The Council's Forward Plan

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

Forward Plan

AUGUST 2012 - NOVEMBER 2012

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
- Leader of the Council Councillor Dr Williams
- Cabinet Member for Adult Services Councillor Stevens
- Cabinet Member for Children's Services Councillor Bogle
- Cabinet Member for Communities Councillor Rayment
- Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Improvement Councillor Noon
- Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport Councillor Thorpe
- Cabinet Member for Housing and Leisure Services Councillor Payne
- Cabinet Member for Resources Councillor Letts
- Officer Key Decisions

AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2012

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Southampton Youth Offending Service (YOS) Annual Youth Justice Plan 2012/13	21 August 2012	Communities Portfolio
Social Fund Transition: Local Support to Replace Community Care Grants and Crisis Loans for Living Expenses.	21 August 2012	Communities Portfolio
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Approval to spend site specific Section 106 funds for Real Time Information (RTI)	21 August 2012	Environment and Transport Portfolio
Appropriation of Vokes Memorial Gardens and Part of Queen's Park, to enable the construction of the Platform Road Scheme	16 October 2012	Environment and Transport Portfolio
Ventnor Court - Age Criteria for Lettings	13 August 2012	Environment and Economy Directorate
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Townhill Park Regeneration Framework: Further consideration of the financial model and approval of the capital expenditure for the implementation of Phase 1.	21 August 2012	Housing and Leisure Services Portfolio
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Queen Elizabeth II Fields Designation for Portswood Recreation Ground	21 August 2012	Housing and Leisure Services Portfolio
Proposed lease of part of Mansel Park to Bush Hill FC	21 August 2012	Resources Portfolio
Disposal of land at 52-54 Seagarth Lane Southampton	21 August 2012	Resources Portfolio
Local Council Tax Support - proposed scheme for consultation	21 August 2012	Resources Portfolio
Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule: Consultation	21 August 2012	Resources Portfolio
Changes to existing Revenue and Capital Budgets	21 August 2012	Resources Portfolio

ADULT SERVICES PORTFOLIO

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THIS PERIOD

CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO

Title Proposed Expansion of Springwell School

Details To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for

Children's Services following a 6 week consultation period on the proposal to expand Springwell School by 8 places from November 2012. This report will detail the responses to the consultation process and seek approval to proceed with a 6 week period of statutory consultation on the proposal, including the

publishing of statutory notices from

August/September 2012.

Decision Maker Cabinet

Decision Expected 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 August 2012

Main Consultees School Pupils / Parents, School Staff, Special

School Head teachers, all other school Head

teachers.

Consultation Method Consultation document sent to all school staff /

parents / pupils

Special school heads and key stakeholders sent link

to consultation web page

All Heads informed via Head teachers e-bulletin

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Background Material Available None

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LEARNING DIRECTORATE

Title

Relocation of the Melbourne School PRU

Details

To consider the report of the Director of Infrastructure and Strategy seeking approval for the proposal to relocate the Melbourne School Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) provision to the site previously occupied by the Millbrook Community School, from 3 September 2013. This will serve to co-locate this provision with that of the Compass Centre PRU, which was relocated to this site in September 2011.

At the Cabinet meeting of 06/06/11, it was agreed "to delegate authority to the Executive Director for Children's Services & Learning, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services, following consultation with the Cabinet Members for Children's Services and Resources to take any action necessary to facilitate the use and occupation of the Former Millbrook Community School site for the provision of children's services, including services ancillary to those functions, subject to compliance with any statutory requirements. This delegation shall include, but is not limited to, the power to grant or acquire property and contractual interests in the site to deliver such services."

Decision Maker Officer Decision Making

Decision Expected 19 September 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 August 2012

Main Consultees SCC Democratic, Legal, Finance and Property

Services

Consultation Method Meetings and email.

Head of Service Executive Director Children's Services and Learning

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COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO

Title

Southampton Youth Offending Service (YOS)
Annual Youth Justice Plan 2012/13

Details

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Communities seeking approval of the Southampton Youth Offending Service (YOS) Annual Youth Justice Plan 2012/13.

This is a statutory plan which each local authority is required to have and to approve. Cabinet is required to adopt the 20012/13 plan, receive an update on progress since last year and recommend for approval the Southampton Youth Justice Plan to Council as part of the policy framework.

