

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LEADER'S FORWARD PLAN**

**1st August 2012 to 30th November 2012**

(published as at 16th July 2012)

This Plan gives details of items on which key decisions are likely to be taken in the coming four months by the Borough Council's Executive Committee.

(NB: There may be occasions when the Executive Committee may make recommendations to Council for a final decision.  
e.g. to approve a new policy or variation to the approved budget.)

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This Plan gives details of items on which key decisions are likely to be taken by the Borough Council's Executive Committee, or full Council, in the coming four months.

**“Key Decisions” are ones which are likely to:**

- (i) result in the Council incurring expenditure, foregoing income or the making of savings in excess of £50,000 or which are otherwise significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or**
- (ii) be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in the area comprising two or more wards in the Borough;**
- (iii) involve any proposal to cease to provide a Council service (other than a temporary cessation of service of not more than 6 months).**

The Forward Plan is available for inspection free of charge at the Town Hall, Walter Stranz Square, Redditch, B98 8AH from:

9am to 5pm Mondays to Fridays; or on the Council's website ([www.redditchbc.gov.uk](http://www.redditchbc.gov.uk)).

If you wish, you can see or obtain copies of any documents, detailed in the plan, provided they are not confidential, and be kept informed of any additional supporting documents as they become available. You can also arrange to have copies of additional supporting documents. Please ask the Town Hall receptionist to call one of the Committee Services Team on ext: 3269. There is a charge per side of A4. If you wish to make any representations they should be made in writing addressed to the Officer whose name is given as the contact for the relevant item.

The Executive Committee's meetings are normally held every three weeks at 7pm on Tuesday evenings at the Town Hall. They are open to the public, except when confidential information is being discussed. If you wish to attend for a particular matter, it is advisable to check with the Committee Services Team on (01527) 64252, ext: 3269 to make sure it is going ahead as planned. If you have any other queries, Committee Services Officers will be happy to advise you.

The full Council meets in accordance the Council's Calendar of Meetings. Meetings commence at 7.00pm.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Bill Hartnett	Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Leadership & Partnership
Councillor G Chance	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Planning, Regeneration, Economic Development, Public Transport
Councillor Phil Mould	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management
Councillor Rebecca Blake	Portfolio Holder for Community Safety & Regulatory Services
Councillor Mark Shurmer	Portfolio Holder for Housing
Councillor Debbie Taylor	Portfolio Holder for Local Environment & Health
Councillor Luke Stephens	Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Tourism
Councillor Michael Braley	
Councillor Carole Gandy	

## CONSULTATION AND REPRESENTATIONS

For **Key Decisions** the summary document appended to the Forward Plan sets out details of any proposed consultation process. Any person / organisation not listed who would like to be consulted or who wishes to make representations on the proposed decision are encouraged to get in touch with the relevant report author as soon as possible before the proposed date of the decision. Contact details are provided.

Alternatively you may write to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services, The Town Hall, Walter Stranz Square, Redditch, B98 8AH or e-mail: [democratic@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:democratic@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk)

Item No.	Decision Taker	Expected Date of Decision	Original Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Decision	Type of Decision (Key or Non-Key)	Lead Councillor/ Portfolio Holder	Comments
1	Executive	21 Aug 2012		Adverse Weather Policy - Review	Non-Key	Councillor Phil Mould	
2	Executive	21 Aug 2012		Budget Preparation Guidelines	<b>Key</b>	Councillor Phil Mould	
3	Executive	21 Aug 2012		Quarterly Budget Monitoring - Quarter 1 - April to June 2012	Non-Key	Councillor Phil Mould	
4	Executive	21 Aug 2012		Quarterly Monitoring - Write Off of Debts - Quarter 1 - April to June 2012	Non-Key	Councillor Phil Mould	
5	Executive	21 Aug 2012		Quarterly Sickness Monitoring - Quarter 1 - April to June 2012	Non-Key	Councillor Phil Mould	
6	Executive	21 Aug 2012		Quarterly Customer Service Monitoring - Quarter 1 - April to June 2012	Non-Key	Councillor Phil Mould	
7	Executive	18 Sep 2012		Disposal of Salop Road Community Centre	<b>Key</b>	Councillor Phil Mould	

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8	Council	15 Oct 2012	13 Mar 2012	Tenancy Strategy and Policy 2012 - 2014	<b>Key</b>	Councillor Mark Shurmer	*Executive Committee will make recommendations to Council following its meeting on 18 Sep 2012
9	Executive	18 Sep 2012	24 Jul 2012	Sickness Policy - Review	Non-Key	Councillor Phil Mould	
10	Executive	18 Sep 2012	3 Apr 2012	Concessionary Rents Policy	<b>Key</b>	Councillor Phil Mould	
11	Executive	16 Oct 2012		Grants Programme - 2013/14	<b>Key</b>	Councillor Bill Hartnett	
12	Executive	16 Oct 2012		Concessionary Fares - Pre 9.30am	<b>Key</b>	Councillor Greg Chance	
13	Executive	20 Nov 2012		Quarterly Budget Monitoring - Quarter 2 - July to September 2012	Non-Key	Councillor Phil Mould	
14	Executive	20 Nov 2012	18 Dec 2012	Quarterly Monitoring - Write Off of Debts - Quarter 2 - July to September 2012	Non-Key	Councillor Phil Mould	

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15	Executive	20 Nov 2012		Quarterly Sickness Monitoring - Quarter 2 - July to September 2012	Non-Key	Councillor Phil Mould	
16	Executive	20 Nov 2012		Quarterly Customer Service Monitoring - Quarter 2 - July to November 2012	Non-Key	Councillor Phil Mould	
17	Executive	15 Jan 2013		Council Tax Base 2013/14	<b>Key</b>	Councillor Phil Mould	
18	Executive	15 Jan 2013		Fees and Charges 2013/14	<b>Key</b>	Councillor Phil Mould	
19	Executive		21 Feb 2012	Highway Impact and Accessibility Modelling Report - Worcestershire County Council (Halcrow) May 2011	Non-Key	Councillor Greg Chance	New date to be identified
20	Council		17 Oct 2011	Housing Allocations Policy - Review	<b>Key</b>	Councillor Mark Shurmer	New date to be identified

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21	Council		12 Jan 2011	Town Centre Landscape Improvements (including Church Green)	<b>Key</b>	Councillor Greg Chance	New date to be identified

**KEY DECISION**

Proposed to be made by the Executive on **21 Aug 2012**

<p><b>LEAD MEMBER / PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b></p> <p>Councillor Phil Mould</p>	<p><b>ITEM</b></p> <p>Budget Preparation Guidelines</p>	<p><b>WARDS AFFECTED</b></p> <p>All Wards;</p>
<p><b>DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER</b></p> <p>Report of the Head of Finance and Resources</p> <p><b>REPORT AUTHOR</b></p> <p>J Pickering - Exec Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)</p>	<p><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>To set guidelines for the preparation of the 2013/14 budget and receive the Initial Estimates for 2014/15 and 2015/16.</p>	<p><b>REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN</b></p>
<p><b>CONSULTATION DETAILS</b></p>	<p><b>Method of Consultation</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation Period or Dates</b></p>

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**KEY DECISION**

Proposed to be made by the Executive on **18 Sep 2012**

<p><b>LEAD MEMBER / PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b></p> <p>Councillor Phil Mould</p>	<p><b>ITEM</b></p> <p>Disposal of Salop Road Community Centre</p>	<p><b>WARDS AFFECTED</b></p> <p>(Central Ward);</p>
<p><b>DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER</b></p> <p>Report of the Head of Finance and Resources</p> <p><b>REPORT AUTHOR</b></p> <p>T Kristunas, Head of Finance and Resources</p>	<p><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>To seek approval for the disposal of Salop Road Community Centre.</p> <p>[The report may contain exempt information as defined in S.100 of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as they may contain information relating to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information; and</li> </ul> <p>In view of this it is anticipated that discussion of these matters will take place after the exclusion of the public.]</p>	<p><b>REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN</b></p> <p>To gain approval for disposal of Salop Road Community Centre</p>

<b>CONSULTATION DETAILS</b>	<b>Method of Consultation</b>	<b>Consultation Period or Dates</b>

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<p><b>LEAD MEMBER / PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b></p> <p>Councillor Mark Shurmer</p>	<p><b>ITEM</b></p> <p>Tenancy Strategy and Policy 2012 - 2014</p>	<p><b>WARDS AFFECTED</b></p> <p>All Wards;</p>
<p><b>DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER</b></p> <p>Joint reportt of the Head of Community Services and Head of Housing</p> <p><b>REPORT AUTHOR</b></p> <p>M Bough Housing Policy and Performance Manager</p>	<p><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>The report will present a Tenancy Strategy and Policy which sets out the considerations for individual social landlords to have regard to in their own policies on the granting and re-issuing of tenancies relating to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The kinds of tenancies that they grant;</li> <li>• The circumstances in which they will grant a tenancy of a particular kind;</li> <li>• Where they grant tenancies for a fixed term, the length of the term;</li> <li>• The circumstances in which they will grant a further tenancy on the ending of the existing one.</li> </ul>	<p><b>REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN</b></p> <p>The Council is required by the Localism Act 2011 to implement a Tenancy Strategy</p>

<b>CONSULTATION DETAILS</b>	<b>Method of Consultation</b>	<b>Consultation Period or Dates</b>
Consultation Events	<b>Stakeholders</b> District Councils Registered Local Landlords Adult and Community Services Voluntary and Community Sector	Ongoing since December 2009

<p>DECISIONS TO BE MADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH</p> <p>Not applicable</p>
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Proposed to be made by the Executive on **18 Sep 2012**

<p><b>LEAD MEMBER / PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b></p> <p>Councillor Phil Mould</p>	<p><b>ITEM</b></p> <p>Concessionary Rents Policy</p>	<p><b>WARDS AFFECTED</b></p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance);</p>
<p><b>DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER</b></p> <p>Report of the Head of Finance and Resources</p> <p><b>REPORT AUTHOR</b></p> <p>T Kristunas, Head of Finance and Resources</p>	<p><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>To consider a policy regarding granting concessionary rents in respect of the Council's commercial property portfolio.</p>	<p><b>REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN</b></p>
<p><b>CONSULTATION DETAILS</b></p>	<p><b>Method of Consultation</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation Period or Dates</b></p>
	<p>Relevant Officers and representatives from the Voluntary Sector.</p>	<p>February / March 2012</p>

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**KEY DECISION**

Proposed to be made by the Executive on **16 Oct 2012**

<p><b>LEAD MEMBER / PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b> Councillor Bill Hartnett</p>	<p><b>ITEM</b> Grants Programme - 2013/14</p>	<p><b>WARDS AFFECTED</b> All Wards;</p>
<p><b>DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER</b> Report of the Head of Community Services</p> <p><b>REPORT AUTHOR</b> D Hancox Voluntary Sector Grants Co-ordinator</p>	<p><b>SUMMARY</b> Redditch Borough Council's Grants Programme 2013/14 fund is set at £246,000 to support Local Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations. The report is before the Executive Committee for recommendation / approval in setting the funding split and themes for the 2013/14 Grants Programme.</p>	<p><b>REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN</b> To approve recommended funding allocations for Redditch Borough Council's Grants Programme 2013/14</p>
<p><b>CONSULTATION DETAILS</b> Grants Panel</p>	<p><b>Method of Consultation</b> Head of Service, Local Community Groups, Portfolio Holders. Feedback from Heads of Service and others.</p>	<p><b>Consultation Period or Dates</b> July 2012</p>

