
FORWARD PLAN



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Notice of Key Decisions / Notice of Private Meetings

Pursuant to the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

This Plan gives at least 28 days notice if the Cabinet of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council intends to make a key decision¹ or make a decision in private². Other decisions by the executive are also included on the Plan wherever possible.

Relevant documents can be downloaded from the Council's website or are available on request from: Democratic Services, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RS or committee@tunbridgewells.gov.uk. Documents may be submitted to the decision maker via Democratic Services.

If it is necessary to hold a meeting in private, the reasons for this are stated alongside the decision. These reasons are prescribed by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and summarised at the back of this Plan.

Representations against the intention to make a decision in private can be submitted in writing to Democratic Services no less than ten working days before the meeting date.

If the Council is unable to give 28 days notice, it will publish the reasons for this on its website and at its offices.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Dawlings".

Councillor Tom Dawlings
Leader of the Council

Publication Date: 5 April 2022

The most recent version of the Plan supersedes all previously issued versions
Guidance notes are provided at the back of this document

Members of the Cabinet and their respective portfolios

Councillor Tom Dawlings **Finance and Governance** **(Leader of the Council)**

- Strategic Policy
- Finance
- Property and Estates
- Facilities
- Operational Partnerships (including Mid Kent Services)
- Revenues and Benefits (including Fraud and Debt Recovery)
- Internal Audit
- Legal Services
- ICT / Digital Transformation / Cyber Security
- Project and Programme Management
- Democratic Services
- Human Resources (including Learning and Development)

Councillor David Scott **Economic Development** **(Deputy Leader of the Council)**

- Economic Development and Tourism
- Events (excluding the ice rink)
- Business Engagements
- Supporting economic recovery across the Borough
- Supporting the Town Centre
- Community Safety and CCTV
- Lead Member for Royal Tunbridge Wells

Councillor Andy Fairweather **Communities and Wellbeing**

- Housing (including Private Sector and Housing Needs)
- Health
- Community Centres and Hubs
- Community Partnerships
- Assets of Community Value
- Rural Communities
- Younger and Older People
- Equalities and Equal Access
- Lead Member for Rural Communities
- Recycling and Waste Collection
- Street Cleaning and Littering
- Fly Tipping and Abandoned Vehicles

Councillor Jane March **Environment, Culture and Leisure**

- Culture, Leisure and the Arts
- Assembly Hall Theatre and Ice Rink
- The Amelia Scott
- Parks and Grounds Maintenance
- Sports and Leisure Centres
- Community Grants
- Customer Access
- Cemeteries and Crematorium

Councillor Alan McDermott **Planning and Transportation**

- Planning Policy
- Strategic Sites and Delivery
- Development Management
- Heritage and Conservation
- Planning Enforcement
- Land Charges
- Building Control
- Parking (on and off-street)
- Transportation

- Environmental Protection
- Environmental Health
- Food Hygiene and Health & Safety Standards in businesses
- Corporate Health and Safety
- Licensing
- Sustainability

Leader of the Council/ Finance and Governance Portfolio – Councillor Dawlings

| Date of decision/ Decision maker | Full Council | Advisory Board | Report Title, Summary and Ward | Consultation Details | Relevant Officer | Key? ¹ | Private? ² |
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| Not before 07/02/22 Leader of the Council | | | <p>Removal of Restrictive Covenant for land in Southborough The Council disposed of this piece of land in 1987. The owner has requested the removal of a restrictive covenant to enable the construction of one house. <i>(Southborough & High Brooms)</i></p> | Report to be published before decision is made. | John Antoniadis, Estates Manager | No | Full |
| 14/04/22 Cabinet | | | <p>Amelia Scott Budget and Update Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council intends to make a Key Decision in respect of the following matter which may be made in private with less than the 28 days' notice required by Regulations 5 and 9 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. Compliance is impracticable for the reasons as set out in the associated notice.</p> <p>Furthermore, notice is hereby given that the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.</p> <p>The report provides an update on progress on the final stages of fit out and sets out the current issues impacting upon the programme and the likely cost due to in programme delay up to planned opening.</p> <p><i>(All Wards)</i></p> | Due to the urgent nature of this decision it is not possible to consult with the Cabinet Advisory Board | David Candlin, Head of Economic Development and Property | Yes | Part |