The Youth Offending Service was formed in response to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 with the aim of preventing offending behaviour by children and young people aged 10 to 17 years. It is a multi-disciplinary organisation that works both within Children's Services and the Criminal Justice System. The Youth Justice Plan is the first plan Southampton has brought forward since the disaggregation of the Wessex Youth Offending Team.

Decision Maker Cabinet

Decision Expected 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 August 2012

Main Consultees All partners via the Management Board of the Youth

Offending Service.

Consultation Method Meetings

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Title

Social Fund Transition: Local Support to Replace Community Care Grants and Crisis Loans for Living Expenses.

Details

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Communities seeking approval to accept the transfer of funding from central Government to Southampton City Council for local support to replace discretionary payments from the Social Fund (Community Care Grants and Crisis Loans for Living Expenses) currently administered by the Department of Work and Pensions. The indicative amount of funding will be provided via a Settlement Letter. The estimated amount is in the region of £700,000 for 2013/14.

The report will also consider options for transferred funds to be used to best effect to support the most vulnerable from April 2013. (Further guidance will be provided in the Settlement Letter). As part of the Welfare Reform Act (2012), the Government is abolishing the current system of discretionary payments from the Social Fund. From April 2013, the support provided to households via Community Care Grants and Crisis Loans for Living Expenses will cease and Local Authorities will receive financial support to enable them to develop and implement 'successor models'. There is no expectation or desire for Local Authorities mirror the current scheme in whole or part.

Decision Maker Cabinet

Decision Expected 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 August 2012

Main Consultees Key Cabinet Members, council officers, local

jobcentre plus and anti-poverty organisations.

Consultation Method Briefings, meetings, emails and telephone

conversations.

Head of Service Director, Environment and Economy

Background Material Available

Public Comments may be sent Sara Crawford, Regeneration Projects Manager

Title Response to Overview and Scrutiny Management

Committee Big Society Inquiry

Details To consider a report of the Cabinet Member for

Communities detailing the Executive's response to the Overview and Scrutiny Management's inquiry

into the Big Society.

On 16 April 2012 Cabinet were presented with the findings of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee inquiry on the Big Society, including a number of recommendations. Cabinet are being asked to consider the findings of the inquiry and

subsequent consultation.

Decision Maker Cabinet

Decision Expected 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 August 2012

Main Consultees Relevant Cabinet Members and officers

Consultation Method Briefings and meetings

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Slippage/Variations/Reason

for Withdrawal

None.

EFFICIENCY AND IMPROVEMENT

Title Process for Awarding Grants to Voluntary

Organisations 2013/14 and Beyond

Details To consider a report of the Cabinet Member for

Efficiency and Improvement seeking approval for the details of the new grant awards process including a

timetable for applications and decisions.

On 12 March 2012 Cabinet agreed an 'in principle' move to an outcome-based commissioned grants model for awarding grants to voluntary organisations from 2013/14. Cabinet approval is now being sought on the details of the new grant awards process including a timetable for applications and decisions.

Decision Maker Cabinet

Decision Expected 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 May 2012

Main Consultees City Council Grant Appraisers, Democratic, Legal

and Finance Service Departments and relevant

Cabinet Members.

Consultation Method Briefings, emails and telephone conversations with

relevant officers and Cabinet Members.

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Background Material Available Process For Awarding Grants To Voluntary

Organisations From 2013/14 Report to Cabinet 12

March 2012

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Slippage/Variations/Reason

for Withdrawal

The decision date amended to the 21st August 2012

from the 17th July 2012 to enable further consultation with voluntary and community organisations on the details of the process for

awarding grants from 2013/14.

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO

Title Approval to spend site specific Section 106 funds for

Real Time Information (RTI)

Details To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for

Environment and Transport seeking Cabinet to agree to spend the outstanding Section 106 commitments for Rail Time Bus Information on the new Real Time Information (RTI) Refresh contract. This will greatly enhance the delivery of real time bus information to public transport users in areas previously poorly serviced. Information is to be provided via:

In shelter display units;

RTI enabled bus stop flags;

• The Web:

Smartphone applications;

On bus announcements.

Further to this the RTI project will deliver bus priority at signal junctions allowing for shorter and more

reliable end to end journey times.

Decision Maker Cabinet

Decision Expected 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 August 2012

Main Consultees Legal Services, Property and Procurement Services,

Financial Services, Head of Service, Director.

Consultation Method Briefings and review of draft Cabinet report.

