

MELTON BOROUGH COUNCIL Forward Plan

FOR THE PERIOD February 2024 - May 2024

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, Housing and Landlord Services
- Governance, Environment and Regulatory Services (and Deputy Leader)
- Customers, Communities and Neighbourhoods
- Town Centre, Growth and Prosperity
- Corporate Finance, Property and Resources

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.

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<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 Corporate Finance, Property & Resources	Not before 29th Feb 2024	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance, Property & Resources Michelle Howard, Director for Housing and Communities (Deputy Chief Executive)	Open
<p><u>Sale of Cattle Market North</u></p> <p>The sale of Council land at the North End of the Cattle market, which comprises an approximate area of 1.69 acres, allocated for housing.</p>		Director for Growth and Regeneration	Not before 29th Feb 2024	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance, Property & Resources Jiten Ravat, Corporate Property and Assets Manager	Open

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<p><u>Procurement of Evidence Base for the Local Plan Review</u></p> <p>The evidence that will be procured is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retail Study - Employment Study - Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (Stages 1 and 2) - Climate Change Study - Open Space Assessment Report - Local Housing, Economics and Affordable Housing Need Assessments (these could be 2 studies) - Gypsy and Traveller & Travelling Showpeople Assessment - Sustainability Assessment (and Habitats Regulations Assessment) - Green Infrastructure Strategy - Integrated Water Management Study 		Director for Growth and Regeneration	Not before 29th Feb 2024	Yes	<p>Portfolio Holder for Governance, Environment & Regulatory Services (& Deputy Leader)</p> <p>Sarah Legge, Assistant Director for Planning</p>	Open
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<u>Lease Renewal at 66/68 Snow Hill, Melton Mowbray</u> To arrange a lease renewal at 66/68 Snow Hill, Melton Mowbray		Director for Growth and Regeneration	Not before 29th Feb 2024	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance, Property & Resources Jiten Ravat, Corporate Property and Assets Manager	Fully exempt 3
<u>Housing Management Policies</u> To approve the following operational housing management policies: 1. Garages Allocations & Arrears Policy 2. Scooter Pod Allocations & Arrears Policy 3. Recharge Policy		Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services	Not before 29th Feb 2024	Yes	Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services Doug Stother, Tenancy Services Manager	Open

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<p><u>Purchase of Wood Chipper and Two Vans</u></p> <p>Procurement process for a wood chipper and two vans</p>		<p>Director for Housing and Communities</p>	<p>Not before 29th Feb 2024</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Governance, Environment & Regulatory Services (& Deputy Leader)</p> <p>Paul Evans, Interim Head of Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p><u>Award of Contract for the Stockyard Operation</u></p> <p>To appoint a contractor in relation to the Stockyard operation.</p>		<p>Director for Growth and Regeneration</p>	<p>Not before 29th Feb 2024</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services</p> <p>Lee Byrne, Assistant Director – Regeneration and UKSPF Delivery</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p><u>Award of Contract for the Construction of the Stockyard Development</u></p> <p>To appoint a contractor for the construction of the Stockyard development.</p>		<p>Director for Growth and Regeneration</p>	<p>Not before 29th Feb 2024</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services</p> <p>Lee Byrne, Assistant Director – Regeneration and UKSPF Delivery</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p><u>Approval of UKSPF Grants</u></p> <p>Approval of grants in line with grants guidance note and UKSPF guidelines and criteria for the financial year 2023/24.</p>		<p>Director for Growth and Regeneration</p>	<p>Not before 29th Feb 2024</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services</p> <p>Lee Byrne, Assistant Director – Regeneration and UKSPF Delivery</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p><u>Change of Establishment - Levelling Up Project Manager for 2 Year Fixed Term</u></p> <p>To recruit a fixed term position to support delivery of the Levelling Up Fund and other capital programmes on behalf of Melton Borough Council.</p>		<p>Director for Growth and Regeneration</p>	<p>Not before 29th Feb 2024</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Councillor Pip Allnatt</p> <p>Lee Byrne, Assistant Director – Regeneration and UKSPF Delivery</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p><u>Service Level Agreement for Grant Funding to the Business Improvement District</u></p> <p>To award the Business Improvement District capital and revenue from the United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund over the period 2023/24 and 2024/25.</p> <p>To provide direct support to retail through a Business Improvement Grant scheme to enable pop-up shops and increase occupancy.</p>		<p>Director for Growth and Regeneration</p>	<p>Not before 29th Feb 2024</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Town Centre, Growth & Prosperity</p> <p>Gordon Watts, Senior Projects Delivery Officer</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p><u>Award of Contract - Aids and Adaptations Property Extensions</u></p> <p>To award a contract for Aids and Adaptations Property Extensions</p>		<p>Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services</p>	<p>Not before 29th Feb 2024</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services</p> <p>Christopher Flannery, Housing Asset Manager</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p><u>Housing Consumer Regulation - Consultation Response</u></p> <p>The Regulator for Social Housing (RSH) has launched a 12 week consultation period regarding proposed new Housing Consumer Regulation Standards and an associated Code of Practice.</p>		<p>Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services</p>	<p>Not before 29th Feb 2024</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services</p> <p>Alison Bennett, Assistant Director for Housing Management</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<u>Refugee Resettlement Arrangements</u>		Director for Housing and Communities	Not before 29th Feb 2024	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Customers, Communities & Neighbourhoods Rachel Chubb, Strategic Lead for Housing Options and Homelessness	Open
<u>Payment of Community Grants</u>		Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services	Not before 29th Feb 2024	Yes	Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services Ryan Ebdale, Community Policy Officer	Open
<u>Grant agreement with Sport England (Swimming Pool Support Fund)</u> Authority to sign a grant agreement with Sport England for 120k through the Swimming Pool Support Fund (SPSF)		Director for Housing and Communities	Not before 4th Mar 2024	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Customers, Communities & Neighbourhoods Jake Betts, Leisure and Culture Manager	Open

