

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting: 23 June 2011
Report of: Head of Legal and Property Services
Title: Forward Plan

1.0 **SUMMARY**

1.1 The terms of reference for Overview and Scrutiny Committee includes 'regular reviews of the Cabinet's Forward Plan'. It is proposed that this will be a regular item on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agenda.

1.2 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to review the latest edition of the Forward Plan and consider whether there are any proposed decisions it would like to investigate further. This report will indicate which items are new to the Forward Plan and which items have been amended or deleted from the previous edition.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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 June 2011 Forward Plan

There were no new items added to the latest edition of the Forward Plan.

3.4 Amendments to the June 2011 Forward Plan

The following proposed decisions have been amended since the May 2011 edition –

- Approval of Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy – the date of the proposed Cabinet decision has been moved from July to September 2011.

3.5 Deletions from the June 2011 Forward Plan

The following decisions were deleted from the latest edition as they had been considered at Cabinet on 6 June 2011 or the delegated decision had been completed –

- Housing Value for Money Review (Phase 1) – this report will also be presented to Budget Panel on 22 June 2011.
- Update on the Council's Corporate Planning Approach
- Charter Place development
- Homelessness Strategy 2008-2013 mid-term review (Delegated decision by the Mayor)

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 **Financial**

4.1.1 There are no legal implications.

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 makers deliberations.

4.3 **Potential Risks**
None identified.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – June 2011 edition of the Watford Borough Council Forward Plan

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.

May 2011 edition of the Watford Borough Council Forward Plan

File Reference

None