

MELTON BOROUGH COUNCIL Forward Plan

FOR THE PERIOD March 2022 - May 2022

What is the Plan?

It is a list of the Key Decisions to be taken by the Cabinet during the period referred to above. The Council has a statutory duty to prepare this document, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended). The Plan is published 28 clear days before a meeting of Cabinet is to be held. The Plan is available to view at the Council's main offices in Melton, or on the Council's website, <http://www.melton.gov.uk>.

What is a Key Decision?

Definition of a key decision as detailed in the Council's Constitution is one which is likely to result in the Council:

- Incurring expenditure of £50,000 or more, or;
- Making savings or generate income of £50,000 or more, and/or
- Has a significant impact on two or more wards in the Borough and on communities living or working in those areas.

Who makes Key Decisions?

Under the Council's Constitution, Key Decisions are made by:

- Cabinet
- The Leader and Portfolio Holders
- Individual officers acting under delegated powers

Are only Key Decisions published on the Plan?

The Council has a statutory obligation to publish Key Decisions in the Plan. However, the Council has voluntarily decided to list non-key Cabinet decisions as well. To clarify matters, Key Decisions will be identified on the Plan with a Yes, non-key decisions with a No.

What does the List tell me?

The List gives information about:

- Upcoming Key and Non-Key Decisions (identified by Yes or No next to them)
- Whether the decision will be made in public or private.
- When decisions are likely to be made.
- Who will make these decisions.
- Who you can contact for further information.

Who are the members of the Cabinet?

The members of the Cabinet and their areas of responsibility are:

- Leader of the Council
- People and Communities (and Deputy Leader)
- Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources
- Climate, Access and Engagement
- Council Homes and Landlord Services
- Growth and Prosperity

What is the role of Scrutiny?

The Council's Scrutiny Committee's role is to contribute to the development of Council policies, scrutinise decisions of the Cabinet and hold them to account and to consider any matter affecting Melton Borough or its citizens. Dates of these meetings can be found on the Council's website.

Who do I contact, and how?

Each entry on the Plan indicates the names of the people to contact about that item. They can be contacted via the switchboard on 01664 502502

Request to view Background Papers

Should you wish to request copies or extracts of any documents listed under the column entitled 'Background Papers', for items which are considered to be Key Decisions, please contact Democratic Services at, Melton Borough Council, democracy@melton.gov.uk Please note that copies or extracts of documents which contain information of a confidential or exempt nature cannot be disclosed to the public.

Submission of Additional Documents

Additional documents which are deemed relevant to a particular Key Decision item may be submitted to the Cabinet for consideration. Copies of such documents may also be requested under the same process for requesting to view Background Papers.

Confidential and Exempt Information

This list may also include items to be considered which contain confidential or exempt information, but will not disclose any detail of a confidential or exempt nature. Such items will be identified with '(Exempt)' in the report title.

Report Title	Background Papers	Decision Maker	Date of Decision	Key Decision?	Portfolio Holder/ Contact Officer	Decision to be taken in public or private session?
<p><u>Fusion 21 Gas and Electrical Safety Assurance</u></p> <p>To award a contract and enter into any necessary documentation in compliance with the contract procedure rules.</p>		Director for Housing and Communities	Not before 9th Dec 2021	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services Christopher Flannery, Housing Asset Manager	Open
<p><u>Award of Contract – Lift Refurbishment at Granby House</u></p> <p>To award a contract for the passenger lift refurbishment at Granby House.</p>		Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services	Not before 31st Mar 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services Michelle Howard, Director for Housing and Communities (Deputy Chief Executive)	Open

