

**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 FEBRUARY 2026 TO 31 JANUARY 2027

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 (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
Community Grants	To consider the Community Grants for inclusion in the 2026/27 budget.	Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Feb 2026	Community Grants Task and Finish Group, Executive Management Team, Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel and Portfolio Holder - Community, Safety and Wellbeing	None	Ryan Stevens, Service Manager - Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services ryan.stevens@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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Draft New Forest Creative and Cultural Framework	To approve the draft New Forest Creative and Cultural Framework for public consultation	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Feb 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder, Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel	None	Joanne McClay, Service Manager - Environment and Regulation joanne.mcclay@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Corporate Peer Challenge Update	To consider the follow up report from the Corporate Peer Challenge visit and proposed actions.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Feb 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder, Resources and Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Panel	None	Rebecca Drummond, Assistant Director Transformation rebecca.drummond@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Local Plan - Spatial Options and Policy (Regulation 18) Direction consultation	To consider the Local Plan – Spatial Options and Policy direction for public consultation	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Feb 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder, Local Plan Member Working Group		Dean Brunton, Planning Policy Infrastructure and Delivery Service Manager dean.brunton@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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Capital Strategy 2026/27	To consider the Capital Strategy 2026/27	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 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
Principal Risk Register Review	To consider and adopt the Principal Risk Register.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Feb 2026 Council - 23 Feb 2026	Executive Management Team, Relevant Portfolio Holder, Audit Committee	None	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk, Karen Webber karen.webber@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 Overview and Scrutiny Panel	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
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
Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy	To approve the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy following public consultation	Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Mar 2026	Executive Management Team Relevant Portfolio Holder Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel		Chris Pike, Housing Anti-Social Behaviour Manager chris.pike@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2026-2031	To approve the draft Homeless and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2026-2031	Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Mar 2026	Executive Management Team Relevant Portfolio Holder Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Tenant Involved Group, Youth and Families Matter, The Crossings, Social Services, Care Leavers Team, Housing Associations.	Chris Pope, Housing Options Rents Support and Private Sector Housing Service Manager chris.pope@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Housing Allocations Policy	To approve the proposed revisions to the Housing Allocations Policy	Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Mar 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder, Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Tenant Involvement Group, SNG Housing Association	Chris Pope, Housing Options Rents Support and Private Sector Housing Service Manager chris.pope@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Housing Landlord Strategy	To consider the Housing Landlord Strategy following public consultation.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Mar 2026 Council - 13 Apr 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holders, Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel		Paul Thomas, Assistant Director - Housing & Communities paul.thomas@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 - 1 Apr 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