

## **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 APRIL 2026 TO 31 MARCH 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?
				Inside the Council	Outside the Council		
Corporate Plan: Key Performance Data for Quarter 3 2025-2026	To consider the performance data against Key Performance Indicators identified in the Corporate Plan for Quarter 3 2025/2026.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 1 Apr 2026	Executive Management Team, all Portfolio Holders and Overview and Scrutiny Panels		Saqib Yasin, Performance & Insight Manager saqib.yasin@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
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
Principal Risk Register Review	To consider and adopt the Principal Risk Register.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 1 Apr 2026 Council - 13 Apr 2026	Executive Management Team, Relevant Portfolio Holder, Audit Committee	None	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk, Karen Webber, Insurance and Risk Officer karen.webber@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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Progress of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) strategic infrastructure projects	To seek agreement to progress to detailed design and construction on four strategic CIL projects	Key Decision	Cabinet - 3 Jun 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder and Place and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Panel	None	Tim Guymer, Assistant Director for Place Development tim.guymer@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Economic Development Strategy	To approve the Economic Development Strategy	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 3 Jun 2026 Council - 13 Jul 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holder and the Place and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Key external stakeholders	Jeannie Satchell, Economic Development Manager jeannie.satchell@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Annual Complaints Performance and Service Improvement Report 2025/26	To approve the Annual Complaints Performance and Service Improvement Report and provide the Governing Body's Response	Key Decision	Cabinet - 1 Jul 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holders, Housing and Communities O&SP, Resources and Transformation O&SP	None	Amanda Wilson, Service Manager – Legal and Information Governance amanda.wilson@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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Corporate Plan: Key Performance Data - Quarter 4	To consider the performance data against KPIs identified in the Corporate Plan for Quarter 4	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 1 Jul 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holders and Overview and Scrutiny Panels	None	Saqib Yasin, Performance & Insight Manager saqib.yasin@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Annual Performance report 2025/26	To consider the Annual Performance for 2025/26	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 1 Jul 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holders and Overview and Scrutiny Panels	None	Saqib Yasin, Performance & Insight Manager saqib.yasin@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Financial Monitoring Report (Provisional Budget Outturn 2025/26)	To consider the provisional outturn of the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and capital programme for the 2025/26 financial year.	Key Decision	Cabinet - 1 Jul 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
Financial Monitoring Report (based on performance April - June 2026 inclusive)	To provide an update on the 2025/26 General Fund, Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account	Key Decision	Cabinet - 2 Sep 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holders	None	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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Corporate Plan Key Performance Data for quarter 1 2026-2027	To consider the performance data against KPIs identified in the Corporate Plan for Quarter 1 (2026/27)	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 7 Oct 2026	Executive Management Team, relevant Portfolio Holders and Overview and Scrutiny Panels	None	Saqib Yasin, Performance & Insight Manager saqib.yasin@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Medium Term Financial Plan - Scene Setting	To consider the development of the Medium Term Financial Plan.	Key Decision	Cabinet - 7 Oct 2026 Council - 12 Oct 2026	Executive Management Team and relevant Portfolio Holder	None	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Financial Monitoring Report (based on performance April - September 2026 inclusive)	To provide an update on the 2026/27 General Fund, Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account.	Key Decision	Cabinet - 4 Nov 2026	Executive Management Team and relevant Portfolio Holders	None	Paul Whittles, Assistant Director - Finance paul.whittles@nfdc.gov.uk	Open

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Half Yearly Update Complaints Performance and Service Improvement Report	To receive a half yearly update on the Council's Complaints Handling and performance	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 2 Dec 2026	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, Service Manager – Legal and Information Governance amanda.wilson@nfdc.gov.uk	Open
Medium Term Financial Plan Update	To consider an update to the Medium Term Financial Plan.	Key Decision	Cabinet - 2 Dec 2026	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 2027/28.	Non-Key Decision	Cabinet - 2 Dec 2026 Council - 14 Dec 2026	Executive Management Team and relevant Portfolio Holder	None	Ryan Stevens, Service Manager - Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services ryan.stevens@nfdc.gov.uk	Open