



CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS 1 DECEMBER 2009–31 MARCH 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 December 2009 and replaces the Plan published on 16 October 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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DECEMBER 2009-MARCH 2010

Subject: Draft Revenue and Capital 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 18 February County Council;

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 8 December 2009 for (1) above and on 2 February 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:

Officer:

Kate McLaughlin-Flynn, Chief Finance Officer, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA

or

Member:

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

Availability of Documents:

Reports 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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DECEMBER 2009–MARCH 2010

Subject: Draft Council Plan 2010/13

Decision:

- (1) To propose the draft Council Plan for 2010/13 for formal consultation.
- (2) To propose a draft Council Plan for 2010/13 for 18 February County Council.

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

Consultation:

Consultation is ongoing.

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

Dawn Roberts, Assistant Director – Policy and Performance, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA

or

Member:

Jim Buchanan, Leader of the Council, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents:

Reports will be prepared for the Executive and will be available one week before the decisions referred to are taken.

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DECEMBER 2009-MARCH 2010

Subject: Review of Electoral Arrangements for Cumbria

Decision:

The Electoral Commission for England be invited to undertake a review of electoral arrangements for the County of Cumbria with a view to ensuring that the number of electors represented by each county councillor is as nearly as possible the same, having regard to local circumstances.

The Electoral Commission also be asked to take into account in conducting the review the desirability of reducing the number of electoral divisions for the county in the interests of good and efficient governance.

The Electoral Commission be asked to undertake the review in time for any new arrangements to be put into effect for the next quadrennial elections in 2013.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 8 December 2009

Consultation:

Consultation will take place as part of the review.

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

David Claxton, Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA

or

Member:

Jim Buchanan, Leader of the Council, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents:

A report will be available five working days before the Cabinet meeting referred to above.

FORWARD PLAN

DECEMBER 2009-MARCH 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 8 December 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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DECEMBER 2009–MARCH 2010

Subject: Primary Pupil Places in North Carlisle

Decisions:

To decide whether/and to what extent additional school place provision should be extended in North Carlisle and to determine the future of Belah School buildings.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 8 December 2009

Consultation:

The issue was discussed at Carlisle Local Area Committee on 14 September and 4 November 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 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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DECEMBER 2009–MARCH 2010

Subject: Cumbria County Council Learning Strategy

Decisions:

To support and endorse the strategy in order to progress the transformation of learning in Cumbria's schools.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 8 December 2009

Consultation:

All relevant partners.

Representations:

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.

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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DECEMBER 2009–MARCH 2010

Subject: A Transport Framework for a Sustainable Lake District

Decision:

It is recommended that Cabinet endorse:-:
The draft Transport Framework for a Sustainable Lake District
The principle of the Framework forming a basis for a specific joint Action Plan

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 8 December, 2009

Consultation:

The Framework has been developed through the Transport Partnership for the Lake District including officers and members of the Council and the National Park Authority

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

Rob Terwey, Head of Transport, Environment Directorate, The Courts, Carlisle.
E-mail: rob.terwey@cumbriacc.gov.uk

or

Member:

Tim Knowles, Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, 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 2009–MARCH 2010

Subject: Made in Cumbria

Decision:

To approve the transfer of the operation of Made in Cumbria programme to Cumbria Chamber of Commerce.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 8 December 2009

Consultation:

Ongoing.

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

Allan Haile, Head of Economic Development, Environment Directorate, Lonsdale Building, The Courts, Carlisle, CA1 1PU.

or

Member:

Tony Markley, Cabinet Member – Economy and Highways, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, 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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DECEMBER 2009–MARCH 2010

Subject: Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Scheme Annual Monitoring Report

Decision:

To approve the report for submission to Government Office North West.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 8 December 2009

Consultation: N/A

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

Richard Evans, Principal Planning Officer, County Offices, Kendal, (Tel: 01539 713425) or e-mail richard.evans@cumbriacc.gov.uk

or

Member:

Tim Knowles Cabinet Member - Transport and the Environment, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, 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 2009–MARCH 2010

Subject: Treasury Management

Decision:

To recommend a draft Treasury Management Strategy for 2010/11.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 5 January 2010

Consultation:

Treasury Management forms part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy. Wider consultation arrangements on the financial strategy and budget are set out in the Forward Plan

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

Kate McLaughlin-Flynn, Chief Finance Officer, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA

or

Member:

Stewart 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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DECEMBER 2009–MARCH 2010

Subject: Risk Management

Decision:

To recommend a Risk Management Strategy for 2010/11 following a refresh of the corporate risks

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 5 January 2010.

Consultation:

The refresh of corporate risks is based on those risks identified by Directorates as part of their Strategic Planning and top down analysis of the risks facing the Council. The consultation arrangements for the Council Plan and Budget are relevant, with consultation underway through Scrutiny and wider channels

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

Kate McLaughlin-Flynn, Chief Finance Officer, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA

or

Member:

Stewart 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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DECEMBER 2009–MARCH 2010

Subject: Single Funding Formula for Early Years Funded Places for 3 and 4 Year Olds

Decision:

To formally agree a new single funding formula for early years funded places for 3 and 4 year olds to be implemented with effect from 1 April 2010.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 5 January 2010

Consultation:

With maintained schools, private, voluntary and independent childcare providers and all other relevant parties.

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.

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DECEMBER 2009–MARCH 2010

Subject: Transfer of responsibilities to the Local Authority from the LSC for the Strategic Planning, Performance and Funding of 16-19 year old learners in Cumbria

Decision:

To approve the County Council's plans for taking up the responsibilities for 16-19 commissioning within a sub-regional group.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 5 January 2010

Consultation:

Consultation with Members of the County and Area 14-19 Strategic Partnerships is ongoing

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

John Swainston, Head of Service – Schools and Learning (Projects), 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, 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.

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DECEMBER 2009–MARCH 2010

Subject: Richard Rose Morton Academy

Decision:

Cabinet is asked to endorse the proposal to submit the Final Business Case for approval by Partnership for Schools.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 5 January 2010

Consultation:

- Public consultation has taken place for the development of the Richard Rose Morton Academy as part of school reorganisation and school closure policies.
- Stakeholder consultation through Area School Organisation Group.

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

Dominic Donnini, Academies Programme Director, Children's Services Directorate, 5 Portland Square, Carlisle.

or

Member:

Duncan Fairbairn, Cabinet Member – Children's Services/Stewart Young, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member – Resources, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, 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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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 2 March 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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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