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<p><u>Housing Benefit Assurance Process Contract Award</u></p> <p>The Council is required to procure a reporting accountant to undertake an audit of the subsidy claim made to the Department of Work & Pensions (DWP) for Housing Benefit granted. This contract is for a reporting accountant to perform the audit in accordance with the Housing Benefit (subsidy) Assurance Process (HBAP) modules for our subsidy claim for 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23, with an option for a further 12 month extension to cover the requirements of the HBAP modules for the subsidy claim for the 2023/2024 financial year.</p>		<p>Director for Housing and Communities</p>	<p>Not before 31st Mar 2022</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources</p> <p>Nick Sach, Revenues and Benefits Manager</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p><u>Storage Heater Project</u></p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services</p>	<p>Not before 31st Mar 2022</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services</p> <p>Michelle Howard, Director for Housing and Communities (Deputy Chief Executive)</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p><u>Award of Contract - Insurance Services</u></p> <p>To award the contract and enter into any necessary documentation in compliance with the contract procedure rules.</p>		<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Not before 31st Mar 2022</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources</p> <p>David Scott, Corporate Services Manager</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p><u>Omicron Grant Funding</u></p> <p>To approve diverting residual ARG Funding from the ARG Growth Fund to support businesses affected by “Plan B” Restrictions and the Omicron variant and to approve the amended ARG top-up Grant Policy.</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity</p>	<p>Not before 31st Mar 2022</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity</p> <p>Kevin Thomas, Senior Economic Recovery Officer</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p><u>Award of Contract - Re-roofing Properties Project</u></p> <p>To award a contract and enter into any necessary documentation to effect the award.</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services</p>	<p>Not before 31st Mar 2022</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services</p> <p>Christopher Flannery, Housing Asset Manager</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p><u>Award of Contracts Under the Westworks Building Maintenance and Compliance DPS</u></p> <p>To award the contract and enter into any necessary documentation to effect the award.</p>		<p>Director for Housing and Communities</p>	<p>Not before 31st Mar 2022</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services</p> <p>Christopher Flannery, Housing Asset Manager</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p><u>Sale of Cattle Market North</u></p>		<p>Director for Growth and Regeneration</p>	<p>Not before 31st Mar 2022</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity</p> <p>James Morris, Corporate Property and Asset Manager</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p><u>Contract Rates Uplift – Electrical Re-wires (Newey)</u></p> <p>To approve an uplift in the contract rates and amend the contract documents as required.</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services</p>	<p>Not before 31st Mar 2022</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services</p> <p>Christopher Flannery, Housing Asset Manager</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<u>Grant of Lease at Parkside Offices</u> Authority to agree terms and to enter into any associated legal documentation to regularise the matter.		Director for Growth and Regeneration	Not before 18th Feb 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity Jiten Ravat, Senior Estates Surveyor	Fully exempt 3
<u>Award of Contract - Learning Management System Project</u> To award the contract and enter into any necessary documentation to effect the award.		Director for Corporate Services	Not before 31st Mar 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources Sarah Jane O'Connor, HR & Communications Manager	Open

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<p><u>Revenue and Capital Carry Forwards 2021/22</u></p> <p>A number of items from the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Special Expenses are being requested to be carried forward into the next financial year for specific projects and items.</p> <p>This is being undertaken in accordance with section 10 of the Financial Procedure rules which specifies that Director for Corporate Services will coordinate the submission of requests for Cabinet approval.</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources</p>	<p>Not before 31st Mar 2022</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources</p> <p>Dawn Garton, Director for Corporate Services</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p><u>Biannual Ombudsman Report</u></p>		<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>13 Apr 2022</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p> <p>Kieran Stockley, Assistant Director for Governance & Democracy</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p><u>Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30 Year Business Plan</u></p>		<p>Cabinet Council</p>	<p>13 Apr 2022 26 Apr 2022</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources Dawn Garton, Director for Corporate Services</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p><u>Asbestos Mitigation - Contract Award</u> To award the contract and enter into any necessary documentation to effect the award.</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services</p>	<p>Not before 21st Apr 2022</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services Christopher Flannery, Housing Asset Manager</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p><u>Asbestos Surveying - Contract Award</u> To award the contract and enter into any necessary documentation to effect the award.</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services</p>	<p>Not before 21st Apr 2022</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services Christopher Flannery, Housing Asset Manager</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<u>New Bin Stores to Council Flats Phase 2 - Contract Award</u>		Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services	Not before 26th Apr 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services Christopher Flannery, Housing Asset Manager	Open
<u>Contract Award - Water Hygiene – Legionella</u>		Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services	28 Apr 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services Jazz Gallocker, Compliance Officer	Open

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<p><u>Discretionary Council Tax Energy Rebate Scheme</u></p> <p>The Government has announced a £150 Council Tax rebate (payment) for households in Council tax bands A-D to help with rising energy and heating costs. For those who do not qualify for the main scheme, there will be a discretionary scheme. The Council has received £73,050 to support vulnerable households through the discretionary scheme (this includes those who also live in bands A-D). Although Government has not specified how this money should be distributed, they have suggested the areas of the community where Councils could use their discretion on how this money will be allocated.</p>		Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources	Not before 5th May 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources Nick Sach, Revenues and Benefits Manager	Open
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<p><u>Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF)</u></p> <p>The Government has announced a new Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF). The fund will be available to support those businesses affected by the pandemic but that are ineligible for existing support linked to business rates. The Council has received £1,027,161 to supporter business through this scheme. Although Government has not specified how this money should be distributed, they have suggested areas where Councils could use their discretion on how this money will be allocated.</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources</p>	<p>Not before 5th May 2022</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources</p> <p>Nick Sach, Revenues and Benefits Manager</p>	<p>Open</p>