



CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS 1 NOVEMBER 2009 – 28 FEBRUARY 2010

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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 November 2009 and replaces the Plan published on 18 September 2009. 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 <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/council-democracy/councillors-democracy-elections/decisions/forwardplan/ForwardPlan2009.asp>

The Forward Plan shows 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 Corporate Director - Resources under delegated authority in connection with Treasury Management;
 2. the Corporate Director – Children's Services or the Corporate Director – Adult and Cultural Services 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 and Scrutiny, The Courts, Carlisle (01228 226351), 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 226363). 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 <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/council-democracy/councillors-democracy-elections/decisions/forwardplan/ForwardPlan2009.asp> , as well as at all the libraries in the County.

MR J BUCHANAN
Leader of the Council

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NOVEMBER 2009-FEBRUARY 2010

Subject: *Equality for All* - Cumbria County Council's Single Equality Scheme.

Decisions:

To agree *Equality for All* as the Council's Equality Scheme for 2009-12. To agree to receive annual feedback on progress against actions outlined in the Scheme.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 3 November 2009

Consultation:

Consultation was undertaken which satisfied the requirements laid out in the Council's legal duties to promote equality. Specific consultation was carried out with:

- Community organizations
- Staff in the County Council and PCT
- Partner organizations
- Trade Unions

Representations can be made to:-

Officer

Joel Rasbash, Equality and Cohesion Manager, The Courts, Carlisle

Or

Member

Elizabeth Mallinson, Cabinet Member – Organisational Development, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA.

Availability of Documents:

Equality for All will be published on the Council's website. A report will be available one week before the Cabinet meeting referred to above.

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NOVEMBER 2009-FEBRUARY 2010

Subject: Better Places for Work – Whitehaven Offices Business Case

Decision:

To note the business case for the Better Places for Work Whitehaven Pilot project and to endorse the provision of Better Places for Work in Whitehaven and authorise the Corporate Director of Resources to progress the Whitehaven Pilot Project, including the creation of a Local Link at the Copeland Centre in conjunction with Copeland Borough Council and the acquisition of a lease of offices at the Copeland Centre and Blencathra House, based on the terms and conditions outlined in the Part 2 Heads of Terms document.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 3 November 2009

Consultation:

Staff consultation has already started.

Representations:

Representations can be made to:-

Officer:

Sean C Reed, Head of Property & Asset Management, 18-19 Portland Square,
Carlisle

or

Member:

Stewart Young, Deputy Leader and Resources Portfolio Holder, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, English Street, Carlisle

Availability of Documents:

A report will be prepared for Cabinet and will be available from the above address 7 days before the decisions referred to are taken unless it contains exempt information as detailed in the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

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NOVEMBER 2009-FEBRUARY 2010

Subject: Strategic Facilities at Trinity School, Carlisle

Decisions:

To agree to implement the formal proposal to provide strategic provision for children with hearing impairments at Trinity School Carlisle.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 3 November 2009

Consultation:

Consultation was undertaken which satisfied the requirements for statutory proposals for school organisation change and involved all relevant parties. The legal notice was published on 11 September 2009.

Representations can be made to:-

Officer:

Brenda Wile, Head of Service - Building Schools for the Future, 5 Portland Square, Carlisle

or

Member:

Duncan Fairbairn, Cabinet Member - Children's Services, c/o Head of Member Services, The Courts, English Street, Carlisle, CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents:

A report will be prepared for Cabinet and will be available from Brenda Wile at the above address 7 days before the decisions referred to are taken.

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NOVEMBER 2009-FEBRUARY 2010

Subject: Awarding the contract to deliver the Connexions Specification 2010 - 2012

Decision:

To formally approve the recommendation made by the Cumbria Youth Support Services Evaluation Panel on which organisation should be awarded the contract for the Connexions Specification 2010-2012.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 3 November 2009

Consultation:

With

- Young People
- Schools
- Health
- County Councilors
- Statutory and non-statutory service providers

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

Kevin Jones, Head of Service – Prevention and Partnership, Children’s Services, 5 Portland Square, Carlisle, CA1 1PU

or

Member:

Duncan Fairbairn, Cabinet Member – Children’s Services, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, English Street, Carlisle, CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents:

A report will be prepared for Cabinet and will be available 7 days before the decisions referred to are taken unless it contains exempt information as detailed in the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

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NOVEMBER 2009-FEBRUARY 2010

Subject: Derwent Forest

Decision:

To formally approve

- the unconditional marketing of the Derwent Forest site and
- the disposal of the site through a non-OJEU procedure.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 3 November, 2009

Consultation:

With

- Allerdale Borough Council
- Parish Councils
- County Councillors

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

Marie Fallon, Corporate Director - Environment, The Lonsdale Building, The Courts, English Street, Carlisle, CA3 8NA

or

Member:

Tony Markley, Cabinet Member - Economy and Highways c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, English Street, Carlisle, CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents:

A report will be prepared for Cabinet and will be available 7 days before the decisions referred to are taken unless it contains exempt information as detailed in the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985. .

