

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Cabinet **DATE:** 23rd January 2012

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WARD(S): All

PORTFOLIO: Leader, Finance and Strategy – Councillor Anderson

PART I **NON-KEY DECISION**

EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

1. **Purpose of Report**

To seek Cabinet endorsement of the published Forward Plan.

2. **Recommendation**

The Cabinet is requested to resolve that the Forward Plan be approved.

3. **Community Strategy Priorities**

The Executive Forward plan sets out when key decisions are expected to be taken and a short overview. The decisions taken will contribute to all of the following emerging Community Strategy Priorities:

- Celebrating Diversity, Enabling inclusion
- Adding years to Life and Life to years
- Being Safe, Feeling Safe
- A Cleaner, Greener place to live, Work and Play
- Prosperity for All

4. **Other Implications**

(a) **Financial**

There are no financial implications.

(b) **Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications**

There are no Human Rights Act implications. The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2000 require the executive to set out its programme of work in the coming four months, as far as is known, in a forward plan. Regulation 12 requires an annual statement to be published by the proper officer giving notice of when forward plans will be published for the coming year, explaining what a forward plan is and how it can be obtained from the local authority.

5. Supporting Information

5.1 The Forward Plan, which is updated each month on a rolling basis, sets out:

- A short description of matters under consideration and when key decisions are expected to be taken
- Who is responsible for taking the decisions and how they can be contacted;
- What relevant reports and background papers are available; and
- How and when the decision maker intends to involve local stakeholders in the decision making process.

5.2 The Forward Plan contains matters which the Leader considers will be the subject of a key decision to be taken by the Cabinet, a Committee of the Cabinet, officers, or under joint arrangements in the course of the discharge of an executive function during the period covered by the Plan.

5.3 Key Decisions are defined in Article 14 of the Constitution, as an Executive decision which is likely either:

- to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant, having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards within the Borough.

5.4 There are provisions for exceptions to the requirement for a key decision to be included in the Forward Plan and these provisions and necessary actions are detailed in paragraphs 14 and 15 of Section 4.2 of the Constitution.

5.5 To avoid duplication of paperwork the Member Panel on the Constitution agreed that the Authority's forward plan would include both key and non key decisions – and as such the document would form a comprehensive programme of work for the Cabinet. Key decisions are highlighted in bold.

6. Appendices Attached

'A' - Executive Forward Plan

7. Background Papers

'1' - Council Constitution