

# MELTON BOROUGH COUNCIL Forward Plan

# FOR THE PERIOD October 2022 - December 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, <a href="http://www.melton.gov.uk">http://www.melton.gov.uk</a>.

## 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
- Housing 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, <a href="mailto:democracy@melton.gov.uk">democracy@melton.gov.uk</a> 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?
Award of Contract – Lift Refurbishment at Granby House  To award a contract for the passenger lift refurbishment at Granby House.		Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services	Not before 13th Oct 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services  Michelle Howard, Director for Housing and Communities (Deputy Chief Executive)	Open
Housing Benefit Assurance Process Contract Award  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.		Director for Housing and Communities	Not before 13th Oct 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources Nick Sach, Revenues and Benefits Manager	Open

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Omicron Grant Funding  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.		Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity	Not before 13th Oct 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity  Kevin Thomas, Senior Economic Recovery Officer	Open
Sale of Cattle Market North  The sale of Council land at the North End of the Cattle market, which comprises an approximate area of 1.69acres, allocated for housing.		Director for Growth and Regeneration	Not before 13th Oct 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity  James Morris, Corporate Property and Asset Manager	Open
Contract Rates Uplift – Electrical Re-wires (Newey)  To approve an uplift in the contract rates and amend the contract documents as required.		Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services	Not before 13th Oct 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services Christopher Flannery, Housing Asset Manager	Open

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Award of Contract - Learning Management System Project  To award the contract and enter into any necessary documentation to effect the award.		Director for Corporate Services	Not before 13th Oct 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources Sarah Jane O'Connor, HR & Communications Manager	Open
New Bin Stores to Council Flats Phase 2 - Contract Award		Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services	Not before 13th Oct 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services Christopher Flannery, Housing Asset Manager	Open
Contract Exemption – Dog Kennelling Services		Director for Corporate Services	Not before 13th Oct 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Climate, Access and Engagement Victoria Clarke, Regulatory Services Manager	Fully exempt 4

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Public Spaces Protection Order Next Steps		Portfolio Holder for Climate, Access and Engagement	Not before 13th Oct 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Climate, Access and Engagement David Walker, Community Safety Lead	Open
Appointment Interim Revenues and Benefits Manager		Director for Housing and Communities	Not before 20th Oct 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources Michelle Howard, Director for Housing and Communities (Deputy Chief Executive)	Open

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Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring - Quarter 2 2022/23		Cabinet	16 Nov 2022	No	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources Carol King, Accountant (CK)	Open
General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring - Quarter 2 2022/23		Cabinet	16 Nov 2022	No	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources Natasha Allsopp, Senior Accountant (NA)	Open
Mid-Year Treasury Management Report 2022/23  An update on Treasury Management performance for 2022/23.		Cabinet	16 Nov 2022 15 Dec 2022	No	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources David Scott, Corporate Services Manager	Open

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Residents' Survey 2022  A report which represents the findings of the residents' survey which was conducted on behalf of the Council during June/July 2022. The purpose of the residents' survey was to gauge satisfaction with the Council and its services and the area where residents live, as well as asking about preferred methods of communication and engagement from and with the Council.		Cabinet	16 Nov 2022	No	Portfolio Holder for Climate, Access and Engagement Martin Guest, Senior Corporate Policy Officer, Sarah Jane O'Connor, HR & Communications Manager	Open
Digital Switchover  To seek cabinet approval for a revised lifeline offer		Cabinet	16 Nov 2022	No	Portfolio Holder for People and Communities (Deputy Leader) Aysha Rahman, Leisure, Culture and People Manager	Open

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Community Grants Review  A review of the existing Community Grants Policy and opportunities to include additional funding options within the scope of the policy		Cabinet	16 Nov 2022	No	Portfolio Holder for People and Communities (Deputy Leader) Aysha Rahman, Leisure, Culture and People Manager	Open
Asset Management Plan - Housing Revenue Account (HRA)		Cabinet	16 Nov 2022 15 Dec 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services Christopher Flannery, Housing Asset Manager	Open
Melton CCTV Proposal		Cabinet	16 Nov 2022	No	Portfolio Holder for People and Communities (Deputy Leader) Aysha Rahman, Leisure, Culture and People Manager	Open

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Local Development Scheme (LDS)  Document outlining the timescales for the production of work relating to the Local Plan and its review.		Cabinet	16 Nov 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity  Sarah Legge, Local Plans Manager	Open
Feasibility Study into the Melton Mowbray Cemetery  To consider the report from the CDS Group on the feasibility study into a proposed new cemetery for Melton Mowbray.		Cabinet	16 Nov 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Climate, Access and Engagement Paul Evans, Interim Head of Neighbourhoods	Open
Acquisition of Eight Houses in Old Dalby		Cabinet	16 Nov 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services  Tahir Majid, Housing Development Manager	Open

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Consideration of Strategic Partnership Business Case and Operating Agreement		Cabinet	5 Dec 2022	Yes	Leader of the Council Chief Executive	Open
Corporate Performance and Progress Report for Quarter 2 2022-23  To report corporate performance data and the current position with regard to delivery against the Council's priorities.		Cabinet	14 Dec 2022	No	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources Martin Guest, Senior Corporate Policy Officer	Open
Health and Safety Update  To provide an update to Cabinet with respect to the Council's Health and Safety activities. This is in relation to current performance and planned actions and activities, as an employer, commercial and residential landlord and a public body, delivering a wide range of services. This report aims to provide assurance to Cabinet that risk continues to be actively and appropriately managed.		Cabinet	14 Dec 2022	No	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources Jo Lees, Health and Safety Officer	Open

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Approval of the Asset Management Plan (Corporate Assets)		Cabinet	14 Dec 2022 15 Dec 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity  Pranali Parikh, Director for Growth and Regeneration	Open
Waste Strategy  To consider proposals for the future Waste and Resourcing Strategy for Leicestershire.		Cabinet	14 Dec 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Climate, Access and Engagement Michelle Howard, Director for Housing and Communities (Deputy Chief Executive)	Open
Housing Management Policies  To approve updated housing management policies.		Cabinet	14 Dec 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services Christopher Flannery, Housing Asset Manager	Open

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Fees and Charges 2023/24  To approve the revised fees and charges for 2023/24.		Director for Corporate Services	Not before 31st Dec 2022	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Finance and Resources David Scott, Corporate Services Manager	Open