



**Chester-le-Street**  
District Council

## **Executive Forward Plan and Work Programme**



**February 2009**

## About this document

Chester-le-Street District council is committed to continuous improvement. We want to make sure that we engage people in the decisions we make wherever we can. We want to let people know what decisions we are going to make and when.

The council's Executive, which is made up of the Leader and five Executive Members have powers to make certain decisions on behalf of the council. This document aims to go further than what the law requires us to do and let people know as far in advance what decisions the Executive is to make on the councils behalf. Where possible and in relation to what are called key decisions, it will let you know how you can make representations and who they can be made to. This document will be published every month at the Civic Centre and on the council's website at [www.chester-le-street.gov.uk](http://www.chester-le-street.gov.uk).

This document is in two parts:

**Part One: Chester-le-Street District Council's formal Executive Forward Plan**

**Part Two: the Executive's Decision Work Programme for the next year**

## Part One

The Executive Forward Plan is a statutory document which the council must produce every month covering a four month period. It is published fourteen days before it comes into effect. This is the first day of each month. It includes:

- a list of all 'key decisions' the councils will make on the council's behalf;
- details of the nature of the decision;
- details of the decision taker, which in the councils case is normally the council's Executive;
- when the decision is to be made;
- who are the principal consultees and the means by which consultations will be undertaken;
- a list of documents to be considered by the decision maker; and
- details of how and by when representations can be made.

**What are 'key decisions'?**

'Key decisions' are defined as executive decisions which are:-

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

## Part Two

The Executive's work programme is not a statutory document which the council must produce. It is advance notice of all other important decisions the Executive will take either on behalf of the council or in making recommendations to the council. It includes:

- a list of the non 'key decisions the councils will make;

- details of the nature of the decision;
- details of the decision taker, which in the council's case is normally the council's Executive as a group;
- when the decision is to be made;
- who are the principal consultees and the means by which consultations will be undertaken;
- a list of documents to be considered by the decision maker; and
- details of how and by when representations can be made.

### Who are the Executive?

The Executive is made up of the Leader of the Council and five other Executive Members as follows:

<b>Cllr. Linda Ebbatson</b>	<b>Tel: 0191 387 2090</b>
<b>Leader of the Council with responsibility for Human Resources, Equalities, and Young People</b>	<b>E-Mail: lindaebbatson@chester-le-street.gov.uk</b>
<b>Cllr. Simon Westrip</b>	<b>Tel: 0191 387 2090</b>
<b>Deputy Leader and Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>E-Mail: simon.westrip@bigfoot.com simonwestrip@chester-le-street.gov.uk</b>
<b>Cllr. Chris Jukes</b>	<b>Tel: 0191 389 1136</b>
<b>Regeneration and Strategy Planning Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>E-Mail: chris.jukes1@btopenworld.com</b>
<b>Cllr. Lawson Armstrong</b>	<b>Tel: 0191 3873195</b>
<b>Resources and Value for Money Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>E-Mail: lawsonarmstrong@chester-le-street.gov.uk</b>
<b>Cllr Mike Sekowski</b>	<b>Tel: 0191 3703416</b>
<b>Community Engagement and Partnerships Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>E-Mail: m.sekowski@metronet.co.uk michaelsekowski@Chester-Le-Street.gov.uk</b>

### How do I find out when the Executive is meeting?

Information about the time and venue for a particular meeting of the Executive may be obtained from the agenda available from the Reception Desk at the Civic Centre, from the District Council's website or from the Executive Assistant. Public Speaking is allowed at Executive meetings so long as you comply with the council's procedures. To find out more contact Democratic Services.

### How do I contact Members of the Executive or the Council Chief Officers?

Contact details for Members of the Executive and for the Council's Chief Officers are set out in this Forward Plan.

If you have any queries about the Forward Plan, please contact the Executive Assistant at the Civic Centre on 0191 387 2010 or e-mail the Executive Assistant at: [amandastephen@chester-le-street.gov.uk](mailto:amandastephen@chester-le-street.gov.uk).