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| 25/05/22 Cabinet | | | Appointment to Working Groups of the Cabinet To appoint Borough Councillors to the following working groups of the Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Grants Assessment Panel - Housing Advisory Panel - Joint Transportation Board - Planning Policy working Group - Public Transport Forum - Property Asset Oversight Panel (All Wards) | All Members will have been consulted. | Renee Dillon, Democratic and Executive Support Manager | No | Open |
| 25/05/22 Cabinet | | | Appointments to Outside Bodies To appoint representatives to the Council's Outside Bodies. (All Wards) | All Members will have the opportunity to nominate representatives. | Caroline Britt, Democratic Services Officer | No | Open |
| 23/06/22 Cabinet | | 07/06/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Land Asset Strategy Sites Consideration of Land Asset Strategy Sites within Tunbridge Wells. (Pantiles & St Mark's; Southborough & High Brooms) | Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board will be consulted. | John Antoniades, Estates Manager | Yes | Full |
| 23/06/22 Cabinet | | 07/06/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Consideration of a new lease or freehold disposal of land at Tunbridge Wells Rugby Club Tunbridge Wells Rugby Club have requested that the Council grant them a new longer lease or land or consider a freehold disposal of land at the Rugby Club. (St John's) | The Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board will be consulted. | Max Horgan | No | Full |

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| 23/06/22 Cabinet | | 07/06/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Performance Summary Quarter 4 and End of Year To consider an outline of the Council's performance against key strategic indicators. Measures prescribed by Central Government through the Single Data List (SDL) and the progress against each of the strategic projects as at end of March 2022. <i>(All Wards)</i> | The F&G CAB will be consulted. | Jane Clarke, Head of Policy and Governance | No | Open |
| 23/06/22 Cabinet | | 07/06/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Complaints Summary Quarters 3 & 4 A review of the complaints received under the Council's complaints procedure between 1 October 2021 and 31 March 2022. <i>(All Wards)</i> | The F&G CAB will be consulted. | Jane Clarke, Head of Policy and Governance | No | Open |
| 23/06/22 Cabinet | | 07/06/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Revenue Management Report - Quarter 4 To receive the financial position as at the end of March 2022. <i>(All Wards)</i> | The F&G CAB will be consulted. | Jane Fineman, Head of Finance and Procurement | No | Open |
| 23/06/22 Cabinet | | 07/06/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Capital Management Report - Quarter 4 To receive the financial position as at the end of March 2022. <i>(All Wards)</i> | The F&G CAB will be consulted. | Jane Fineman, Head of Finance and Procurement | No | Open |
| 23/06/22 Cabinet | | 23/06/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Treasury and Prudential Indicator Management Report - Quarter 4 To receive the financial position as at the end of March 2022. <i>(All Wards)</i> | The F&G CAB will be consulted. | Jane Fineman, Head of Finance and Procurement | No | Open |