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NOVEMBER 2009-FEBRUARY 2010

Subject: Highways Capital – Annual Package of Measures 2010/11

Decision:

To approve a provisional programme of APM schemes to be carried out in 2010/11 and enable initial design and development work to be started as soon as possible.

Decisions to be taken by: Local Committee for Allerdale on 26 November 2009

Consultation:

Much of the consultation work has already been undertaken as part of the development of Community Travel Plans i.e. each Community has an input into Community Travel Plans and has the opportunity to influence priorities.

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

Andrew Butler Area Engineer (Allerdale), Highways Depot, Joseph Noble Road, Lillyhall Industrial Estate, Workington. CA14 4JH

or

Member:

Mr G Humes, Chair, Local Committee for Allerdale, c/o Allerdale Area Support Office, Library Buildings, Vulcan's Lane. Workington. CA14 2ND.

Availability of Documents:

A report will be available one week before the Local Committee meeting referred to above.

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NOVEMBER 2009-FEBRUARY 2010

Subject: Highways Capital – Annual Package of Measures 2011/12

Decision:

To approve a provisional programme of APM schemes to be carried out in 2011/12 and enable initial design, development work and programming to be started during the 2010/11 year.

Decisions to be taken by: Local Committee for Allerdale on 26 November 2009

Consultation:

Much of the consultation work has already been undertaken as part of the development of Community Travel Plans i.e. each Community has an input into Community Travel Plans and has the opportunity to influence priorities.

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

Andrew Butler Area Engineer (Allerdale), Highways Depot, Joseph Noble Road, Lillyhall Industrial Estate, Workington. CA14 4JH.

or

Member:

Mr G Humes, Chair, Local Committee for Allerdale, c/o Allerdale Area Support Office, Library Buildings, Vulcan's Lane, Workington. CA14 2ND

Availability of Documents:

A report will be available one week before the Local Committee meeting referred to above.

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NOVEMBER 2009-FEBRUARY 2010

Subject: Highways Capital – Non-Principal Road Network Programme 2011/12

Decision:

To approve a provisional programme of NPRN schemes (Surface Dressing, Resurfacing, Reconstruction, and Patching etc) to be carried out in 2011/12 to enable initial development, design and programming to be carried out in 2010/11.

Decisions to be taken by: Local Committee for Allerdale on 26 November 2009

Consultation:

A provisional programme has been developed in consultation with local people.

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

Andrew Butler Area Engineer (Allerdale), Highways Depot, Joseph Noble Road, Lillyhall Industrial Estate, Workington. CA14 4JH.

or

Member:

Mr G Humes, Chair, Local Committee for Allerdale, c/o Allerdale Area Support Office, Library Buildings, Vulcan's Lane, Workington. CA14 2ND

Availability of Documents:

A report will be available one week before the Local Committee meeting referred to above.

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NOVEMBER 2009-FEBRUARY 2010

Subject: School Admission Issues

Decision:

To determine the proposed 2011/2012 co-ordinated admissions schemes for primary and secondary schools and academies and approve amendments to the 2010/2011 schemes for the inclusion of in year applications.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 8 December 2009

Consultation:

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

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

David Johnston, Acting County Manager, Admissions and Student Support, Children's Services Directorate, 5 Portland Square, CARLISLE CA1 1PU

or

Member:

Duncan Fairbairn, Cabinet Member - Children's Services, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, English Street, CARLISLE CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents:

A report will be prepared for the Executive and will be available from the Admissions and Student Support Team of the Children's Services Directorate at the above address 10 days before the decisions referred to are taken.

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NOVEMBER 2009-FEBRUARY 2010

Subject: Building Schools for the Future (BSF) – Readiness to Deliver

Decisions:

To approve the Authority's 'Readiness to Deliver' for submission to Partnership for Schools.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 5 January 2009

Consultation:

Consultation was undertaken which satisfied the requirements for the DCSF and involved all relevant parties.

Representations can be made to:-

Officer:

Brenda Wile, Head of Service - Building Schools for the Future, 5 Portland Square, Carlisle

or

Member:

Duncan Fairbairn, Cabinet Member - Children's Services, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, English Street, Carlisle, CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents:

A report will be prepared for Cabinet and will be available from Brenda Wile at the above address 7 days before the decisions referred to are taken.

