

## \*PART A

**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Date of meeting:** 20 June 2012

**Report of:** Committee and Scrutiny Officer

**Title:** Forward Plan

### 1.0 **SUMMARY**

1.1 This report sets out the changes to the latest Forward Plan when compared to the information presented at the last meeting in March.

### 2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviews the Forward Plan and considers whether there are any items it wishes to review further.

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### 3.0 **DETAILED PROPOSAL**

3.1 Under the Local Government Act 2000, the Council is required to publish a Forward Plan of key decisions it is proposed will be taken within the next four months.

3.2 The Forward Plan indicates the nature of the key decision proposed; the contact officer; the proposed decision maker and those people and organisations who have been consulted.

### 3.3

#### New additions to the Forward Plan since the March – June 2012 edition (issued 16 February 2012)

There are six items which have been added to the Forward Plan since the information published in the Scrutiny Committee's report for the meeting on 7 March.

- Charter Place re-development – for consideration by Cabinet in June.
- Compulsory Purchase Order for the Health Campus Review - for consideration by Cabinet in June.
- To agree to set up a Herts Police and Crime Panel – for consideration by Cabinet In June
- Review the outcome of the Sports Facilities Study and agree consultation and feasibility proposals to support the development of a Sports Facilities Strategy –for consideration by Cabinet in June.
- Property Review – for consideration by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Legal and Property Services in June.
- Approval of procurement tenders for telecoms – for consideration by Cabinet in July.
- Approval of recommendation to allocate £460,000 to relocate CCTV to Shady Lane – for consideration by Cabinet in July
- Service specification, performance standards and evaluation criteria for the service redesign of waste and recycling, street cleansing and parks and open spaces – for consideration by Cabinet in July.
- Approval of the Watford Tenancy Strategy – for consideration by Cabinet in November 2012.

### 3.4

#### Amendments to the Forward Plan since the February – May 2012 edition (issued 16 January 2012)

There has been one amendment to an item in the Forward Plan since the information published in the Scrutiny Committee's report for the meeting held on 7 March 2012.

- Adoption of the Framework and 5 year Action Plan for allotments across the Borough – the report has been deferred to June 2012. This item first appeared in the Forward Plan in August 2011 for consideration by Cabinet in November 2011. The item has been deferred on several occasions. The report is due to be presented

to Cabinet at its meeting on 18 June 2012.

### 3.5 Deletions from the Forward Plan

There have been seven deletions from the Forward Plan since the last meeting.

- Request to amend slightly the outcome of two of the promises in the Council's consultation document on stock transfer – considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 20 March 2012.
- Charter Place re-development – considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 20 March 2012.
- Business Rates and Council Tax write-offs – considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 20 March 2012.
- Outline Business Case for the service redesign of waste and recycling, street cleansing and grounds maintenance – considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 20 March 2012.
- Arrangements for the management and maintenance of Watford Borough Council temporary accommodation and managed properties – considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 20 March 2012.
- Corporate Plan 2012-16 – considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 20 March 2012.
- Agreement of the Council's equalities objectives 2012-15 – considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 20 March 2012.

## 4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

### 4.1 **Financial**

4.1.1 Whilst a number of reports considered by the Scrutiny Committee will have had financial implications, the scrutiny role in itself, should result in no additional external costs being incurred.

### 4.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

4.2.1 The Head of Legal and Property Services comments that if Overview and Scrutiny wish to consider any proposed decision it needs to be mindful of when it is proposed that the decision be taken and ensure that it has completed its work prior to that time in order to be able to contribute to the decision maker's deliberations.

## Appendices

None

## Background Papers

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report. If you wish to inspect or take copies of the background papers, please contact the officer named on the front page of the report.

March, April and May 2012 editions of the Watford Borough Council Forward Plan

## File Reference

None