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| 23/06/22 Cabinet | | 23/06/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Annual Report on the use of RIPA To consider and note details on the use of covert surveillance under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. <i>(All Wards)</i> | The F&G CAB will be consulted. | Gary Rowland | No | Open |
| 23/06/22 Cabinet | | 07/06/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Strategic Risk Register To approve the annual review of the Council's Strategic Risk Register. <i>(All Wards)</i> | The F&G CAB will be consulted. | Lee Colyer, Director of Finance, Policy and Development (Section 151 Officer) | No | Open |
| 28/07/22 Cabinet | | 12/07/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Property Transaction Report January to June 2022 The report informs Cabinet of the property transactions completed under delegated authority between 1 January 2022 and 30 June 2022. <i>(All Wards)</i> | The F&G CAB will be consulted. | John Antoniades, Estates Manager | No | Part |
| 28/07/22 Cabinet | | 12/07/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Budget Projection and Strategy 2023/24 To consider proposals for the draft budget (Stage 1 of 4 in setting the forthcoming year's budget). <i>(All Wards)</i> | The F&G CAB will be consulted. | Lee Colyer, Director of Finance, Policy and Development (Section 151 Officer) | No | Open |
| 28/07/22 Cabinet | | 12/07/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Draft Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2023/24 To note the progress that has been made on the review of the scheme (jointly commissioned with other Kent Authorities) and provide options for the public consultation on the scheme for 2023/24. <i>(All Wards)</i> | Request permission for Public Consultation. The F&G CAB will be consulted. | Zoe Kent, Interim Head of Revenues and Benefits | No | Open |

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| 28/07/22 Cabinet | | 28/07/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Annual Corporate Health and Safety Report To note the contents of the report, along with the work undertaken to secure a safe and healthy working environment. <i>(All Wards)</i> | The F&G CAB will be consulted. | Mike Catling, Corporate Health and Safety Advisor | No | Open |
| 22/09/22 Cabinet | | 06/09/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Performance Summary Quarter 1 To consider an outline of the Council's performance against key strategic indicators. Measures prescribed by central government through the Single Data List (SDL) and the progress against each of the strategic projects as at the end of June 2022. <i>(All Wards)</i> | The Finance and Governance CAB will be consulted. | Jane Clarke, Head of Policy and Governance | No | Open |
| 22/09/22 Cabinet | | 06/09/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Revenue Management Report Quarter 1 To receive the financial position as at the end of June 2022. <i>(All Wards)</i> | The Finance and Governance CAB will be consulted. | Jane Fineman, Head of Finance and Procurement | No | Open |
| 22/09/22 Cabinet | | 06/09/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Capital Management Report Quarter 1 To receive the financial position as at the end of June 2022. <i>(All Wards)</i> | The Finance and Governance CAB will be consulted. | Jane Fineman, Head of Finance and Procurement | No | Open |
| 22/09/22 Cabinet | | 06/09/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Treasury and Prudential Indicator Management Report Quarter 1 To receive the financial position as at the end of June 2022. <i>(All Wards)</i> | The Finance and Governance CAB will be consulted. | Jane Fineman, Head of Finance and Procurement | No | Open |

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| 27/10/22 Cabinet | | 11/10/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Budget Update Report 2022/23 To consider an update on the Budget and the current financial position of the Council (stage 2 of 4 in setting the forthcoming year's budget). <i>(All Wards)</i> | The Finance and Governance CAB will be consulted. | Lee Colyer, Director of Finance, Policy and Development (Section 151 Officer) | No | Open |
| 27/10/22 Cabinet | Full Council 14 December 2022 | 11/10/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | *Council Tax Reduction Reduction Scheme 2022/23 To recommend to Full Council potential changes to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2023/24 following public consultation. <i>(All Wards)</i> | The Finance and Governance CAB will be consulted. | Zoe Kent, Interim Head of Revenues and Benefits | No | Open |
| 17/11/22 Cabinet | | 17/11/22 Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board | Fees and Charges 2023/24 To consider and agree the fees and charges set by the Council. <i>(All Wards)</i> | The Finance and Governance CAB will be consulted. | Jane Fineman, Head of Finance and Procurement | No | Open |

