

CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS 1 DECEMBER 2006 – 31 MARCH 2007

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Explanatory Note

The County Council is required to publish a Forward Plan of all key decisions to be taken in the following four months. This Plan begins on 1 December 2006 and replaces the Plan published on 17 October 2006. It will be updated monthly and will be available 14 days before the beginning of each month. Previous versions of the Plan can also be found on the Council's website www.cumbria.gov.uk/council/decisions/forwardplan

The Forward Plan shows in Section 1 details of key decisions to be taken by the Council's Executive (ie the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet), Local Committees and by Officers under their delegated powers. The membership of the Executive and the Local Committees is set out in Appendix 1 at the end of this document.

A key decision is one which is likely to be:-

- (i) Significant in terms of expenditure or savings if it relates to a matter which exceeds £250,000 in value, **except** those decisions taken by:-
 1. the Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director – Finance & Central Services under delegated authority in connection with Treasury Management;
 2. the Corporate Director – Children's Services or the Corporate Director – Adult Social Care under delegated authority in relation to care plans for individual children and young people or adults;
 3. Corporate Directors generally under delegated powers in relation to the submission of or acceptance of tenders.

OR

- (ii) Significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions if it would change, or proposes changes to, the way in which services are used or provided. Significant in this context means important or far reaching. Examples would include proposals for changing the character of a school, closing down or opening Council services, and major changes in transport arrangements affecting an area. This is not an exhaustive list, and in considering whether a decision is a 'key decision' for the purposes of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the Council seeks to apply the principle that the public in the area affected should not be taken by surprise by the proposed decision.

The Plan shows:-

- when these decisions will be made
- who will make the decision
- to whom representations can be made and how
- what arrangements are proposed to consult the public and stakeholders about the decisions
- what documents relating to those decisions will be available and when

For completeness, the Plan includes important decisions which will be taken by the full Council which are not strictly key decisions.

Once they are available copies of documents referred to in the Plan may be obtained from the Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, Carlisle (01228 606351), or by e-mail member.services@cumbriacc.gov.uk. A report to the decision maker will be available one week before the Meeting. If any documents are available before that period then that will be specified. However, in a small number of cases it may not be possible to make available certain documents as they contain confidential information.

The Plan is available free of charge on request from Susan Johnston (01228 606363). It will also be available for inspection at The Courts, Carlisle and County Offices, Kendal from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Mondays to Thursdays and 9.00 am to 4.30 pm on Fridays and on the County Council's website www.cumbria.gov.uk/council/decisions/forwardplan, as well as at all the libraries in the County.

MR T C STODDARD
Leader of the Council

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DECEMBER 2006 – MARCH 2007

Subject: Kingmoor Park.

Decision:

To confirm decisions on the sale of the two Councils' shareholdings in Kingmoor Park Properties Ltd., following notice given by the majority shareholder of his exercise of the option to buy out the two Councils.

Decisions to be taken by:

The Executive on 19 December 2006

Consultation:

With Kingmoor Park Properties Ltd.

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

Bob Mather, Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director – Finance and Central Services, The Courts, Carlisle. CA3 8NA.

Or

Member:

Tim Heslop, Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, Carlisle. CA3 8NA.

Availability of Documents:

A report will be available one week before the Cabinet Meeting referred to above, unless it contains exempt information as detailed in the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985.

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DECEMBER 2006 – MARCH 2007

Subject: Developing & Implementing a New Compact & Associated Codes of Practice

Decision: To agree to further development of the Council's Compact with the voluntary sector including five good practice codes on volunteering, consultation, black and ethnic minority community organisations, funding and community groups.

Decisions to be taken by: The Executive on 19 December 2006

Consultation:

Unions
Members of the Public
Service Users
Key Stakeholders
Partners

Representations can be made to:

Officer: Georgina Ternent, Programme Manager – Voluntary & Parish Sector, Area Support Office, Penrith Library, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 7YA
Tel: 01768 242365 E-mail: georgina.ternent@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Or

Member: Roger Bingham, Cabinet Member for Culture and Communities, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA
E-mail: roger.bingham@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Availability of Documents:

A report will be available one week before each of the Cabinet meeting referred to above.

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DECEMBER 2006 – MARCH 2007

Subject: Parish Charter

Decision:

To agree to a Charter between the county and parish councils. Within a context of this mutual understanding the Charter outlines the common approach proposed for communication and liaison, support and training, joint governance, participation and consultation, concurrent functions and devolution of services.

Decisions to be taken by: The Executive on 19 December 2006

Consultation:

Unions
Members of the Public
Service Users
Key Stakeholders
Partners
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Representations can be made to:

Officer: Georgina Ternent, Programme Manager – Voluntary & Parish Sector, Area Support Office, Penrith Library, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 7YA
Tel: 01768 242365 E-mail: georgina.ternent@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Or

Member: Roger Bingham, Cabinet Member for Culture and Communities, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA
E-mail: roger.bingham@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Availability of Documents:

A report will be available one week before each of the Cabinet meeting referred to above.