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<b>Bad Debt Quarterly Report</b>	<b>Executive</b>	<b>February 2009</b>	<b>Jim Elder 0191 3872300</b>	<b>Acting Head of Resources Head of Corporate Finance Internal Auditor</b>	<b>In writing or by telephone, to the Acting Head of Revenue and Benefits or by email to jimelder@chester-le-street.gov.uk</b>
<b>Land Matters</b>	<b>Executive</b>	<b>February 2009</b>	<b>Leila Dawson 0191 3872233</b>	<b>Portfolio Holder Corporate Management Team</b>	<b>In writing or by telephone to the Acting Head of Regeneration or by email to leiladawson@chester-le-street.gov.uk</b>
<b>Land Matters</b>	<b>Executive</b>	<b>March 2009</b>	<b>Leila Dawson 0191 3872233</b>	<b>Portfolio Holder Corporate Management Team</b>	<b>In writing or by telephone to the Acting Head of Regeneration or by email to leiladawson@chester-le-street.gov.uk</b>



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People and Place Action Learning Sets Presentation	Executive	February 2009	Ian Forster 0191 3872130	Workstream leads Corporate Management Team Portfolio Holder Executive Members	In writing or by telephone to the Director of Corporate Services or by email to <a href="mailto:ianforster@chester-le-street.gov.uk">ianforster@chester-le-street.gov.uk</a>
Community Facilities Review Report	Executive	February 2009	Jorge Lulic	Relevant Executive Members Corporate Management Team	In writing or by telephone to the Community Development Manager or by email to <a href="mailto:jorgelulic@chester-le-street.gov.uk">jorgelulic@chester-le-street.gov.uk</a>

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<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Report – the future of the unparished areas in the District.</p>	<p>Executive</p>	<p>Revised date February 2009</p>	<p>Ian Forster 0191 3872130  Chris Potter 0191 3872011</p>	<p>Corporate Management Team Portfolio Holder Executive Members Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>In writing or by telephone to the Director of Corporate Services or by email to <a href="mailto:ianforster@chester-le-street.gov.uk">ianforster@chester-le-street.gov.uk</a> or to Head of Legal and Democratic Services or by email <a href="mailto:chrisspottter@chester-le-street.gov.uk">chrisspottter@chester-le-street.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Report – The future of the market</p>	<p>Executive</p>	<p>February 2009</p>	<p>Ian Forster 0191 3872130</p>	<p>Corporate Management Team Portfolio Holder Executive Members Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>In writing or by telephone to the Director of Corporate Services or by email to <a href="mailto:ianforster@chester-le-street.gov.uk">ianforster@chester-le-street.gov.uk</a></p>



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<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Report – Marketing of facilities for young people</p>	<p>Executive</p>	<p>February 2009</p>	<p>Ian Forster 0191 3872130</p>	<p>Corporate Management Team Portfolio Holder Executive Members Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>In writing or by telephone to the Director of Corporate Services or by email to <a href="mailto:ianforster@chester-le-street.gov.uk">ianforster@chester-le-street.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>Real Power for Real People Handing over the Baton Report</p>	<p>Executive</p>	<p>March 2009</p>	<p>Ian Forster 0191 3872130</p>	<p>Workstream leads Corporate Management Team Portfolio Holder Executive Members</p>	<p>In writing or by telephone to the Director of Corporate Services or by email to <a href="mailto:ianforster@chester-le-street.gov.uk">ianforster@chester-le-street.gov.uk</a></p>

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Communities for Health - Mental Health Project – Final report	Executive	March 2009	Tony Galloway 0191 3872100	Corporate Management Team Portfolio Holder Health Improvement Sub Group	By phone, or in writing to the Director of Development Services or by email to Tonygalloway@chester-le-street.gov.uk
Corporate Performance Report April 2008 to December 2008	Executive Corporate Performance and covering report	March 2009	Ian Forster 0191 3872130	Relevant Executive Members Corporate Management Team Internal consultation e-mail	In writing or by telephone to the Director of Corporate Affairs or by email to ianforster@chester-le-street.gov.uk