

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL  
CABINET FORWARD PLAN**

This Forward Plan lists matters on which decisions are likely to be considered by, or on behalf of the Council's Cabinet for a 12 month period. The Forward Plan also lists major decisions which fall within the definition of a "key decision" as outlined below:-

**A key decision** is one that is likely either:-

- a) to result in the Council incurring expenditure, or making savings, which are significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service of function to which the decision relates (expenditure or savings are generally treated as significant if the sum exceeds £50,000 of unapproved savings or spend); or
- b) to result in an outcome which will have an impact, for better or worse, on a significant number of people living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the Council's area; or to be significant in terms of its effect on communities in a ward.

**The Cabinet consists of six Councillors and they are responsible for the following Portfolios:-**

Councillor Jill Cleary – Leader of the Council  
Councillor Steve Davies – Deputy Leader and Housing and Homelessness  
Councillor Geoffrey Blunden – Environment and Sustainability  
Councillor Jeremy Heron – Finance and Corporate  
Councillor Dan Poole – Community, Safety and Wellbeing  
Councillor Derek Tipp – Planning and Economy

**Representations:**

Anyone wishing to make representations about any matter included in this Forward Plan should contact the relevant report author seven working days before the first date shown for its consideration by the Cabinet.

**Copies of Reports:**

Anyone wishing to view or obtain a copy of any public report on any of the matters included in this Forward Plan should access [the Council's website](#).

Copies of reports and any relevant background documents can also be obtained by contacting the relevant report author named in this document. A reasonable charge may be made for hard copies of documents.

## CABINET FORWARD PLAN - 1 DECEMBER 2023 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2024

Report Title	Proposed Decisions	Type of Decision	When is the decision being made?	Who are the key people/groups to be consulted before the decision is made and how will the consultation take place?		Report Author and Contact Details	Is the report likely to be considered in private?
				Inside the Council	Outside the Council		
Freedom Leisure Contract Variation	To consider a contract variation to the Freedom Leisure Contract.	Key Decision	Cabinet - 6 Dec 2023	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder	N/A	Alan Bethune, Strategic Director of Corporate Resources & Transformation, Section 151 Officer alan.bethune@nfdc.gov.uk, Pawel Duchnowski, Contract Relationship Officer pawel.duchnowski@nfdc.gov.uk	<a href="#">Part exempt</a> <i>Part of the report will contain exempt information which, if disclosed, would prejudice the Council's fair access to legal advice.</i>
Rural England Prosperity Fund – Delivery Policy Update	To consider Rural England Prosperity Fund allocations to rural community projects	Key Decision	Cabinet - 6 Dec 2023	Executive Management Team, Place and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Panel and relevant Portfolio Holder	N/A	Sally Igra, Economic Development Team Leader sally.igra@nfdc.gov.uk, Clive Tritton, Interim Assistant Director, Place and Development clive.tritton@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Corporate Plan 2024-2028	To approve the draft Corporate Plan for public consultation.	Key Decision	Cabinet - 6 Dec 2023	Executive Management Team, Resources and Transformation Overview and	N/A	Rebecca Drummond, Assistant Director Transformation rebecca.drummond@nfdc.gov.uk, Saqib Yasin, Performance & Insight Manager saqib.yasin@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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				Scrutiny Panel and Portfolio Holders			
Supporting the Armed Forces and the Armed Forces Covenant	To consider the Council's current initiatives to support the Armed Forces Community within the District and proposals to enhance this in line with latest guidance and best practice.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 6 Dec 2023	EMT, Cabinet Members, Armed Forces Member Champion.	Consultation to be undertaken with HQ Solent Station on enhancement proposals.	Donna Langfield donna.langfield@nfdc.gov.uk, Matt Wisdom, Democratic Services Manager matt.wisdom@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Future New Forest - The Transformation Strategy	To consider the Transformation Strategy which will address changes to how the Council operates in order to deliver priorities	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 6 Dec 2023  Council - 11 Dec 2023	Resources and Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Executive Management Team and relevant Portfolio Holder	N/A	Rebecca Drummond, Assistant Director Transformation rebecca.drummond@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Waste Strategy Update	To consider an update on the progress of the Waste Strategy.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 6 Dec 2023  Council - 11 Dec 2023	Executive Management Team, Place and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Panel, relevant Portfolio Holder	N/A	Chris Noble, Assistant Director Place Operations chris.noble@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Medium Term Financial Plan	To consider an update to the Medium Term	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 6 Dec 2023	Executive Management	N/A	Alan Bethune, Strategic Director of Corporate Resources &	Open