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<u>Lightbulb Partnership</u>		Director for Housing and Communities	Not before 6th Mar 2024	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Customers, Communities & Neighbourhoods Michelle Howard, Director for Housing and Communities (Deputy Chief Executive)	Open
<u>Virement of HRA capital budget</u> To reallocate funds within the HRA capital programme to manage budget variations.		Director for Housing and Communities	Not before 6th Mar 2024	Yes	Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services Christopher Flannery, Housing Asset Manager	Open

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<p><u>Planning Guidance, Children's Homes</u></p>		Cabinet	6 Mar 2024	No	<p>Portfolio Holder for Governance, Environment & Regulatory Services (& Deputy Leader)</p> <p>Sarah Legge, Assistant Director for Planning</p>	Open
<p><u>Intensive Housing Management Service Review Part 2</u></p> <p>Further to the decision by Cabinet in October, the second stage of consultation with tenants has commenced, offering choices for the service in the future.</p> <p>A further round of open meetings has been scheduled for tenants and the process has been agreed for the removal of the charge in November for those tenants who wish to leave the service.</p>		Cabinet	6 Mar 2024	No	<p>Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services</p> <p>Alison Bennett, Assistant Director for Housing Management</p>	Open

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<p><u>Quarter 3 Treasury Management Report</u></p> <p>An update on Treasury Management performance for 2023/24.</p>		Cabinet	6 Mar 2024	No	<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance, Property & Resources</p> <p>David Scott, Assistant Director for Resources (Deputy s151 Officer)</p>	Open
<p><u>Risk Management Update</u></p> <p>To provide an update on the risk management arrangements and outline the current significant risks that have been captured on the recent review of the Council's Strategic Risk Register by the Senior Leadership Team.</p>		Cabinet	6 Mar 2024	No	<p>Portfolio Holder for Governance, Environment & Regulatory Services (& Deputy Leader)</p> <p>David Scott, Assistant Director for Resources (Deputy s151 Officer)</p>	Open

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<p><u>Revenue & Capital Carry Forwards 2023-24</u></p> <p>To approve the revenue carry forwards for the General Fund, Special Expenses and Housing Revenue Account and to approve the capital carry forwards for the General Fund, and Housing Revenue Account.</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance, Property & Resources</p>	<p>22 Mar 2024</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance, Property & Resources</p> <p>David Scott, Assistant Director for Resources (Deputy s151 Officer)</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p><u>In-Year Increase in a HRA Capital Budget</u></p> <p>Authority to increase a HRA Capital Budget</p>		<p>Director for Housing and Communities</p>	<p>22 Mar 2024</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services</p> <p>Christopher Flannery, Housing Asset Manager</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p><u>Procurement Framework to contract for Solar PV Panels & Swimming Pool Covers at Waterfield Leisure Centre</u></p> <p>To go through a Procurement Framework to contract 120k for Solar PV Panels & Swimming Pool Covers at Waterfield Leisure Centre</p>		<p>Director for Housing and Communities</p>	<p>Not before 27th Mar 2024</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Customers, Communities & Neighbourhoods</p> <p>Jake Betts, Leisure and Culture Manager</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p><u>Biannual Ombudsman Report</u></p> <p>To provide an update on the outcomes of complaints submitted to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) and the Housing Ombudsman (HO).</p>		<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>17 Apr 2024</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Governance, Environment & Regulatory Services (& Deputy Leader)</p> <p>Clive Tobin, Assistant Director for Governance and Democracy (Monitoring Officer)</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p><u>Gretton Court - Resilience (Catering)</u></p> <p>This is a review of the service provided to our tenants at Gretton which is looking to build resilience to the risks that are currently identified.</p>		Cabinet	17 Apr 2024	No	<p>Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services</p> <p>Doug Stother, Tenancy Services Manager</p>	Fully exempt 3
<p><u>UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update</u></p>		Cabinet	17 Apr 2024	No	<p>Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services</p> <p>Lee Byrne, Assistant Director – Regeneration and UKSPF Delivery</p>	Open

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<p><u>Acquisition of Affordable Homes to spend Right to Buy receipts 2024-25</u></p> <p>To provide oversight on homes to be delivered in 2024-25 with delegated authority in accordance with the budget for right to buy receipts</p>		Cabinet	17 Apr 2024	Yes	<p>Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services</p> <p>Tahir Majid, Housing Development Manager</p>	Fully exempt 3
<p><u>Levelling Up Fund Update</u></p>		Cabinet	17 Apr 2024	Yes	<p>Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services</p> <p>Lee Byrne, Assistant Director – Regeneration and UKSPF Delivery</p>	Open

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<u>Homeless Strategy 2024-2029</u> Homeless strategy outlining our key priorities to resolve homeless across the borough between 2024 and 2029		Cabinet	17 Apr 2024	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Customers, Communities & Neighbourhoods Rachel Chubb, Strategic Lead for Housing Options and Homelessness	Open
<u>Tenancy Services Cleaning Contract</u>		Cabinet	17 Apr 2024	Yes	Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services Alison Bennett, Assistant Director for Housing Management	Fully exempt 3