

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 FEBRUARY 2025 TO 31 JANUARY 2026

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		
Draft Air Quality Strategy	To approve the draft air quality strategy for a period of public consultation.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 5 Feb 2025	Executive Management Team, Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel and Portfolio Holder	Stakeholder engagement in drafting the strategy and public consultation following approval by Cabinet.	Rachel Higgins, Team Leader - Environmental Protection rachel.higgins@nfdc.gov.uk, Joanne McClay, Service Manager - Environment and Regulation joanne.mcclay@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 Management Team, Housing and Communities Overview and	N/A	Ryan Stevens, Service Manager - Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services ryan.stevens@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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				Scrutiny Panel, Portfolio Holder - Community, Safety and Wellbeing			
Local Plan – issues and options report	To seek approval for a public consultation exercise to be carried out on the issues and options document during February and March 2025 for six weeks.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 5 Feb 2025	Local Plan Member Working Group and the Executive Management Team	Range of external partners	James Smith, Planning Policy Team Leader james.smith@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Statement of Community Involvement	To seek adoption of a revised Statement of Community Involvement.	Key Decision	Cabinet - 5 Feb 2025	Local Plan Working Group and Executive Management Team	Public Consultation carried out during Oct – Dec 2025.	Andrew Herring, Planning Policy Officer andrew.herring@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Financial Monitoring (based on performance April to December 2024 inclusive)	To provide an update on the 2024/25 General Fund, Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account	Key Decision	Cabinet - 5 Feb 2025	Executive Management Team and relevant Portfolio Holder	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

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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 Overview and Scrutiny Panel	N/A	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Capital Strategy 2025/26	To consider the Capital Strategy 2025/26	Key Decision	Cabinet - 5 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
Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation	To consider the implications of the proposed creation of a Mayoral Strategic Authority for Hampshire and the Solent, and the development of proposals for local government reorganisation across the area	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 19 Feb 2025 Council - 24 Feb 2025	Executive Management Team and the Leader	None	Kate Ryan, Chief Executive kate.ryan@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Medium Term	To consider the	Key	Cabinet - 19	Executive	N/A	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director -	Open

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Financial Plan and Budget	Medium Term Financial Plan and setting of the 2025/26 budget	Decision	Feb 2025 Council - 24 Feb 2025	Management Team and relevant Portfolio Holder		Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	
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 Team, 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
CIL Local Infrastructure Bids	To approve the allocation of CIL funding to local infrastructure projects.	Key Decision	Cabinet - 2 Apr 2025	Member Task and Finish Group, Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder		Dean Brunton, Planning Monitoring Team Leader dean.brunton@nfdc.gov.uk, Tim Guymer, Assistant Director for Place Development tim.guymer@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Digital Strategy	To approve the Digital Strategy	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 2 Apr 2025 Council - 14 Apr 2025	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder and Resources and Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Panel	N/A	Rich Bird rich.bird@nfdc.gov.uk, Kim Gray kim.gray@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Annual Complaints Performance and Service	To approve the Annual Complaints Performance and	Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Jun 2025	Executive Management Team, relevant	N/A	Amanda Wilson, Information Governance & Complaints Manager	Open

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Improvement Report 2024/25	Service Improvement Report and provide the Governing Body's Response			Portfolio Holders		amanda.wilson@nfdc.gov.uk	