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Update	Financial Plan		Council - 11 Dec 2023	Plan and relevant Portfolio Holder		Transformation, Section 151 Officer alan.bethune@nfdc.gov.uk	
Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024/25	To agree the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2024/25	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 6 Dec 2023 Council - 11 Dec 2023	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder, Resources and Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Panel	A six week consultation on the proposals will be carried out.	Ryan Stevens, Service Manager - Revenues and Benefits ryan.stevens@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Setting the Council Tax Base	To recommend to Council the approval of the Tax Base for 2024/25	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 6 Dec 2023 Council - 11 Dec 2023	Executive Management Team, Portfolio Holder - Finance and Corporate	None	Ryan Stevens, Service Manager - Revenues and Benefits ryan.stevens@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Community Grants 2024/25	To consider the Community Grants for inclusion in the 2024/25 budget.	Key Decision	Cabinet - 7 Feb 2024	Community Grants Task and Finish Group, Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel and Portfolio Holder - Community, Safety and Wellbeing	N/A	Ryan Stevens, Service Manager - Revenues and Benefits ryan.stevens@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Financial	To provide an update	Key	Cabinet - 7	Executive	N/A	Alan Bethune, Strategic Director of	Open

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Monitoring (based on performance April to December 2023 inclusive)	on the 2023/24 General Fund, Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account.	Decision	Feb 2024	Management Team and relevant Portfolio Holder		Corporate Resources & Transformation, Section 151 Officer alan.bethune@nfdc.gov.uk	
Capital Strategy 2024/25	To consider the Capital Strategy 2024/25	Key Decision	Cabinet - 7 Feb 2024	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder, Overview and Scrutiny Panel	N/A	Alan Bethune, Strategic Director of Corporate Resources & Transformation, Section 151 Officer alan.bethune@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	To approve the Climate Change SPD, following public consultation	Key Decision	Cabinet - 7 Feb 2024	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder	N/A	Mark Williams, Principal Policy Planner mark.williams@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Members' Allowances - Scheme to apply from 1 April 2024	To recommend to Council the annual scheme of members' allowances	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 7 Feb 2024 Council - 26 Feb 2024	Executive Management Team	N/A	Andy Rogers, Democratic Services Officer andy.rogers@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Asset Maintenance & Replacement Programme and General Fund Capital Programme 2024/25	To consider and recommend to Council the schedule of projects for inclusion in the 2024/25 budget	Key Decision	Cabinet - 7 Feb 2024 Council - 26 Feb 2024	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder and Resources and Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Panel	N/A	Alan Bethune, Strategic Director of Corporate Resources & Transformation, Section 151 Officer alan.bethune@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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Medium Term Financial Plan and Budget	To consider the Medium Term Financial Plan and setting of the 2024/25 budget	Key Decision	Cabinet - 21 Feb 2024 Council - 26 Feb 2024	Executive Management Team and relevant Portfolio Holder	N/A	Alan Bethune, Strategic Director of Corporate Resources & Transformation, Section 151 Officer alan.bethune@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Housing Revenue Account budget and the housing sector capital expenditure programme for 2024/25	To consider the Housing Revenue Account Budget and housing sector capital expenditure programme for 2024/25	Key Decision	Cabinet - 21 Feb 2024 Council - 26 Feb 2024	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder and Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Tenant Involvement Group	Alan Bethune, Strategic Director of Corporate Resources & Transformation, Section 151 Officer alan.bethune@nfdc.gov.uk	Open