

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 MARCH 2025 TO 28 FEBRUARY 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		
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 interim proposals for local government reorganisation across the area	Non-Key Decision	Council - 20 Mar 2025 Cabinet - 21 Mar 2025	Executive Management Team and Group Leaders	Local Government Partners in Hampshire	Kate Ryan, Chief Executive kate.ryan@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 Policy Infrastructure and Delivery Service Manager dean.brunton@nfdc.gov.uk, Tim Guymer, Assistant Director for Place Development tim.guymer@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) 25/26 allocations	To consider the proposals for the allocation of UK SPF funding to projects for delivery in the financial year 2025-2026.	Key Decision	Cabinet - 2 Apr 2025	Place and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Executive Management Team and relevant Portfolio	N/A	Tim Guymer, Assistant Director for Place Development tim.guymer@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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Community Lottery Scheme	To consider whether to adopt a Community Lottery Scheme to support local organisations	Key Decision	Cabinet - 2 Apr 2025	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder, Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel	N/A	Ryan Stevens, Service Manager - Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services ryan.stevens@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Corporate Peer Challenge Report Findings and Action Plan	To seek approval of the action plan arising from the Corporate Peer Challenge	Key Decision	Cabinet - 2 Apr 2025	Executive Management Team Relevant Portfolio Holder Resources and Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Panel		Rebecca Drummond, Assistant Director Transformation rebecca.drummond@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Corporate Plan: Key Performance Data	To consider the performance data against KPIs identified in the Corporate Plan for Quarters 1-3	Key Decision	Cabinet - 2 Apr 2025	Overview and Scrutiny Panels, Executive Management Team and Portfolio Holders	N/A	Saqib Yasin, Performance & Insight Manager saqib.yasin@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	N/A	Rich Bird, Data Development and Delivery Manager (ICT) rich.bird@nfdc.gov.uk, Kim Gray, ICT Operations Manager kim.gray@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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People Strategy	To approve the People Strategy	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 2 Apr 2025 Council - 14 Apr 2025	Executive Management Team, HR Committee and relevant Portfolio Holder	N/A	Kate Hardy, Organisational Development and Change Specialist kate.hardy@nfdc.gov.uk, Zoe Ormerod, Senior HR Advisor zoe.ormerod@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Domestic Abuse Strategy including Housing Landlord Domestic Abuse Policy	To consider the Domestic Abuse Strategy and the Housing Landlord Domestic Abuse Policy	Key Decision	Cabinet - 2 Apr 2025 Council - 14 Apr 2025	Executive Management Team, staff, relevant Portfolio Holders	Strategy - New Forest Domestic Abuse forum in relation to the Domestic Abuse Strategy Tenant Involvement Group in relation to the Landlord Domestic Abuse Policy	Brian Byrne, Service Manager - Community Safety and Support brian.byrne@nfdc.gov.uk, Kirsty M Farmer, Service Manager - Housing Resident Service kirstyM.farmer@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Principal Risk Register	To consider and adopt the Principal Risk Register	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 2 Apr 2025 Council - 14 Apr 2025	Executive Management Team, Audit Committee and relevant Portfolio Holder	N/A	James Clarke, Insurance & Risk Officer james.clarke@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Annual Complaints Performance and	To approve the Annual Complaints	Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Jun 2025	Executive Management	N/A	Amanda Wilson, Information Governance & Complaints	Open

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