

The Council's Forward Plan

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

Forward Plan

APRIL 2010 - JULY 2010

The Forward Plan contains a forecast of Executive Decisions to be taken over a 4-month period.

Decisions in this plan may be taken by:

- **Council**
- **Cabinet**
- **Councillor Samuels** – Leader of the Council
- **Councillor White** – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health
- **Councillor Holmes** – Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning
- **Councillor Walker** – Cabinet Member for Safeguarding Children and Youth Services
- **Councillor Smith** – Cabinet Member for Economic Development
- **Councillor Dean** – Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport
- **Councillor Phil Williams** – Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services
- **Councillor Hannides** – Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage
- **Councillor Moulton** – Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning
- **Officer** [see plan for name]

APRIL - JULY 2010

| Report | Decision Expected | Portfolio |
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| Newtown Adventure Playground: Approval to Spend on Rebuilding Project | 19 April 2010 | Children's Services and Learning Portfolio |
| Approval of First Year Review of the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012 | 7 June 2010 | Children's Services and Learning Portfolio |
| Primary Review Phase 2: Pre-Statutory Consultation | 7 June 2010 | Children's Services and Learning Portfolio |
| Housing Strategy - Housing for People with Learning Disabilities (2010-2015) | 19 April 2010 | Housing and Local Services Portfolio |
| Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme - Various Scheme Approvals Phase 1 2010/11 | 19 April 2010 | Housing and Local Services Portfolio |
| Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2010/11 | 21 June 2010 | Housing and Local Services Portfolio |
| Estate Regeneration Programme | 15 April 2010 | Resources and Workforce Planning Portfolio |
| Response to the "Buy Out" Offer for Reform of Council Housing Finance | 15 April 2010 | Resources and Workforce Planning Portfolio |
| Revenue and Changes to existing Revenue and Capital Budgets | 19 April 2010 | Resources and Workforce Planning Portfolio |
| Acceptance of Additional Government Funding for Targeted Mental Health in Schools Programme | 19 April 2010 | Safeguarding Children and Youth Services Portfolio |

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION IN THIS PERIOD**

CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LEARNING PORTFOLIO

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| Title | Newtown Adventure Playground: Approval to Spend on Rebuilding Project |
| Details | To consider the report of the Head of Infrastructure and Capital Projects seeking approval for expenditure of £422,899 on the rebuilding of Newtown Adventure Playground (Northumberland Road) to be funded from Extended Schools £372,899 and Modernisation £50,000. Newtown Adventure Playground comprises of a small area of open land with play equipment and a building where children's play activities are provided after school and during school holidays. The project will re-provide the building, which will also be used to deliver community learning in association with Maytree Infant School. The bulk of the funding comes from Government grant for extended school activities. |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning |
| Decision Expected | 19 April 2010 |
| Date Added to the Plan | |
| Main Consultees | Children and Families in the Newtown area. |
| Consultation Method | Interviews with children, young people and parents to look at the type of provision required. Interviews undertaken by Ground Work Solent on behalf of the City Council |
| Head of Service | Andrew Hind Head of Infrastructure and Capital Projects |
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| Background Material Available | None. |
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Slippage/Variations/Reason
for Withdrawal

None Identified

Updates

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| Title | Approval of First Year Review of the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012 |
| Details | <p>To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning seeking approval of the first review of the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012. The Children Act 2004 requires every local authority to produce a Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) and to publish a review of the plan on an annual basis. The Southampton CYPP 2009-12 is the city's overarching, strategic plan for all services for children and young people in Southampton. This Review evaluates the work of the Children and Young People's Trust in implementing the first year of the CYPP 2009-12 in terms the effectiveness of its delivery in helping children and young people to be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution and achieve economic wellbeing.</p> <p>The ten priorities areas identified in the CYPP 2009-2012 are still relevant; however there are specific areas of focus within those priorities that have been identified from performance and inspection information that inform the updated action plan within the Review for 2010-2011.</p> |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet |
| Decision Expected | 7 June 2010 |
| Date Added to the Plan | |
| Main Consultees | Members of the Southampton Children and Young People's Trust and its sub-groups, including: schools, colleges, statutory partners, and voluntary sector partners. |
| Consultation Method | Meetings and responses to written drafts. |
| Head of Service | Sue Allan Head of Commissioning, Performance and Planning |
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| Background Material Available | Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12 Review of Children and Young People's Plan 2010-11 |
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| Slippage/Variations/Reason for Withdrawal | None Identified |
| Updates | |

