

Key decision items not included in the Forward Plan

Where a matter that is a key decision item has not been included in the Forward Plan, that decision may only be made where –

(1) the relevant Director has informed the Chairman of the relevant Policy/Overview and Scrutiny Panel or, if there is no such person, each Member of that Panel by notice in writing, of the matter about which the decision is to be made;

(2) the relevant Director has made a copy of that notice publicly available at the offices of the Council and on the Council's Website. A copy should also be sent to all councillors for information;

(3) at least five clear days have elapsed since the relevant Director complied with (1) and (2); and

(4) If (3) cannot be complied with then the decision can only be taken if the decision taker (if an individual), or the Chairman of the body making the decision, obtains the agreement of the Chairman of the relevant Policy/Overview and Scrutiny Panel that the taking of the decision is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred. If there is no Chairman of the relevant Policy/Overview and Scrutiny Panel or if the Chairman of each relevant Policy/Overview and Scrutiny Panel is unable to act, then the agreement of the Chairman of the Council, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman will suffice.

Notice of a key decision on an item not in the Forward Plan

To Councillor Charles Cave being the Chairman of the Strategic Planning & Economic Development Policy Scrutiny Panel.

A copy of this notice must be displayed at offices of the Council and published on the Council's website as soon as reasonably practicable after compliance with the above.

Take notice that it is intended to make a key decision by the Executive that has not been included in the Forward Plan. The decision will be to approve the following report: **Local Plan 2036 – key principles and timetable**

Reasons why key decision was not included in the Forward Plan:

The Joint Spatial Plan will be submitted for examination at the end of March 2018. The Local Plan 2036 will need to be progressed in parallel with the JSP examination process to demonstrate how the strategic plan will be delivered. This report is not listed on the Council's current Forward Plan. But following discussions with the Leader, it is proposed to prepare a consultation document for consideration by Executive in June 2018. It is important that Executive provide a clear steer in public on the key principles underpinning the new plan, and authorise the timetable and potential content. This will require a report to April Executive so that there is time to work through and agree the proposed content by June.

Agreement of the Chairman of the Strategic Planning & Economic Development Policy Scrutiny Panel is required in accordance with (4) above. If agreement is required the Chairman is requested to notify the Director accordingly.

I have had regard to and complied with (1) to (4) above.

If the item will also need to be considered as an urgent item, a reason for urgency will be required.

Reason for urgency (if applicable) detailed above

Signed  Director of Development and Environment

Date 6/3/18.....

Ref. – Constitution, Access to Information Procedure Rules, ss 14, 15.