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DECEMBER 2006 – MARCH 2007

Subject: School Admission Issues

Decision: To determine the proposed 2008/2009 co-ordinated admissions scheme for primary schools.

Decisions to be taken by: The Executive on 19 December 2006.

Consultation: With all Cumbrian voluntary aided and foundation primary schools, the Diocesan Authorities, Cumbria's School Admissions Forum and neighbouring LAs.

Representations can be made to:

Officer: Marion Shiels, Assistant Education Officer – School Places, School Places Team, Children's Services Directorate, 5 Portland Square, CARLISLE CA1 1PU

Or

Member: Philip Chappelhow, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, English Street, CARLISLE CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents: A report will be prepared for the Executive and will be available from the School Places Team of the Children's Services Directorate at the above address 10 days before the decisions referred to are taken.

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DECEMBER 2006 – MARCH 2007

Subject: Climate Change Strategy

Decision: To note the progress being made in developing a Cumbrian climate change strategy and joint action plan to be implemented by the council and partner organisations.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 19 December 2006

Consultation:

Consultation is taking place with a range of partner organisations in Cumbria on the need for, the shape and content of a suitable strategy.

Representations can be made to:

Officer: Alex. McKenzie, Sustainability Manager, The Courts, Carlisle CA3 8NA
Tel: 01228 601057
Email: alex.mckenzie@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Or

Member: Ian Stewart, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Planning and Property, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, Carlisle CA3 8NA
Email: ian.stewart@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Availability of Documents:

North West Climate Change Charter
<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/sustainability/news/localnews.asp>
A report will be available one week before Cabinet meeting referred to above.

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DECEMBER 2006 – MARCH 2007

Subject: Transport Capital Programme 2007/08

Decision: To approve allocations / schemes set out within the Appendices of the report

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 19 December 2006

Consultation: Consultation with Cumbria Highways partners and Cabinet Members

Representations can be made to:

Officer: Clive Pickering, Corporate Director - Client Services
Barras Lane
Dalston
CA5 7NY

And

Ralph Howard, Corporate Director – Economy, Culture and Environment
Lonsdale Building
The Courts
Carlisle CA3 8NA

Member: Jack Richardson
Cabinet Member for Client Services
C/o Head of Member Services Unit
The Courts
Carlisle
CA3 8NA

Or

Ian Stewart
Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Planning and Property
C/o Head of Member Services Unit
The Courts
Carlisle
CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents: A report will be available one week before the Cabinet meeting referred to above.

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DECEMBER 2006 – MARCH 2007

Subject: The Capital Programme 2007/8 and the Capital Plan 2008/9 – 2010/11.

Decision: To consider a draft of the revised Capital Programme and Capital Plan.

Decisions to be taken by: The Executive on 19 December 2006 or in January 2007.

Consultation: N/A.

Representations can be made to:

Officer: Colin Jefferson, Acting Head of Property and Transport Services, 18-19 Portland Square, Carlisle.

Or

Member: Ian Stewart, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Planning and Property, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, Carlisle. CA3 8NA.

Availability of Documents:

A report will be available one week before the Cabinet Meeting(s) referred to above.

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DECEMBER 2006 – MARCH 2007

Subject: Future service provisions of Client Services' Premises Unit post March 2007

Decision:

To consider options for sustainable service provisions post March 2007

Decisions to be taken by: The Executive on 19 December 2006

Consultation:

The options will be based on outcomes from work of a focus group comprising representatives from Children's Services, Adult Social Care, Schools' Forum, Trades Unions (GMB and Unison), Finance and Premises Unit. Their work programme involved questionnaire responses from Cumbrian schools, Premises Unit' employees and 16 other local authorities.

Representations can be made to:

Officer: Clive Pickering – Director of Client Services Barras Lane Dalston Carlisle Cumbria CA5 7NY Email clive.pickering@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Or

Member: Jack Richardson, Cabinet Member for Client Services,
c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, English Street, Carlisle
CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents:

A report will be available one week before the Cabinet meeting referred to above unless it contains exempt information as detailed in the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

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DECEMBER 2006 - MARCH 2007

Subject: Council Plan and Budget for 2007/08 & beyond

Decision: To recommend final drafts of the Council Plan and Budget for the coming year to Council on 15th February 2007, which set out the strategic priorities and targets for the organisation, and the resources to deliver it.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 30th January 2007 (and then Council)

Consultation: Will incorporate feedback on consultation drafts from members of Scrutiny, key stakeholders and the public.

Representations: Representations may be made in writing at least two weeks before the date of the meeting to:

Anthony Gardner, Corporate Director – Strategy & Performance
The Courts
Carlisle CA3 8NA

Or

Joan Stocker
Deputy Leader and Chair of Corporate Planning Cabinet Working Group
C/o Head of Member Services Unit
The Courts
Carlisle CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents: A Report will be available one week before the meeting of Cabinet referred to above.

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DECEMBER 2006 – MARCH 2007

Subject: School Admission Issues

Decision: To determine the proposed 2008/2009 co-ordinated admissions scheme for secondary schools.

Decisions to be taken by: The Executive on 30 January 2007.

