

Forward Plan

January - April 2025 Supplement

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The Cabinet's Forward Plan: Introduction

This Forward Plan outlines the decisions which are expected to be made over the coming four-month period by or on behalf of the County Council's Cabinet. **NB Also included, for ease of reference, are items for the current month.**

The Plan is arranged in Committee date order, Cabinet or Delegated Decision by Cabinet Member. (The members and their portfolios are listed in the table on the next page.) Each entry briefly describes the subject and scope of the decision; indicates the "target date" on which the decision is expected to be taken and by whom (eg whether the full Cabinet or an individual Cabinet Member); what documents (normally a report by an officer) are expected to be considered; and contact details for the officer(s) dealing with the matter. The Annex is in Cabinet Member portfolio order.

Where consultation is being carried out prior to the decision being taken, the principal consultees are specified. The method of consultation will normally be by letter or – where the views of the wider public are to be sought – by press coverage, supplemented by local notices if the decision affects a particular area. Other methods, such as exhibitions, opinion surveys, community forums etc, may be used to supplement these.

The lists include any "key decisions" - those which are "significant" under the terms of government regulations. In general, a key decision may not be taken unless notice of it has been included in the Forward Plan. More detailed information on what is a key decision can be found in the Council's Constitution on the Council's website.¹ This can also be inspected at County Hall.

However, the Council has decided that Oxfordshire's Forward Plan should include all those matters which are expected to come before the Cabinet in the period of the Plan, whether or not they may give rise to key decisions.

If any key decisions are expected to be taken by officers within the Plan period under powers delegated by the Cabinet, these are included in the Plan.

Unless of a confidential nature, reports and other documents for any meeting can be inspected, from approximately a week before the meeting, at County Hall and online^{2.} Copies can be supplied on request, at a charge to cover copying costs.

Making Representations about Forward Plan Items

Anyone who wishes to make representations about a particular matter listed in the Plan should send their comments so as to reach the County Council at least a week before it is due to be considered. Comments should be either:

Posted to "Forward Plan", Law & Governance (Democratic Services), Corporate Services, County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND, delivered in person to the same address or e-mailed to forward.plan@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

There is also a facility for making a short address to the Cabinet or Cabinet Member in person. The deadline for any request to do this is 9.00 am on the working day before the matter is due to be considered. A form is available from Democratic Support Team, Law & Governance (Democratic Services), (contact as above, or telephone Oxford 810806) or online^{3.}

¹ Decision Making including Key Decisions – Main Menu > About your Council > Meetings > The Constitution > Part 2, Article 12 – Decision Making

² Agendas, Minutes & Reports – Main Menu > About your Council > Meetings > Browse Committee Papers

³ Get Involved in Meetings – Main Menu > About your Council > Meetings > Get involved in meetings

Members of the Cabinet

Cabinet Member
Leader of the Council Councillor Liz Leffman
Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Climate Change Delivery & Environment <i>Councillor Dr Pete Sudbury</i>
Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Young People's Services Councillor John Howson
Cabinet Member for Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Improvement
Councillor Kate Gregory
Cabinet Member for Community & Corporate Services Councillor Neil Fawcett
Cabinet Member for Highway Management Councillor Andrew Gant
Cabinet Member for Infrastructure & Development Strategy Councillor Judy Roberts
Cabinet Member for Finance Councillor Dan Levy
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Councillor Tim Bearder
Cabinet Member for Public Health, Inequalities & Community Safety Councillor Nathan Ley

NEW ITEMS

21 January 2025

Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
Civil Enforcement Procurement (<i>Ref: 2024/369</i>) Approve the commencement of work to consider the options for future civil enforcement provision.	Cabinet (21 January 2025)	No	None	N/A		Cabinet Member for Transport Management	Keith Stenning, Head of Service - Network Management	Director of Environment & Highways
Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
Response to Council Motion on Citizens' Assembly (<i>Ref: 2024/364</i>) To consider how Cabinet will respond to the Council motion carried at the meeting on 10 December 2024	Cabinet (21 January 2025)	No		N/A		Leader	Susannah Wintersgill, Director of Public Affairs, Policy and Partnerships	Executive Director of Resources & S151 Officer

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FBC Decarbonisation Programme 2024-25 (<i>Ref: 2024/367</i>) This paper provides an updated cost position associated with the proposed capital works for corporate properties, linked to the PSDS3c grant funding.	Cabinet (21 January 2025)	Yes - Capital Expenditure >£1m	Part exempt Paragraph 3	N/A		Cabinet Member for Finance	Sam Thomas, Property Decarbonisation Manager	Executive Director of Resources & S151 Officer

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Learning Disability Respite Service Contract Extension (<i>Ref: 2024/366</i>) To agree for a contract extension to be granted on existing contract.	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care (21 January 2025)	Yes - Revenue Expenditure > £500,000	None	N/A		Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	Derek Gravett- Smith, Commissioning Manager (Promote and Prevent)	Director of Adult Social Care

23 January 2025

Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
Beckley: Proposed 20mph Speed Limits (<i>Ref: 2024/368</i>) To seek approval of a proposed 20mph speed limit	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport Management (23 January 2025)	No	None	Standard traffic scheme consultation.		Cabinet Member for Transport Management	Anthony Kirkwood, Vision Zero Team Leader	Director of Environment & Highways