



**Kent
County
Council**

FORTHCOMING EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

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This list of Forthcoming Executive Decisions publicises all known decisions which Kent County Council intends to take over the next six months. It gives information on the projects that will be coming forward and who will be involved with them. Key decisions are marked clearly as such within the list.

Please use the contact details given to let us know your views.

LIST OF FORTHCOMING EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Each week the list of Forthcoming Executive Decisions is updated where there are additions, deletions or amendments to be made. Although Kent County Council aims to include all known decisions, statute requires that all Key decisions must be publicised in this way.

A “Key Decision” is an Executive-side Decision which is likely to:

- (a) result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (b) be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions in the area of the local authority.

Key Decisions can only be taken by the Cabinet, the Leader or an individual Cabinet Member.

Decisions which should be regarded as Key Decisions because they are likely to have a significant effect either in financial terms or on the Council’s services to the community include:

- (a) Decisions about expenditure or savings over £1,000,000 which are not provided for within the approved budget or Medium Term Financial Plan
- (b) Adoption of major new policies not already included in the Policy Framework (Constitution Appendix 3) or changes to established policies
- (c) Approval of management and business plans
- (d) Decisions that involve significant service developments, significant service reductions, or significant changes in the way that services are delivered, whether County-wide or in a particular locality. For example, closure of a school, approval of a major project (such as a highway scheme) or programme of works, major changes in the eligibility criteria for provision of a service, major changes in the fees charged for a service, or proposals that would result in a service currently provided in-house being outsourced.
- (e) Decisions where the consequences are likely to result in compulsory redundancies or major changes in the terms and conditions of employment of a significant number of employees in any of the Council’s functions.

Preparation of the list helps the Council to programme its work and ensures compliance with the 'Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) regulations 2012.

The list outlines the consultation that is proposed in respect of future decisions and who members of the public and the Council should contact to make comments on any particular item. Anyone is entitled to obtain copies of the documents that will be relied upon when a decision is taken, unless those documents are 'Exempt' within the meaning of the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Reports related to decisions will be published on the Council's web site at www.kent.gov.uk at least five days before the decision it is due to be taken. Once the decision has been taken, a copy of the Record of Decision will also be published on the Council's website. Paper copies will be made available by contacting Louise Whitaker (telephone 01622 694433 or email louise.whitaker@kent.gov.uk).

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All Members can be contacted by writing to Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or by email via the Council's website.