



Lewes District Council

February 2019

FORWARD PLAN OF DECISIONS

Period covered by this Plan:

1 February to 31 May 2019

Date of publication:

11 January 2019

Councillor Andy Smith: Leader of the Council and Chair of Cabinet. Cabinet member for regeneration and business.

Councillor Paul Franklin: Cabinet member for waste and recycling.

Councillor Bill Giles: Cabinet member for finance.

Councillor Tom Jones: Cabinet member for planning.

Councillor Isabelle Linington: Cabinet member for environmental impact.

Councillor Ron Maskell: Cabinet member for housing.

Councillor Elayne Merry: Cabinet member for people and performance.

Councillor Tony Nicholson: Cabinet member for customers and partners.

Please see the explanatory note appended to this Plan for further information and details of how to make representations and otherwise contact the Council on matters listed in the Plan. Documents referred to will be available at least 5 clear working days before the date for decision.

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<p>General fund budget 2019/20</p> <p>To recommend to Council, the general fund revenue budget for 2019/20.</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Bill Giles)</p>	All Wards	Budget and policy framework	Cabinet Full Council	11 Feb 2019 25 Feb 2019	Open	None	Report	<p>Chief Finance Officer (Homira Javadi)</p> <p>Pauline Adams, Head of Finance Tel: (01323) 415979 pauline.adams@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk</p>
<p>Investment strategy</p> <p>Report will contain Capital Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy.</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Bill Giles)</p>	All Wards	Budget and policy framework	Cabinet Full Council	11 Feb 2019 25 Feb 2019	Open	None	Report	<p>Chief Finance Officer (Homira Javadi)</p> <p>Pauline Adams, Head of Finance Tel: (01323) 415979 pauline.adams@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Housing revenue account budget 2019/2020</p> <p>Recommendations to full Council in February 2019 in respect of the housing revenue account for 2019/20.</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Ron Maskell)</p>	All Wards	Budget and policy framework	Cabinet Full Council	11 Feb 2019 25 Feb 2019	Open	None	Report	<p>Chief Finance Officer (Homira Javadi)</p> <p>Pauline Adams, Head of Finance Tel: (01323) 415979 pauline.adams@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Retail rate relief</p> <p>The Government expects local authorities to have in place arrangements to administer and award reliefs for the new financial year. As granting the reliefs falls under the Council's Discretionary powers it is necessary to have a local policy for each of the reliefs.</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Bill Giles)</p>	All Wards	Key	Cabinet	11 Feb 2019	Open	With local ratepayers	Report	<p>Director of Service Delivery (Tim Whelan)</p> <p>Nick Ducatel, Functional Lead (Growth and Prosperity) Tel: (01323) 415914 nick.ducatel@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Council tax reduction exceptional hardship policy</p> <p>Report following approval of notice of motion at Full Council meeting in November 2018.</p> <p>The report will give options on how to broaden the Exceptional Hardship Policy to make it more accessible to those self-employed and to include those self-employed who do not qualify for a Council Tax Reduction due to the application of the minimum income floor.</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Bill Giles)</p>	All Wards	Key	Cabinet	11 Feb 2019	Open	To be confirmed	Report	<p>Director of Service Delivery (Tim Whelan)</p> <p>Bill McCafferty, Revenues and Benefits Manager Tel: (01323) 415171 bill.mccafferty@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Strategic implications for leaving the European Union</p> <p>A report for noting only, pursuant to a motion carried at Full Council on 26 November 2018. The report will consider the main issues for LDC stemming from the UK's withdrawal from the EU, based on the permutations available to the UK Government at the time of writing (e.g. leaving the EU in accordance with the Withdrawal Agreement or under a No Deal scenario).</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Andy Smith)</p>	All Wards	Non-Key	Cabinet	11 Feb 2019	Open	None	Report	<p>Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services (Catherine Knight)</p> <p>Oliver Dixon, Solicitor oliver.dixon@lewes.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Chinese/sky lanterns and balloons</p> <p>The report will consider the options available to the Council to enforce a ban on releasing Chinese/sky lanterns and/or balloons on Council owned land and further.</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Isabelle Linington)</p>	All wards	Key	Cabinet	11 Feb 2019	Open	Internally with various officers.	Report	<p>Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services (Catherine Knight)</p> <p>Oliver Dixon, Solicitor oliver.dixon@lewes.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Discretionary Disabled Facilities Grants</p> <p>To approve a Discretionary Funding Policy for Disabled Facilities Grants in light of additional allocation of funding from Central Government.