

# FORTHCOMING DECISIONS

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CABINET DURING THE PERIOD  
1 MARCH TO 31 MAY 2024

This notice was published on Thursday, 8 February 2024, 28 days prior to the meeting

This Forthcoming Decision Plan contains details of all the key decisions that are due to be considered at the Cabinet meeting shown above, which have been received by the publication date. You should note that, whilst this notice is accurate at the date of publication, the date of the decision may change. As such, you are advised to contact Committee Services (see below for contact details).

A Key Decision is any decision:

- (a) Relating to the approval of or variation to the council's budget or policy framework which is reserved in the council's constitution for determination by full council on a recommendation from cabinet; or
- (b) Which involves the incurring of expenditure, or the making of savings, by the Council which are anticipated to be in excess of £300,000 with the exception of items previously included in the relevant approved budget;
- (c) Where the Council is entering into a contractual obligation with a value in excess of £500,000; or
- (d) For the acquisition or disposal of land or property with a value of over £500,000; or
- (e) Which is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the council's area.

When making key decisions, the Cabinet will consider a report on each item which, unless the matter is to be considered in private, will be available for inspection at the Council's offices, or on its website, at least five clear working days before the meeting. Copies of the report and background papers (provided not private) will be available at the time the report is made public on the Council's website or at the Council's offices.

If you would like further information on any of the items shown in this Forthcoming Decisions plan; such as copies or extracts of any report or background paper, or if you would like a copy of the Forthcoming Decisions plan, contact the Committee Services team by email at [committee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:committee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01303 853000. A copy of the Forthcoming Decisions plan is also available on the Council's website ([www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)).

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\*When a key decision is taken by an individual Cabinet Member or officer acting under delegated authority there is no requirement for that decision to be taken in public, and the event, time and place at which the decision is taken does not constitute a meeting under the terms of the Local Government Acts.

## THE CABINET

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Cabinet Members Portfolios</b>
Councillor Jim Martin	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Otterpool Park and Planning Policy
Councillor Tim Prater	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Governance
Councillor Gary Fuller	Cabinet Member for Resident Engagement and accountability
Councillor Mike Blakemore	Cabinet Member for Community and Collaboration
Councillor Polly Blakemore	Cabinet Member for Transport, Regulatory Services and Building control
Councillor Rebecca Shoob	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness
Councillor Stephen Scoffham	Cabinet Member for Climate, Environment and Biodiversity
Councillor Rich Holgate	Cabinet Member for Place Plan, Heritage, Tourism and District Economy
Councillor Jeremy Speakman	Cabinet Member for Assets and Operations

## CORPORATE LEADERSHIP TEAM

<b>Name</b>	<b>Job Title</b>
Dr Susan Priest	Chief Executive
Lydia Morrison	Interim S151 Officer and Director - Corporate Services
Andy Blaszkowicz	Director - Housing & Operations
Ewan Green	Director – Strategy and Resources

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<b>March</b>					
Ship Street Development	The report will provide an update on proposals for the Ship Street Development and seeks approval to explore options for delivery.	Yes	Open	Samuel Aligbe, Chief Officer - Corporate Estate and Development  Samuel.aligbe@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Otterpool Park and Planning Policy
Stourbank property - Potential Disposal	This report proposes the disposal of the property 'Stourbank', at Stanford South, which was purchased as part of the Otterpool Park project.	No	Open	Samuel Aligbe, Chief Officer - Corporate Estate and Development  Samuel.aligbe@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Otterpool Park and Planning Policy
Highview - Update on market testing and offers received for the site	This report provides an update to members following a market testing exercise and considers the offers received.	Yes	Part exempt	Andy Blaszkowicz, Director of Housing and Operations  andy.blaszkowicz@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk	Cabinet Member for Assets and Operations
2022-23 Annual Equality Report	The Equality Act 2010 places a statutory duty on the council to prepare and publish information	No	Open	Gavin Edwards, Performance and Improvement	Cabinet Member for Community and Collaboration

