

**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 which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the Council's area.

For the purposes of (a) above, "significant" is defined by the Council as being a financial decision which requires a Cabinet decision in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.

**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 2025 TO 31 OCTOBER 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?
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Financial Monitoring Report (based on performance April - September 2025 inclusive)	To provide an update on the 2025/26 General Fund, Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account.	Key Decision	Cabinet - 5 Nov 2025	Executive Management Team and relevant Portfolio Holders	None	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Local Plan Spatial Options and Policy Direction Document	To seek approval for a public consultation exercise to be carried out on the issues and options document during November 2025 and - January 2026.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 5 Nov 2025	Member Task and Finish Group, EMT, relevant Portfolio Holder.	N/A	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, James Smith, Planning Policy Team Leader james.smith@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Lymington and Pennington Neighbourhood Development Plan – Examiner’s Report	To approve the modifications recommended by the Examiner and agree that the Lymington and Pennington Neighbourhood Development Plan proceed to local referendum	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 5 Nov 2025  Council - 3 Dec 2025	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder	Lymington and Pennington Town Council	Andrew Herring, Planning Policy Officer andrew.herring@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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Complaints Performance and Service Improvement Report Half Yearly Update	To receive a half yearly update on the Council's Complaints Handling and Performance	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 3 Dec 2025	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holders and Resources and Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel members invited)	None	Amanda Wilson, Information Governance & Complaints Manager amanda.wilson@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
CIL Local Infrastructure Bids	To approve the allocation of CIL funding to local infrastructure projects for payment the financial year 2026/27	Key Decision	Cabinet - 3 Dec 2025	Executive Management Team Relevant Portfolio Holder Member Task and Finish Group		Dean Brunton, Planning Policy Infrastructure and Delivery Service Manager dean.brunton@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Medium Term Financial Plan Update	To consider an update to the Medium Term Financial Plan.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 3 Dec 2025 Council - 15 Dec 2025	Executive Management Team and relevant Portfolio Holder	None	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Setting the Council Tax Base	To recommend to Council the approval of the Tax Base for 2026/27.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 3 Dec 2025 Council - 15	Executive Management Team and relevant Portfolio	None	Ryan Stevens, Service Manager - Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services ryan.stevens@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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			Dec 2025	Holder			
Financial Monitoring (based on performance April to December 2025 inclusive)	To provide an update on the 2025/26 General Fund, Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account	Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Feb 2026	Executive Management Team and relevant Portfolio Holder	None	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Corporate Plan: Key Performance Data for quarter 2 2025-2026	To consider the performance data against KPIS identified in the Corporate Plan for Quarter 2 (2025/26).	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Feb 2026	Executive Management Team, all Portfolio Holders and Overview and Scrutiny Panels	None	Saqib Yasin, Performance & Insight Manager saqib.yasin@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Parking Action Plan	To approve the Parking Action Plan.	Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Feb 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder, and Place and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Panel	None	Nicola Plummer, Performance and Project Manager nicola.plummer@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Tree Strategy	To consider the Tree Strategy	Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Feb 2026	Place and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder	None	Roxanne King, Service Manager - Public Realm and Sustainability roxanne.king@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) extension review and summary of public consultation	To consider an extension to the Public Space Protection Order following a public consultation exercise	Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Feb 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder, Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel	None	Brian Byrne, Service Manager - Community Safety and Support brian.byrne@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Progress of developing projects for funding by Strategic CIL	To consider the outcomes of the recent Expressions of Interest for future strategic CIL projects and to recommend types /number of projects for officers to progress and refine for final approval by Cabinet.	Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Feb 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder, Place and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Panel		Dean Brunton, Planning Policy Infrastructure and Delivery Service Manager dean.brunton@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Members' Allowances - Scheme to apply from 1 April 2026	To recommend to Council the annual scheme of members' allowances	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Feb 2026 Council - 23 Feb 2026	Executive Management Team	None	Karen Wardle, Principal Democratic Services Officer karen.wardle@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Asset Maintenance & Replacement Programme and General Fund Capital Programme 2026/27	To consider and recommend to Council the schedule of projects for inclusion in the 2026/27 budget	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Feb 2026 Council - 23 Feb 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder and Resources and Transformation	None	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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Housing Revenue Account budget and the housing sector capital expenditure programme for 2026/27	To consider the Housing Revenue Account budget and the housing sector capital expenditure programme for 2026/27	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 18 Feb 2026 Council - 23 Feb 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder and the Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel	None	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Capital Strategy 2026/27	To consider the Capital Strategy 2026/27	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 18 Feb 2026 Council - 23 Feb 2026	Executive Management Team, Resources and Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Panel, relevant Portfolio Holder	None	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Medium Term Financial Plan and Budget	To consider the Medium Term Financial Plan and setting of the 2026/27 budget	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 18 Feb 2026 Council - 23 Feb 2026	Executive Management Team and relevant Portfolio Holder	None	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Housing Landlord Strategy	To consider the Housing Landlord Strategy following public consultation.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Feb 2026 Council - 23 Feb 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holders, Housing and Communities		Paul Thomas, Assistant Director - Housing & Communities paul.thomas@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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