</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Ron Maskell)</p>	All Wards	Key	Cabinet	11 Feb 2019	Open	None	Report	<p>Director of Service Delivery (Tim Whelan)</p> <p>Rebecca Wynn, Senior Specialist Advisor – Private Housing Tel: 01273 085491 Rebecca.wynn@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Voluntary sector support</p> <p>Report on the performance of those voluntary organisations funded by the Council and for Cabinet to agree the Council's policy on grants to voluntary organisations and the levels of grant funding for the coming year</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Tony Nicholson)</p>	All Wards	Key	Cabinet	11 Feb 2019	Open	Not applicable	Report	<p>Director of Regeneration and Planning (Ian Fitzpatrick)</p> <p>Pat Taylor, Strategy and Commissioning Lead for Community and Partnerships Tel: (01323) 415909 pat.taylor@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Community Infrastructure Levy Recommendations for Spending</p> <p>The report will present the recommendations of the CIL Management and Executive Boards following the assessment of infrastructure project bids by Members and officers.</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Tom Jones)</p>	All Wards	Key	Cabinet	11 Feb 2019	Open	Infrastructure Providers will be invited to submit bids over a 6 week window from 10 September 2018. The bids will be assessed by the CIL Management Board (19 November 2018) and Executive Board (11 December 2018) formed of officers and councillors.		<p>Director of Regeneration and Planning (Ian Fitzpatrick)</p> <p>Emma Kemp, Planning Policy Officer Tel: 01273 085756 emma-kemp@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk ,</p> <p>Tondra Thom, Planning Policy Lead Tel: 01323 415677 tondra.thom@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Business rate pilot</p> <p>Proposed business rate pilot.</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Bill Giles)</p>	All Wards	Key	Cabinet	11 Feb 2019	Open	Not applicable	Report	<p>Chief Finance Officer (Homira Javadi)</p> <p>Homira Javadi, Chief Finance Officer homira.javadi@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk</p>
<p>Mobile app parking services</p> <p>To seek Cabinet approval for a five year Contract Procedure Rule waiver in order to maintain consistency of service, align services with ESCC via an existing supplier and reduce charges.</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Bill Giles)</p>	All Wards	Non-Key	Cabinet	11 Feb 2019	Fully exempt Exempt information reason: 3	None	Report	<p>Director of Regeneration and Planning (Ian Fitzpatrick)</p> <p>Mark Langridge Kemp, Senior Manager, Asset Development, Property and Facilities Shared Service Tel: 07900 057102 mark.langridge-kemp@eastbourne.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Water & sewerage services</p> <p>To seek Cabinet approval for an additional one year Contract Procedure Rule waiver prior to review of services in 2020.</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Bill Giles)</p>	All Wards	Non-Key	Cabinet	11 Feb 2019	Fully exempt Exempt information reason: 3	None	Report	<p>Director of Regeneration and Planning (Ian Fitzpatrick)</p> <p>Mark Langridge Kemp, Senior Manager, Asset Development, Property and Facilities Shared Service Tel: 07900 057102 mark.langridge-kemp@eastbourne.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Newhaven Enterprise Centre</p> <p>Review of future management options for Newhaven Enterprise Centre.</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Andy Smith)</p>	Newhaven Valley	Key	Cabinet	11 Feb 2019	Part exempt Exempt information reason: 3	None	Report	<p>Director of Regeneration and Planning (Ian Fitzpatrick)</p> <p>Peter Sharp, Head of Regeneration Peter.Sharp@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk,</p> <p>Bee Lewis, Head of Capital Development Tel: (01273) 661101 bee.lewis@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Portfolio progress and performance report quarter 3 - 2018-2019</p> <p>To update Members on the Council's performance against corporate plan priority actions, performance indicators and targets over the quarter 3 2018/19 period.</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Elayne Merry)</p>	All Wards	Non-Key	Cabinet	27 Mar 2019	Open	None	Report	<p>Director of Regeneration and Planning (Ian Fitzpatrick)</p> <p>Jo Harper, Head of Business Planning and Performance Tel: 01273 484049 jo.harper@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Finance update - performance quarter 3 - 2018-2019</p> <p>To provide an update on the Council's financial performance, revenue budgets and capital programme to the end of quarter3 2018/2019 and explain the impact on the current financial position.</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Bill Giles)</p>	All Wards	Key	Cabinet	27 Mar 2019	Open	Not applicable	Report	<p>Chief Finance Officer (Homira Javadi)</p> <p>Pauline Adams, Head of Finance Tel: (01323) 415979 pauline.adams@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Equality and Fairness Annual Report 2018 and Action Plan 2019</p> <p>To report on activities to undertaken in 2018 to promote equality and fairness and recommend an action plan for 2019.</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Elayne Merry)</p>	All Wards	Non-Key	Cabinet	27 Mar 2019	Open	Equality and Fairness Stakeholder Group - 12 th December 2018 Scrutiny Committee – 7 February 2019	Equality and fairness analysis	<p>Director of Regeneration and Planning (Ian Fitzpatrick)</p> <p>Pat Taylor, Strategy and Commissioning Lead for Community and Partnerships Tel: (01323) 415909 pat.taylor@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk</p>
<p>Wave Leisure Service Plan 2019/20</p> <p>To receive and approve the Wave Leisure service delivery plan for 2019/20</p> <p>(Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Tony Nicholson)</p>	All Wards	Non-Key	Cabinet	27 Mar 2019	Open	None	Report	<p>Director of Tourism and Enterprise (Philip Evans)</p> <p>Robert Brennan, Procurement Manager Tel: 01323 415502 robert.brennan@lewes.gov.uk</p>

