

The Cabinet Forward Plan

Period of Plan: October 2011 to early 2012

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Cabinet - 27 October 2011									
676	The Foster Carers' Charter	<p>The Government launched the Foster Carers' Charter in March 2011. The Charter has been jointly produced by Government, fostering organisations, charities and children. It is part of the Government's wider programme of reform to improve the entire care system. The overall aim is to make sure that all children in care have greater stability, less upheaval and a better chance at a stable family life.</p> <p>The new Charter sets out clear principles on how foster carers should be treated, recognises their invaluable work and aims to encourage more people to sign up to be foster carers. It makes clear to fostering services what their statutory duties are, reduces the burdens placed on them, helps local authorities recruit and retain foster carers and serves as a guide for what foster carers can expect. Cabinet will be asked to sign-up to the Charter and note the work to be undertaken locally to implement it.</p>	All		Cllr David Simmonds	SCH&H - Linda Sanders	Foster Carers	The Foster Carer' Charter	NEW
680	Primary School Capital Programme Update	To receive an update on the programme and proposals for the development of school sites.	Various		Cllr Jonathan Bianco / Cllr David Simmonds	PEECS - Norman Benn			NEW

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669	Guru Nanak Sikh Primary School - statutory consultation on transfer of responsibility	<p>The Secretary of State recently approved proposals by Guru Nanak Sikh Academy to lower its age range to encompass the nursery and primary phases of education. This would create an all-through Academy catering for ages 3-19 from 1st September 2012.</p> <p>In order to facilitate this change, the Council has been advised to formally close the existing Guru Nanak Sikh Primary School as a local authority maintained school. The Guru Nanak Sikh Academy would then maintain the primary school buildings and provide the same number of nursery and primary school places from 1st September 2012.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member will therefore be asked to agree the start of statutory consultation procedures to this effect. The proposed closure is actually a transfer of responsibility from the Council to the academy trust (the Nanaksar Trust). There will be no change to the number of school places, and the recently built primary school will in future operate as the primary phase of Guru Nanak Academy.</p>	Townfield specifically, but various wards inside and outside the Borough		Cllr David Simmonds	PEECS - Terry Brennan	Stakeholder groups prescribed by school organisation regulations.	Statutory school organisation regulations.	NEW
663	Phase 3 Children's Centre Contract Variation Report	The report to the Cabinet Member will seek approval, in line with current Procurement Standing Orders, for a contract variation.	N/A		Councillor David Simmonds / Cllr Scott Seaman-Digby	PEECS - Michael Kinsella	Corporate Procurement		

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Cabinet - 16 February 2012									
516	Schools Budget 2012/13	To agree the Schools budget following consultation.	All		Cllr David Simmonds	CS - Amar Barot / Georgina Ayling	Schools Forum		