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	annually to demonstrate compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty. The draft Equality & Diversity Annual Report is therefore presented for consideration and approval prior to publication.			Specialist  gavin.edwards@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk	
Oportunitas Limited - Progress report 2023/24 and Business Plan 2024/25	This report proposes a Business Plan from the Board of Oportunitas Ltd (“the company”) covering its activities through to 31 March 2025. The report also provides a financial update for 2023/24. The report meets the requirement contained in the Shareholder’s agreement between the company and the Council.	No	Open	Gavin Edwards, Performance and Improvement Specialist  gavin.edwards@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Governance
Waste & Street Cleansing Contract - Outcome of Contract Savings Negotiation	This report will detail the outcome of the negotiation with Veolia to achieve a saving on the annual cost of the Waste & Street Cleansing Contract.	Yes	Fully exempt	Andrew Rush, Chief Officer Place & Regulatory Services  andrew.rush@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk	Cabinet Member for Assets and Operations

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Housing Compliance Policies - Legionella and Lift Safety	This report seeks approval for the renewal of two policies in relation to Housing Landlord Health and Safety Compliance (Legionella and Lift Safety) updated to reflect current legislation and working practices.	No	Open	Gill Butler, Chief Officer - Housing  gill.butler@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness
Tenant Engagement Strategy 2024-30	The Council's current Tenant Engagement Strategy expires in 2024, and officers have therefore prepared an updated version to reflect changes in policy and legislation, and to ensure compliance with the Regulator of Social Housing's Transparency, Influence & Accountability Standard which comes into effect in April 2024. The Strategic Tenant Advisory Panel has been consulted on the updated strategy and Cabinet is therefore being asked to approve it.	No	Open	Gill Butler, Chief Officer - Housing  gill.butler@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness
FOLCA - FHDC Public Sector Hub, Concept Design, Business Case and Next Steps	The report updates Members on the work to date and considers next steps for the project.	Yes	Open	Samuel Aligbe, Chief Officer - Corporate Estate and Development  Samuel.aligbe@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk	Cabinet Member for Housing and special projects, Cabinet Member for Property Management and Grounds Maintenance
Biggins Wood –	<a href="#">Following the decision to dispose</a>	Yes	Open	Gill Butler, Chief	Cabinet Member for

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Council Purchase of Affordable Housing	of the Biggins Wood site and Cabinet's approval of the HRA Business Plan the opportunity has arisen to purchase the affordable housing from the residential developer. This report sets out the opportunity which fits within the parameters of the HRA Business Plan and will deliver 24 new affordable homes to the Council.			Officer - Housing  gill.butler@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk	Housing and Homelessness, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Otterpool Park and Planning Policy
<b>April</b>					
Telecare equipment in council independent living and age designated properties	In response to all analogue telephone systems being switched off by 2025, the council's housing service has undertaken a procurement exercise to decommission the current hardwired telecare (Lifeline) equipment in its independent living and age designated housing properties, and to procure a replacement hybrid digital IP telecare solution for the independent living properties.  This procurement was undertaken via a mini-competition through Consortium Procurement's Technology Enabled Lives framework. Cabinet is asked to	Yes	Part exempt	Gill Butler, Chief Officer - Housing, Michael Bailey, Tenant Engagement & Wellbeing Senior Specialist  gill.butler@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk,	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness

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	approve the award of the contract to the highest scoring bidder as outlined in the report.				
<b>May</b>					
Housing Allocations Policy Review and Update	This report sets out the draft Housing Allocations Policy for the district. The policy determines how council and housing association homes are allocated in the district.	Yes	Open	Adrian Hammond, Housing Lead Specialist  adrian.hammond@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness
<b>Date to be confirmed</b>					
Princes Parade	This report will consider the proposal and resources necessary to engage with the community and their representative on the next steps for the PP site.	Yes	Open	Samuel Aligbe, Chief Officer - Corporate Estate and Development  Samuel.aligbe@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Otterpool Park and Planning Policy
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