Explanatory Note

The Council is required to publish information about all key decisions at least 28 days in advance of the decision being taken.

This plan is a list of the decisions likely to be taken over the coming four months. The list is not exhaustive as not all decisions are known that far in advance. The Plan is updated and re-published monthly.

The forward plan shows details of key decisions intended to be taken by the Cabinet and Chief Officers under their delegated powers.

The plan shows:-

- the subject of the decisions
- what wards are affected
- the decision type
- who will make the decision
- when those decisions will be made
- expected exemption class (open, part exempt or fully exempt.)
- what the consultation arrangements are
- what documents relating to those decisions will be available
- who you can contact about the decision and how to obtain copies of those documents referred to in the plan

What is a key decision?

"Key decisions" relate to a decision, which is likely:-

(1) to 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

(2) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the Council's area.

What is budget and policy framework?

When a decision is marked as "budget and policy framework", it requires the approval of Full Council.

Confidential and exempt information

From time to time, the forward plan will indicate matters (or part thereof) which may need to be considered in private, during which time the press and public will be excluded. This is in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 5(2) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Any representations that such matters should not be considered in private should be sent to the contact officer.

Information given to the Council by a Government Department on terms which forbid its disclosure to the public, information which cannot be publicly disclosed by a Court Order and information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by an enactment are all legally defined as “Confidential Information” and must not be disclosed. All other local authority information which it is desired should not be disclosed has to be categorised under one or more of the following “Exempt Information” reasons (as given under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972) and subject to the public interest test.

Category	Condition No.
1. Information relating to any individual.	See conditions 9 and 10 below.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.	See conditions 9 and 10 below.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).	See conditions 8, 9, 10 and 12 below.
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.	See conditions 9, 10, 11 and 12 below.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.	See conditions 9 and 10 below.
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.	See conditions 9, 10 and 12 below.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.	See conditions 9 and 10 below.

Conditions
8. Information is not exempt information if it is required to be registered under: (a) the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006); (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.

“Financial or business affairs” includes contemplated as well as past or current activities.

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.

11. “Labour relations matter” means:

(a) any of the matters specified in paragraphs (a) to (g) of section 218(1) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (matters which may be the subject of a trade dispute, within the meaning of that Act); or

(b) any dispute about a matter falling within paragraph (a) above;

and for the purposes of this definition the enactments mentioned in paragraph (a) above, with the necessary modifications, shall apply in relation to office-holders under the authority as they apply in relation to employees of the authority;

“Office-holder”, in relation to the authority, means the holder of any paid office appointments to which are or may be made or confirmed by the authority or by any joint board on which the authority is represented or by any person who holds any such office or is an employee of the authority.

“Employee” means a person employed under a contract of service.

12. “The authority” is a reference to the council or a committee or sub-committee of the council or a joint committee of more than one council.

Further information

The plan is available for inspection, free of charge upon request from Reception at the Council Offices at Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes between 9.00am and 5.00pm on Monday to Friday; Saxon House, Meeching Road, Newhaven between 10.00am and 2.00pm on Monday to Friday; the Tourist Information Centre at 37 Church Street, Seaford between 9.00am and 4.45pm on Monday to Friday and the Information Office, Meridian Centre, Peacehaven between 9.00am and 4.00pm on Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 12.00noon on Saturday, website at <http://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/councillors-committees-and-meetings/cabinet-and-committees/>

If you have any questions about the Forward Plan please contact Simon Russell, Committee and Civic Services Manager, on (01323) 415021, or e-mail simon.russell@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk