

Retrospective Scrutiny of Council Cabinet Key Decisions not included in the Forward Plan

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides details of the three items considered by the Council Cabinet between June and August that had not been published in the Forward Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Commission consider and comment on the report.
- 2.2 To continue to monitor items considered by the Council Cabinet that are not included in the Forward Plan.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is a legal requirement for authorities to publish details of items for consideration by the Executive.
- 3.2 Regulations recently published require local authorities to publish details of the key decisions to be taken for a minimum of 28 days in advance. Regular monitoring enables the Board to ensure that the Forward Plan is being used correctly.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Forward Plan currently sets out all the key decisions that the Council Cabinet expects to take in the next four months. This is an important document for overview and scrutiny as it provides members with information of forthcoming key decisions to be taken by the Council Cabinet. Following suggestions from scrutiny members, the Forward Plan was recently amended to provide a simple list of items in the contents page to be considered by each Cabinet member.
- 4.2 The Scrutiny Management Commission regularly monitored items considered by the Council Cabinet that had been listed in the Forward Plan to ensure scrutiny members are provided the opportunity to contribute to the decision making process.

- 4.3 The Council Cabinet considered three items that had not been listed in the Forward. In July it considered the 'Derby Better Ways to Work- Local Sustainable Transport Fund Award' which was due to be awarded later in the month. A notice of the proposed Cabinet decision had been given to the relevant Chair of the Scrutiny Board.
- 4.4 The Council Cabinet took three further decisions at the their August meeting that had not been included in the Forward Plan. Two of these were due to administrative oversight and one was to consider a policy which had been developed since the publication of the Forward Plan.

Item	Reason for non-inclusion on the Forward Plan
Neighbourhood Working	This policy has been developed since the publication of the Forward Plan.
Revenue Budget Monitoring 2012/13 Quarter 1	This item was omitted from the Forward Plan due to an administrative error.
Quarter 1 Capital Monitoring 2012/13	This item was omitted from the Forward Plan due to an administrative error.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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Financial officer	N/A
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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising from this report

Legal

- 2.1 Rule OS 24 of the constitution requires the Council Cabinet to respond within two months of receiving scrutiny reports. This requirement is also covered in Schedule 2, Section 9FE of the Localism Act 2011.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from this report

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 None arising from this report

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None arising from this report

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None arising from this report

Asset Management

- 7.1 None arising from this report

Risk Management

- 8.1 None arising from this report

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 This report affects all the corporate priorities and objectives of the Council Plan 2011 -2014.