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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 NOVEMBER 2024 TO 31 OCTOBER 2025

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		
Corporate Plan – Key Performance Indicators	To consider the list of Key Performance Indicators, baseline and targets.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 6 Nov 2024	Executive Management Team and Cabinet Members	N/A	Saqib Yasin, Performance & Insight Manager saqib.yasin@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Financial Monitoring Report (based on performance April - September 2024 inclusive)	To provide an update on the 2024/25 General Fund, Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account	Key Decision	Cabinet - 6 Nov 2024 Council - 9 Dec 2024	Executive Management Team and relevant Portfolio Holders	N/A	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Half yearly update Complaints Performance and Service Improvement Report 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024	To receive a half yearly update on the Council's Complaints Handling and Performance	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Dec 2024	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holders and Resources and Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel members invited)	N/A	Amanda Wilson, Information Governance & Complaints Manager amanda.wilson@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Medium Term Financial Plan	To consider an update to the Medium Term	Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Dec 2024	Executive Management	N/A	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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Update	Financial plan			Team and relevant Portfolio Holder			
Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2025/26	To approve the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2025/26	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Dec 2024 Council - 9 Dec 2024	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, Benefits and Customer Services ryan.stevens@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Setting the Council Tax Base	To recommend to Council the approval of the Tax Base for 2025/26	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Dec 2024 Council - 9 Dec 2024	Executive Management Team, Portfolio Holder - Finance and Corporate	N/A	Ryan Stevens, Service Manager - Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services ryan.stevens@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2025 - 2029	To approve the draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy for public consultation.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 5 Feb 2025	Executive Management Team, Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel, relevant Portfolio holder and Staff	Hampshire Constabulary	Chris Pike, Housing Anti-Social Behaviour Manager chris.pike@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Community Grants 2025/26	To consider the Community Grants for inclusion in the 2025/26 budget.	Key Decision	Cabinet - 5 Feb 2025	Community Grants Task and Finish Group, Executive	N/A	Ryan Stevens, Service Manager - Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services ryan.stevens@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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				Management Team, Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Portfolio Holder - Community, Safety and Wellbeing			
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Capital Strategy 2025/26	To consider the Capital Strategy 2025/26	Key Decision	Cabinet - 19 Feb 2025 Council - 24 Feb 2025	Executive Management Team, Resources and Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Panel, relevant Portfolio Holder	N/A	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Asset Maintenance & Replacement Programme and General Fund Capital Programme 2025/26	To consider and recommend to Council the schedule of projects for inclusion in the 2025/25 budget	Key Decision	Cabinet - 5 Feb 2025 Council - 24 Feb 2025	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder and Resources and Transformation	N/A	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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				Overview and Scrutiny Panel			
Medium Term Financial Plan and Budget	To consider the Medium Term Financial Plan and setting of the 2025/26 budget	Key Decision	Cabinet - 19 Feb 2025 Council - 24 Feb 2025	Executive Management Team and relevant Portfolio Holder	N/A	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Housing Revenue Account budget and the housing sector capital expenditure programme for 2025/26	To consider the Housing Revenue Account budget and the housing sector capital expenditure programme for 2025/26	Key Decision	Cabinet - 19 Feb 2025 Council - 24 Feb 2025	Executive Management Tea, relevant Portfolio Holder and the Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel	N/A	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Members' Allowances - Scheme to apply from 1 April 2025	To recommend to Council the annual scheme of members' allowances	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 5 Feb 2025 Council - 24 Feb 2025	Executive Management Team	N/A	Andy Rogers, Democratic Services Officer andy.rogers@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Annual Complaints Performance and Service Improvement Report 2024/25	To approve the Annual Complaints Performance and Service Improvement Report and provide the Governing Body's Response	Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Jun 2025	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holders	N/A	Amanda Wilson, Information Governance & Complaints Manager amanda.wilson@nfdc.gov.uk	Open