighbourhoods	March 2010	Rosendale Food Forum	Consultation process Meeting	Report with Action Plan	Hayley Robinson-Mitchell Environmental Health Officer Tel: 01706 252562 Email: hayleymitchell@rossendalebc.gov.uk
Annual Review of the Constitution	Annual Council/Full Council	Finance and Resources	May 2010	All Members and Senior Officers Relevant partner organisations	Documents Meetings	Report	Stuart Sugarman, Director of Business, Tel: 01706 252447 Email: stUARTSUGARMAN@ROSSENDALE.BC.GOV.UK
Approval of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) for publication	Full Council	Regeneration	June 2010	The Publication document will be deposited for public consultation	Consultation will be in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement and the relevant Town and Country Planning Regulations.	Core Strategy DPD	Stephen Stray Planning Unit Manager Tel: 01706252420 Email: stephenstray@rossendalebc.gov.uk



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