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| Title | Primary Review Phase 2: Pre-Statutory Consultation |
| Details | To consider the report of the Head of Infrastructure and Capital Projects seeking approval for pre-statutory consultation on proposals relating to the future provision of primary school places throughout the city from September 2011. The birth rate in Southampton has been rising for the past few years resulting in a significant and unprecedented increase in demand for places in the city's primary schools. Consideration is being given to increasing capacity in schools through a number of options including, where possible, reclaiming classrooms that are currently being used for other purposes. A future report on the outcome of the pre-statutory consultation will be submitted to Cabinet for decision, including any statutory proposals for changes to school organisation in the City. |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning |
| Decision Expected | 7 June 2010 |
| Date Added to the Plan | |
| Main Consultees | General Public, Parents, Headteacher's and Governors. |
| Consultation Method | Meetings with relevant parties. |
| Head of Service | Andrew Hind Head of Infrastructure and Capital Projects |
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| Background Material Available | Consultative Proposals for Reorganisation of Primary School Places in Central and Freemantle Areas of Southampton - Cabinet Report 3rd February 2009 Statutory Consultative Proposals - Reorganisation of Primary School Places in Central and Freemantle - |

Cabinet Report 27th April 2009

Determining the Proposals - Reorganisation of
Primary School Places in Central and Freemantle -
Cabinet Report 7th July 2009

Determination of Admission Arrangements
2011/2012 Academic Year - Cabinet Report 15th
March 2010

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Slippage/Variations/Reason
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None identified

Updates

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO

**THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION IN THIS PERIOD**

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO

**THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION IN THIS PERIOD**

HOUSING AND LOCAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

Title **Housing Strategy - Housing for People with Learning Disabilities (2010-2015)**

Details Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services, in association with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, seeking approval to adopt the revised Housing Strategy – Housing for People with Learning Disabilities.

The strategy will replace the previous “Housing and Support Options: A Housing Strategy for Learning Disability” which was written in 2002. The revised strategy requires updating to reflect current and predicted future issues and will provide a local framework for the future provision of housing choices and the direction of housing solutions for people with learning difficulties. An Action Plan will be included to ensure that objectives are carried out, whilst taking funding sources and options into account.

Decision Maker Cabinet

Decision Expected 19 April 2010

Date Added to the Plan

Main Consultees

- 1 Legal, Finance, Property and Human Resources Officers
- 2 Strategy Working Group, which includes representatives from Mencap, Choices Advocacy, Valuing People, Adult Social Care Learning Disabilities Team, NHS Southampton City, Supporting People
- 3 Learning Disabilities Partnership Board, which is chaired by Councillor Ivan White and co-chaired by a person with learning disabilities. Other people with learning disabilities and family carers also sit on the Board. A full list of members is available on the “Southampton Learning Disability Partnership Board” website.

Consultation Method

- 1 Housing Consultation event with people with learning disabilities
- 2 Meetings of the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board

- 3 Members of the Strategy Working Group consulting with the organizations they represent and representing them at meetings on the Strategy.
- 4 E-mails

Head of Service

Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

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Background Material Available

Previous Strategy - "Housing and Support Options :
A Housing Strategy For Learning Disability" (2002)

"What we said about housing" - Report of the
consultation event with people with learning
disabilities on 12th August 2009 (including an easy-
read version)

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Slippage/Variations/Reason
for Withdrawal

Updates

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| Title | Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme - Various Scheme Approvals Phase 1 2010/11 |
| Details | <p>Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services, seeking formal approval in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, for Phase 1 Various Schemes in the approved HRA Capital Programme commencing in 2010/11.</p> <p>All the work will directly or indirectly improve the quality of life for council tenants. The proposed schemes will contribute to the Council's strategic housing objectives and will help ensure that the Council achieves the Government's Decent homes Standard by December 2010.</p> |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet |
| Decision Expected | 19 April 2010 |
| Date Added to the Plan | |
| Main Consultees | Legal, Finance, HR, Property, Capita Symons and Tenant Association Representatives |
| Consultation Method | Meetings with Tenant Association Circulation of draft report for comment |
| Head of Service | Executive Director of Neighbourhoods |
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| Background Material Available | The Housing Strategy and HRA Business Plan |
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| Slippage/Variations/Reason for Withdrawal | |

Updates

Title

Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2010/11

Details

Report of the Cabinet Member of Housing and Local Services, requesting approval of the allocation of 2010/11 grants budget to voluntary organisations.

A review of grants to voluntary organisations was approved by Cabinet on 16th March 2009. A new process and revised grants criteria were approved subject to 12 weeks consultation on 27th July 2009. Changes were made as a result of consultation and the new process and revised criteria were approved on 23rd November 2009.

Applications for grants from the Running Costs Fund and New Projects Fund were received between January and March 2010. This report details those applications and makes recommendations on which organisations will receive the available funding in 2010/11.