Economic Development Portfolio – Councillor Scott

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| 14/04/22 Cabinet | Full Council 27/4/2022 | 30/03/22 Communities and Economic Development Cabinet Advisory Board | <p>*Community Safety Partnership Plan 2022/23 And Strategic Assessment</p> <p>To recommend to Full Council the annual Community Safety Partnership Plan for approval. The Plan presents data on crime and anti-social behaviour within Tunbridge Wells Borough and provides an update on solutions provided to ensure the safety of residents. <i>(All Wards)</i></p> | The Communities and Economic Development Cabinet Advisory Board will be consulted. | Terry Hughes, Community Safety Manager | No | Open |
| 14/04/22 Cabinet | | 30/03/22 Communities and Economic Development Cabinet Advisory Board | <p>PSPO Implementation of ASB Measures</p> <p>Report to Cabinet to consider measures to address ASB in St John's Park, Sherwood Lake and Multi-storey car parks. <i>(All Wards)</i></p> | | Terry Hughes, Community Safety Manager | No | Open |

Planning and Transportation Portfolio – Councillor McDermott

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| Not before 16/10/20 Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation | | | <p>TWBC Response to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government consultation on 'Planning for the Future - White Paper' (August 2020)</p> <p>The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government is consulting on proposed long term changes to the national planning system. This report sets out the Council's response to this consultation.</p> <p><i>(All Wards)</i></p> | Report to be published before decision is made. | Stephen Baughen, Head of Planning Services | No | Open |

Environment, Culture and Leisure Portfolio – Councillor March

| Date of decision/ Decision maker | Full Council | Advisory Board | Report Title, Summary and Ward | Consultation Details | Relevant Officer | Key? ¹ | Private? ² |
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| Not before 21/10/21 Portfolio Holder for Environment, Culture and Leisure | | | <p>Release of S106 funding, allocated to support the ongoing expansion of the Car Club</p> <p>The Tunbridge Wells Co-Wheels Car Club currently has 5 cars in it's fleet and is extremely popular, with membership and use of the car club having grown rapidly. To ensure car club members are able to access a car as and when they need it, it is essential to add additional cars to the fleet. The car club is managed as a concessions contract and at no cost to the Council. S106 from developers contribution has been set aside specifically to support the expansion of the car club, as part of a mobility mix alongside public transport, walking, cycling and taxis. With car clubs supporting air quality improvements, carbon reduction and reducing traffic impacts such as congestion and parking pressure.</p> <p><i>(Broadwater; Culverden; Pantiles & St Mark's; Park; Southborough & High Brooms; St James'; St John's)</i></p> | Report to be published before decision is made. | Karin Grey, Sustainability Manager | No | Open |

Communities and Wellbeing Portfolio - Councillor Fairweather

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There are no items within the designated timeframe.

Note 1: KEY DECISIONS

A “key decision” means a decision which is to be taken by the executive of the Council which is likely to:

- (a) result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are over £250,000 as well as otherwise being 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 wards in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells.

Note 2: REASONS A MEETING MAY BE HELD IN PRIVATE

In accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public may be excluded from a meeting on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Act. The exemption must be by virtue of one or more specified paragraphs which are shown on the meeting agenda (giving 5 days notice) and, in the case of the Cabinet, on the Forward Plan (giving 28 days notice). The exemptions are summarised as follows:

Paragraph (1) - Information relating to any individual.

Paragraph (2) - Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

Paragraph (3) - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Paragraph (4) - Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office-holders under, the authority.

Paragraph (5) - Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

Paragraph (6) - Information which reveals that the authority proposes –
(a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
(b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.

Paragraph (7) - Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(8) Information falling within paragraph (3) above is not exempt information by virtue of that paragraph if it is required to be registered under –

- (a) the Companies Act 1985;
- (b) the Friendly Societies Act 1974;
- (c) the Friendly Societies Act 1992;
- (d) the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 1978;
- (e) the Building Societies Act 1986; or
- (f) the Charities Act 1993.

(9) Information is not exempt information if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.

(10) Information which –
(a) falls within any of paragraphs 1 to 7 above; and
(b) is not prevented from being exempt by virtue of paragraph 8 or 9 above,

is exempt information if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.