Head of Service Paul Nichols

Head of Planning and Sustainability

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Background Material Available Phase II installations - Section 106 funded, G3 RTI

Refresh v.2 Final, G3 Business Case RTI, Local

Transport Plan 3

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by 13 August 2012 to

Title Appropriation of Vokes Memorial Gardens and Part

of Queen's Park, to enable the construction of the

Platform Road Scheme

Details To consider the report of the Senior Manager –

Planning Sustainability and Transport seeking to consider and determine the representations received

in relation to the proposed appropriation and subsequent development of Vokes Memorial

Gardens and part of Queens Park.

Decision Maker Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

Decision Expected 16 October 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 August 2012

Main Consultees Public

Consultation Method Advertisements on 27 July and 3 August 2012.

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ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY DIRECTORATE

Title Ventnor Court - Age Criteria for Lettings

Details To consider a report detailing consideration in regard

to Ventnor Court. Ventnor Court is a Council owned Supported Housing Complex based in the North of the City, comprising 122 one bed flats in two blocks. For some time properties have been 'hard to let' - mainly due to the demand for accommodation of this type in an area of the City that has limited services and connections. In order to support the sustainable allocation of properties and reduce current rent loss, the age criteria for Ventnor Court currently set at 60

will be reviewed.

Decision Maker Officer Decision Making

Decision Expected 13 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 August 2912

Main Consultees Relevant Cabinet Members and key officers.

Consultation Method Meetings with residents, briefings and emails.

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Slippage/Variations/Reason

for Withdrawal

None

HOUSING AND LEISURE SERVICES PORTFOLIO

Title Landlord Controlled Heating Charges

Details To consider a report seeking approval for an

increase in charges to tenants for landlord controlled

heating from September 2012.

Decision Maker Cabinet

Decision Expected 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 August 2012

Main Consultees Relevant Cabinet Members and key council officers.

Consultation Method Briefings, meetings, telephone calls and emails

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Title Licensing scheme for houses in multiple occupation

(HMOs)

Details To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for

Housing and Leisure seeking approval of proposals for additional licensing scheme for houses in multiple

occupation for public consultation.

Decision Maker Cabinet

Decision Expected 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 August 2012

Main Consultees Cabinet Member for Housing and Leisure; Cabinet

Member for Communities; Members of Transition Plan Housing Working Group; Senior Manager, Housing; Senior Manager, Finance and IT; Senior Manager, Legal, HR and Democratic Services

Consultation Method Meetings and circulation of draft report by email

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Title Townhill Park Regeneration Framework: Further

consideration of the financial model and approval of the capital expenditure for the implementation of

Phase 1.

Details To consider a report of the Cabinet Member for

Housing and Leisure Services seeking approval on

the Townhill Park Regeneration Framework

Financial Model, Delivery Framework and funding for

the implementation of Phase 1. The Townhill Regeneration Framework report approved by

Cabinet on 12th March 2012 focused on approval of the principles of the Regeneration Framework and implementation of Phase 1, subject to approval of an affordability assessment. The new administration decided at Council on 16th May 2012 to review the Townhill Park project prior to final approval. This Cabinet report contains the outcome of that review, including the tenure mix of the scheme, and the report includes consideration and approval of the impact on the Housing Revenue Account business plan, General Fund finances, the implications for the Delivery Framework and the funding of capital expenditure for the implementation of Phase 1. Following Cabinet in August it is anticipated that this report will be submitted to Council in September

2012.

Decision Maker Cabinet

Decision Expected 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 July 2012

Main Consultees Relevant Councillors and Cabinet Members, key

officers in SCC

Consultation Method Briefing meetings, emails, SCC website, Project

Team meetings

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Alan Denford Finance Manager email: alan.denford@southampton.gov.uk Sue Jones Manager - Estate Regeneration Projects email: sue.jones@southampton.gov.uk Title Housing Revenue Account (HRA) - Various Scheme

Approval, Capital Programme 2012/13 Phase 2

Details To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for

Housing and Leisure Services seeking the

commencement of Energy Saving measures and refurbishment works across the city, utilising PV

panels/systems.