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Decision Expected

21 June 2010

Date Added to the Plan

Main Consultees

Cabinet Members
Officers from Southampton City Council's Legal and Finance Department
Officers from Southampton City Council's Procurement and Property Services
Voluntary Organisations

Consultation Method

Meetings, briefings and e-mails.

Head of Service

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Background Material Available

None.

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Slippage/Variations/Reason
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Updates

LEADER'S PORTFOLIO

**THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION IN THIS PERIOD**

LEISURE, CULTURE AND HERITAGE PORTFOLIO

**THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION IN THIS PERIOD**

RESOURCES AND WORKFORCE PLANNING

Title

Estate Regeneration Programme

Details

Report of the Head of Estate Regeneration seeking approval to exercise the delegation to purchase a small car dealership and flat in Northam Road with grant funding from PUSH.

The Estate Regeneration Programme was approved by Cabinet on 24th November 2008 to commence a programme of consultation and engagement with residents and stakeholders on the sites selected of underused shopping parades and associated flats, in order to identify a programme of sites for redevelopment. These projects, whilst providing important estate regeneration benefits, would also be part of wider more comprehensive change.

This report seeks authority to acquire, where terms can be agreed, parcels of land which it would be desirable to incorporate within the potential regeneration sites now where Cabinet has given approval for consultation with residents to ensure these opportunities are not missed. These properties will be let out on a short term basis providing the council with a fairly modest rental income pending site redevelopment.

Decision Maker

Officer Decision Making

Decision Expected

15 April 2010

Date Added to the Plan

Main Consultees

Officers in Legal, Finance, Human Resources and Procurement and Property Services
Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services
Executive Director for Neighbourhoods

Consultation Method

E-mail

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Background Material Available The General Fund Capital Programme 2008/09 -
2011/12 - Recommendation (xii)

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Slippage/Variations/Reason
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Updates

Title

Response to the "Buy Out" Offer for Reform of Council Housing Finance

Details

Report of the Head of Finance requesting approval to exercise the delegation to approve the Council's response to the Government's "buy-out" offer for Reform of Council Housing Finance if the response is required in such a period that it is not possible to submit a report to Council.

For some time the Government has been considering the future funding arrangements for council housing at a national level. Formal consultation on possible options took place during 2009 and due to overwhelming support nationally for one option it is understood that the Government will make an offer to Councils in Spring 2010 to be able to buy themselves out of the Housing Subsidy system. The Council's subsidy payment to the Government for 2010/11 is £8.5 million.

The timing of this decision is dependent on when the Council is advised on the buy out offer from the Government, and the subsequent timetable for response to this offer.

Decision Maker

Officer Decision Making

Decision Expected

15 April 2010

Date Added to the Plan

Main Consultees

Officers in Legal, Finance, Human Resources and Property Services
Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services
Executive Director for Neighbourhoods
Solicitor to the Council
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Consultation Method

Emails and meetings.

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Background Material Available

HRA Housing Revenue Account Budget Report
approved by Council on 17/2/10 (para 37-41)

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Slippage/Variations/Reason
for Withdrawal

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| Title | Revenue and Changes to existing Revenue and Capital Budgets |
| Details | To consider the report of the Chief Financial Officer setting out changes to existing Revenue and Capital budgets. This Item is a standard Item and will remain on the Forward Plan until required. |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet |
| Decision Expected | 19 April 2010 |
| Date Added to the Plan | 1 October 2009 |
| Main Consultees | The City Council's Legal, Finance and Property Services Departments. |
| Consultation Method | Emails, meetings and telephone calls |
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| Slippage/Variations/Reason for Withdrawal | |
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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES PORTFOLIO

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| Title | Acceptance of Additional Government Funding for Targeted Mental Health in Schools Programme |
| Details | To consider the report of the Head of Young People and Community Support seeking acceptance of additional Government funding for the Targeted Mental Health in Schools (TaMHS) project. Funding is available to fund new and innovative ways of working in collaboration between Children's Services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and the Voluntary Sector to implement evidence-based interventions in schools to improve the emotional health and wellbeing of children aged 5-13. In Southampton the project will be implemented through building on locality working and training school staff to build confidence, competence and capacity in promoting positive mental health and emotional well-being for children and young people. |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet Member for Safeguarding Children and Youth Services |
| Decision Expected | 19 April 2010 |
| Date Added to the Plan | |
| Main Consultees | Schools, Legal and Finance. |
| Consultation Method | Correspondence. |
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| Background Material Available | Southampton Targeted Mental Health in Schools (TaMHS) Phase 3 Project Plan 2010-11 |
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Slippage/Variations/Reason
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None Identified

Updates