<p><b>DECISIONS TO BE MADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH</b> Not applicable</p>
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Proposed to be made by the Executive on **16 Oct 2012**

<p><b>LEAD MEMBER / PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b></p> <p>Councillor Greg Chance</p>	<p><b>ITEM</b></p> <p>Concessionary Fares - Pre 9.30am</p>	<p><b>WARDS AFFECTED</b></p> <p>All Wards;</p>
<p><b>DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER</b></p> <p>Report of the Head of Community Services</p> <p><b>REPORT AUTHOR</b></p> <p>J Willis Acting Head of Community Services</p>	<p><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>To consider a report on the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 to enable the implementation of the pre 9.30am concessionary fares to the residents of Redditch.</p>	<p><b>REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN</b></p> <p>To authorise expenditure</p>
<p><b>CONSULTATION DETAILS</b></p>	<p><b>Method of Consultation</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation Period or Dates</b></p>

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Proposed to be made by the Executive on **15 Jan 2013**

<p><b>LEAD MEMBER / PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b></p> <p>Councillor Phil Mould</p>	<p><b>ITEM</b></p> <p>Council Tax Base 2013/14</p>	<p><b>WARDS AFFECTED</b></p> <p>All Wards;</p>
<p><b>DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER</b></p> <p>Report of the Head of Finance and Resources</p> <p><b>REPORT AUTHOR</b></p> <p>T Kristunas Head of Resources</p>	<p><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>To consider a report regarding the setting of the Council Tax Base for 2013/14.</p>	<p><b>REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN</b></p>
<p><b>CONSULTATION DETAILS</b></p>	<p><b>Method of Consultation</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation Period or Dates</b></p>

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<p><b>LEAD MEMBER / PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b> Councillor Phil Mould</p>	<p><b>ITEM</b> Fees and Charges 2013/14</p>	<p><b>WARDS AFFECTED</b> All Wards;</p>
<p><b>DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER</b> Report of the Head of Finance and Resources  <b>REPORT AUTHOR</b> T Kristunas, Head of Finance and Resources</p>	<p><b>SUMMARY</b> To consider the proposed fees and charges for 2013/14 for the Council's chargeable services.</p>	<p><b>REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN</b></p>
<p><b>CONSULTATION DETAILS</b></p>	<p><b>Method of Consultation</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation Period or Dates</b></p>

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Proposed to be made by the Executive (date to be identified)

<p><b>LEAD MEMBER / PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b></p> <p>Councillor Mark Shurmer</p>	<p><b>ITEM</b></p> <p>Housing Allocations Policy - Review</p>	<p><b>WARDS AFFECTED</b></p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance);</p>
<p><b>DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>REPORT AUTHOR</b></p> <p>L Tompkin, Head of Housing</p>	<p><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>To consider a review of the Housing Allocations Policy.</p>	<p><b>REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN</b></p>
<p><b>CONSULTATION DETAILS</b></p>	<p><b>Method of Consultation</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation Period or Dates</b></p>

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<p><b>LEAD MEMBER / PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b></p> <p>Councillor Greg Chance</p>	<p><b>ITEM</b></p> <p>Town Centre Landscape Improvements (including Church Green)</p>	<p><b>WARDS AFFECTED</b></p> <p>(Abbey Ward);</p>
<p><b>DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER</b></p> <p>Background Papers: none specified</p> <p><b>REPORT AUTHOR</b></p> <p>C Walker, L Hadley Landscape and Countryside Services Manager, Planning Officer</p>	<p><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>To consider a report detailing proposed options for Town Centre Landscape Improvements (including Church Green).</p>	<p><b>REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN</b></p>
<p><b>CONSULTATION DETAILS</b></p>	<p><b>Method of Consultation</b></p> <p>Relevant Officers.</p>	<p><b>Consultation Period or Dates</b></p>

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