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NOVEMBER 2009-FEBRUARY 2010

Subject: Budget 2010/11

Decision:

- (1) To propose a draft budget for 2010/11 and beyond for formal consultation
- (2) To propose a draft budget for 2010/11 and beyond for February County Council;

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 8 December 2009 for (1) above and on 5 January 2010 for (2) above.

Consultation: Consultation on budget proposals underway through Directorates and November Scrutiny meetings; wider public consultation Simalto exercise

Representations can be made to: Kate McLaughlin-Flynn, Chief Finance Officer, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA

or

Member: Stuart Young, Deputy Leader, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents: A report will be prepared for the Executive and will be available from Finance, Resources Directorate at the above address 10 days before the decisions referred to are taken.

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1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive is

Mr J Buchanan

Leader of the Council and Leader of the Conservative Group

Mr S F Young

Deputy Leader of the Council and Leader of the Labour Group (and Resources Portfolio Holder)

Mrs A Burns, Cabinet Member - Children's Social Care

Mr D S Fairbairn, Cabinet Member - Children's Services

Mr T J Knowles, Cabinet Member - Transport and Environment

Mrs E A Mallinson, Cabinet Member - Organisational Development

Mr A J Markley, Cabinet Member - Economy and Highways

Mr E Martin, Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care

Mr O H Pearson, Cabinet Member - Communities

Mr G B Strong, Cabinet Member - Safer and Stronger

2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEES**County Council Local Committee for Allerdale (16)**

Chair: Mr G Humes

Vice-Chair: Mr E W Nicholson

Labour Members (7)

Mr A L Barry

Mr W Cameron

Mrs B A Cannon

Mr J Holliday

Mr G Humes

Mr K A Little

Ms M Rae

Conservative Members (7)

Mr J Buchanan

Mr J Cowell

Mr D S Fairbairn

Mr A Kennon

Mr A J Markley

Mr E Martin

Mr E W Nicholson

Independent Member (1)

Mr T M Fee

Liberal Democrat Member (1)

Miss E D Barraclough

County Council Local Committee for Barrow (12)

Chair: Mr R Guselli

Vice-Chair: Mr D Marcus

Labour Members (3)

Mrs A Burns

Mr K R Hamilton

Mr M H Worth

Socialist Peoples Party (1)

Mr J Hamezeian

Independent Members (2)

Ms L V Hammond

Mr O H Pearson

Conservative Members (6)

Mr B Bleasdale

Mr R Guselli

Ms J Heath

Mrs T Macur

Mr D Marcus

Mr D Roberts

County Council Local Committee for Carlisle (17)

Chair: Mr J Mallinson

Vice-Chair: Mr T Allison

Labour Members (7)

Mr J Bell

Mrs H M Bradley

Mr H F McDevitt

Mr I Stockdale

Mr R Watson

Mr C F Weber

Mr S F Young

Conservative Members (7)

Mr L N Fisher

Ms AJB Long

Mrs E A Mallinson

Mr J Mallinson

Mr N H Marriner

Ms F J Robson

Mr A Toole

Liberal Democrat Members (2)

Mr T Allison

Mr J S Tootle

Independent Members (1)

Mr R W Betton

County Council Local Committee for Copeland (12)

Chair: Mr F I Morgan

Vice-Chair: Ms W Skillicorn

Labour Members (7)

Mr M Hawkins
Mr T J Knowles
Mr F I Morgan
Mr A C Ross
Ms W Skillicorn
Mr D E Southward
Mr J Woolley

Conservative Members (5)

Mrs S E Brown
Mr N Clarkson
Mr R S Cole
Mr G R P M Roberts
Mr A W Wonnacott

County Council Local Committee for Eden (9)

Chair: Mr A P Richardson

Vice-Chair: Miss H J Fearon

Liberal Democrat Members (2)

Mrs P A Bell
Mr P Thornton

Independent Member (1)

Ms M Robinson

Conservative Members (6)

Ms H F Carrick
Miss H J Fearon
Mr T S A Lowther
Mr A P Richardson
Mr M Stephenson
Mr G B Strong

County Council Local Committee for South Lakeland (18)

Chair: Mr G D Cook

Vice-Chair: Mrs C Feeney-Johnson

Conservative Members (7)

Mr J Airey
Mr R K Bingham
Mr J Bland
Mr P Hornby
Mr K J Lancaster
Mrs C Salisbury
Mr W J Wearing

Liberal Democrat Members (11)

Mr T Clare
Mr S B Collins
Mr G D Cook
Mr D H Earnshaw
Ms C Feeney-Johnson
Ms B C Gray
Mr B Jameson
Ms J Stephenson
Mr I Stewart
Ms J Willis
Mr R Wilson