Consultation: With all Cumbrian voluntary aided and foundation secondary schools, the Diocesan Authorities, Cumbria's School Admissions Forum and neighbouring LAs.

Representations can be made to:

Officer: Marion Shiels, Assistant Education Officer – School Places, School Places Team, Children's Services Directorate, 5 Portland Square, CARLISLE CA1 1PU

Or

Member: Philip Chappelhow, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, c/o Head of Member Services Unit, The Courts, English Street, CARLISLE CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents: A report will be prepared for the Executive and will be available from the School Places Team of the Children's Services Directorate at the above address 10 days before the decisions referred to are taken.

SECTION 2

Item	Brief Description	Date to Cabinet	(1) Relevant Cabinet Portfolio (2) Relevant Corporate Director (3) Relevant Scrutiny Committee/Panel
1. West Cumbria Spatial Masterplan	To consider the West Cumbria Spatial Masterplan	19 December 2006	Economy and Regeneration Economy, Culture and Environment Economy and Culture Scrutiny Panel

*A Report will be available one week before the Cabinet meeting referred to above.

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APPENDIX 1

1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive is

Mr T C Stoddard (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Policy and Performance Management)

Mrs J E Stocker (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Corporate Planning, Financial Control and Efficiency Programme)

Mr R K Bingham (Cabinet Member for Culture and Communities)

Mr P G Chappelhow (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People)

Mr T Heslop (Cabinet Member for the Economy and Regeneration)

Mr T G Hodgson (Cabinet Member for Safe and Secure Communities)

Mrs E A Mallinson (Cabinet Member for Organisational Development)

Mr O H Pearson (Cabinet Member for Healthy Communities and Older People)

Mr I Stewart (Cabinet Member for the Environment, Transport, Planning and Property)

Mr J R Richardson (Cabinet Member for Client Services)

2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEES

County Council Local Committee for Allerdale (16)

Chair: Mr A J Markley

Vice-Chair: Mr G Humes

Labour Members (8)

Mr A L Barry
Mr W Cameron
Mrs B A Cannon
Mr A Clark
Mr J Crouch
Mr G Humes
Mr K A Little
1 vacancy

Independent Member (1)

Mr T M Fee

Conservative Members (5)

Mr J Buchanan
Mr D S Fairbairn
Mr T Heslop
Mr A J Markley
Mr E W Nicholson

Liberal Democrat Member (2)

Miss E D Barraclough
Mr A Caine

County Council Local Committee for Barrow (12)

Chair: Mr A D Nicholson

Vice-Chair: Mr K R Hamilton

Labour Members (11)

Mrs A Burns
Mr J H Garnett
Mr K R Hamilton
Mr C Kitchen
Ms J A Murphy
Mr J D Murphy
Mr A D Nicholson
Mr P Phizacklea
Mr N M Shaw
Mr W Smith
Mr E R Wilson

Conservative Members (1)

Mr J R Richardson

County Council Local Committee for Carlisle (17)

Chair: Mr C F Weber

Vice-Chair: Ms H M Horne

Labour Members (9)

Mr J Bell
Ms H M Bradley
Mrs A Glendinning
Ms H M Horne
Mr H F McDevitt
Mr M L Richardson
Mr R Watson
Mr C F Weber
Mr S F Young

Conservative Members (7)

Mr J R Collier
Mr P C W Howard
Mrs E A Mallinson
Mr J Mallinson
Mr G R Prest
Mr J R D Robinson
Mr A Toole

Liberal Democrat Members (1)

Mr T G Hodgson

County Council Local Committee for Copeland (12)

Chair: Mr R Calvin

Vice-Chair: Mr T J Knowles

Labour Members (9)

Mrs J Andersen
Mr R Calvin
Mr B W Kirk
Mr T J Knowles
Mr S A J Leyton
Mr J B McAllister
Mr A C Ross
Mr D E Southward
Mr J Woolley

Conservative Members (3)

Mrs S E Brown
Mr N Clarkson
Mr R S Cole

County Council Local Committee for Eden (9)

Chair: Mr G B Strong

Vice-Chair: Mr R A Bird

Liberal Democrat Member (1)

Mr M Ash

Independent Member (1)

Mr C Nineham

Conservative Members (7)

Mr R A Bird
Mr P G Chappelhow
Mrs I Henderson
Mr A P Richardson
Mr T C Stoddard
Mr G B Strong
Mrs M M Warburton

County Council Local Committee for South Lakeland (18)

Chair: Mr G D Cook

Vice-Chair: Mr E L G Walsh

Labour Members (2)

Mr D T Clarke
Mrs W A Kolbe

Liberal Democrat Members (7)

Mr T Clare
Mr S B Collins
Mr G D Cook
Mr J C Hemingway
Mr L Lishman
Mr I Stewart
Mrs J E Stocker

Conservative Members (9)

Mr B Barton
Mr R K Bingham
Mr J Bland
Mr A D Bobbett
Mrs P M Halfpenny
Mr J Nicholson
Mr O H Pearson
Mr E L G Walsh
Mr W J Wearing