Decision Maker Cabinet

Decision Expected 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 August 2012

Main Consultees Relevant Councillors and Cabinet Members together

Legal, Finance and other relevant key officers SCC

Consultation Method Circulation of draft reports seeking comments via

meetings and emails with relevant Members and

officers

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Title

Queen Elizabeth II Fields Designation for Portswood Recreation Ground

Details

To consider a report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Leisure Services seeking approval for the designation of Portswood Recreation Ground to become a Queen Elizabeth II field in trust.

To celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee there is an opportunity to nominate parks to become a QEII Field in Trust. The benefits of the scheme include; a fantastic opportunity to be part of a high profile national campaign, a method of demonstrating commitment to outdoor recreational space both now and in the future, an excellent and cost effective way to mark the Diamond Jubilee and London 2012 Olympics, a platform to help achieve key targets around increasing physical activity and promoting the sustainability agenda and access to improvement funds restricted to Queen Elizabeth II Fields. Portswood Recreation Ground has been nominated for this designation, and a Cabinet decision is required to authorise completion of the non-charitable deed of designation. The designation will create a binding and perpetual restriction on future disposals of the site and on the maintenance and use of the site. However, given that this park is already protected under the Core Strategy and National Planning Policy Framework, it is considered that the benefits for the Council and the Local Community would out weigh the restrictions within the deed.

Decision Maker Cabinet

Decision Expected 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 August 2012

Main Consultees Ward Councillors, The Friends of Portswood Rec.

Portswood Primary School, officers in key Council Departments and relevant Cabinet Members.

Consultation Method Meetings, emails, letters and web pages.

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LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THIS PERIOD

RESOURCES PORTFOLIO

Title Proposed lease of part of Mansel Park to Bush Hill

FC

Details To consider a report of the Cabinet member for

Resources seeking to:

 obtain approval in principle to the grant of a lease to Bush Hill FC of land at Mansel Park for use as a football pitch and for changing rooms at less than best consideration; and

 obtain consent to the advertisement of the proposed lease of the public open space at

Mansel Park.

Decision Maker Cabinet

Decision Expected 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 May 2012

Main Consultees Relevant Cabinet Members and Key officers in the

Council.

Consultation Method Emails, telephone calls and briefings.

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Slippage/Variations/Reason

for Withdrawal

Date amended from the 19th June 2012 to 17th July

2012.

Updates

Title Disposal of land at 52-54 Seagarth Lane

Southampton

Details To consider a report of the Senior Manager –

Property, Procurement and Contract Management seeking To dispose of the rear garden land at 52-54 Seagarth Lane to the neighbouring school Trust at less than Best Consideration (nil consideration).

Decision Maker Cabinet Member for Resources

Decision Expected 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 June 2012

Main Consultees Relevant Cabinet Members and various officers

including Children's Services and Learning – Assets

Team

Consultation Method Briefings, emails and telephone calls.

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Title Local Council Tax Support - proposed scheme for

consultation

Details To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for

Resources seeking approval for a draft local council

tax support scheme for consultation and the

necessary delegations to alter the draft scheme in the light of consultation responses and emerging

legislation.

Decision Maker Cabinet

Decision Expected 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 August 2012

Main Consultees Relevant Council officers in Legal, Finance,

Communities Team, Skills Economy and Housing

Renewal; Southampton Connect and major precepting authorities (Fire and Police)

Consultation Method Circulation of draft scheme to the relevant Project

Board and to relevant officers and council partners and precepting authorities via email and meetings.

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Title

Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule: Consultation

Details

To consider a report of the Cabinet Member for Resources seeking approval to commence formal public consultation for the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule and the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document and following consultation to submit the Charging Schedule for Examination.

An Infrastructure Study and Delivery plan has been undertaken which assesses the infrastructure needed to support the planned growth in the city up to 2026. As part of this study a draft Charging Schedule for the Community Infrastructure Levy and Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document have been produced which would enable the authority to implement the new legislation relating to the collection of developer contributions. Both documents will be published for public consultation at the end of August 2012. The Charging Schedule will be submitted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate before it can be adopted as policy.

Decision Maker Cabinet

Decision Expected 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 August 2012

Main Consultees Relevant Cabinet Members and officers.

Consultation Method Briefings, Telephone calls and meetings.

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Title 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 21 August 2012

Date Added to the Plan 1 August 2012

Main Consultees Relevant officers and Cabinet Members.

Consultation Method Briefings, emails and meetings between relevant

officers and Cabinet Members.

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Slippage/Variations/Reason

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This is a standard item that will remain on the

Forward Plan until required