

CITY OF WAKEFIELD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE LEADER'S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

1 JANUARY 2025 - 30 APRIL 2025

NOTICE – EXECUTIVE LEADER’S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

For the four month period – 1 January 2025 to 30 April 2025.

Published – 3 December 2024.

The Council will publish a Forward Plan, which contains key decisions that the Council expects to make over the next four months and also includes those decisions to be taken in the current month. The Plan is updated and published twenty eight days before the beginning of each month. The next one to be published will be on the 3 January 2025 and will then contain all the key decisions for the four-month period February to May 2025. The Forward Plan details key decisions to be taken by Cabinet, by Executive Members and by Officers, where appropriate, under delegated powers.

The Plan indicates:

- who will make the decision;
- when decisions are likely to be taken;
- who you can contact about the decision, to obtain copies of documents and to make representations;
- the name of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- the consultation arrangements, if any;
- the documents available relating to the decisions and when and where they will be available.

Key decisions are:

- any executive decision (as opposed to a regulatory decision) to incur expenditure or receive income over a financial threshold set by the Council.
- any decision which has a significant effect in more than one Ward.

The full definition of key decisions is given in the Council’s Constitution. The law and the Council’s Constitution provides for decisions to be made when it has not been possible to give notice in the Forward Plan, and the rules for this procedure are also contained in the Constitution.

Details of how to contact the named Officer by letter or telephone can be obtained from the Council’s website or from the main switchboard on 01924 306090 between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays and 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Fridays.

A decision notice for each decision made by the Cabinet is published within 2 working days of it having been made. This is open for public inspection on the Council’s website.

Copies of the Plan are available on the Council’s website www.wakefield.gov.uk.

If you have any questions about the Forward Plan, please contact the Chief Legal Officer, Wakefield One, Wakefield, e-mail: committeeservices@wakefield.gov.uk.

Cabinet Comprises:

Leader of the Council
Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Environment
Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health
Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People
Portfolio Holder for Communities and Poverty
Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Sport
Portfolio Holder for Planning and Highways
Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Economic Growth
Portfolio Holder for Resources and Property

Councillor Denise Jeffery
Councillor Jack Hemingway
Councillor Michelle Collins
Councillor Margaret Isherwood
Councillor Maureen Cummings
Councillor Hannah Appleyard
Councillor Matthew Morley
Councillor Michael Graham
Councillor Les Shaw

Full **Council** comprises all 62 Members of the Council as follows:

Ahmed, N	Hayes, A	Pritchard, J
Ali, U	Hemingway, J	Rhodes, E
Antcliff, H	Heptinstall, F	Roberts, M
Appleyard, H	Heptinstall, S	Rowley, O
Ayre, G	Hepworth, J	Saleem, S
Ayub, M	Isherwood, M	Scott, K
Bates, S	Jeffery, D M	Sharp, N
Bryan, J	Jones, L	Shaw, L
Byford, D	Jones, M	Smith, D
Carrington, J	Keith, C	Speak, R
Collins, M	Khan, A	Speight, J
Craig, J	Law, K	Swift, K
Cummings, M	Mayhew, B	Tennant, C
Farmer, N	Medford, J	Tennant-King, M
Ferguson, J	Masterman, L	Tulley, S
Forster, R	Mitchell, H	Vickers, S
Fraser, B	Morley, M	Wallis, A
Garbutt, A	Nicholls, A	Walton, N
Girt, P	Nicholls, D	Williamson, J
Graham, M	Page, G	Wilton, D
Harvey, S	Pickersgill, D	

Key Decision and Brief Description, Reference No. and Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee (O&SC)	Decision Taker and Expected Date of Decision	Contact Officer	Consultation Arrangements/ Overview & Scrutiny Input	Background Papers	Date First included in the Plan
Acceptance of Levelling Up Partnership Programme Funding To accept Levelling Up Partnership programme funding from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to deliver a series of approved Partner and/or Council led projects. ID No: 1985/0624 Reason for amendment to date: – further details are to be received from Government. O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall	Cabinet December 2024	Clair Parker Corporate Policy and Partnerships Manager cparker@wakefield.gov.uk			June 2024
Domestic Abuse Commissioning Proposal Cabinet is asked to approve plans to commission a comprehensive service to support victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse and their families. ID No: 1999/1024 Reason for amendment to date: Awaiting clarity on national policy position and funding in 2025/26.	Cabinet December 2024	Jenny Lingrell Service Director Children's Health & Wellbeing jlingrell@wakefield.gov.uk			October 2024

O&SC: Adult Services, Health and Community - Chair, Cllr Mrs E Rhodes					
Creation of two additional children's homes - short term or emergency care Following review of the children and young people sufficiency strategy, it has become clear there is a need to support children in care at times of placement breakdowns or when placements are unavailable. Cabinet is asked to approve the opening of two new homes for short term placements, to allow time, in emergency situations, where the right long term placement can be identified for children. ID No: 2000/1124 O&SC: Children's Services - Chair, Cllr R Forster	Cabinet December 2024	Samantha Walshaw Operations Manager Children's Social Care sjwalshaw@wakefield.gov.uk			November 2024
Local Capital Programme and Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund Update To receive an update on community grant, decide future financial allocations and approve any changes to the schemes. ID No: 1909/0723 O&SC: Adult Services, Health and Community - Chair, Cllr Mrs E Rhodes	Cabinet December 2024	Pam Taylor Interim Service Director pamtaylor@wakefield.gov.uk			July 2023

Highways 2025-27 Capital Programme To advise Cabinet of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement funding from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority for 2025-27, to inject the funding into the capital programme and to advise cabinet of the 2 year programme of works. ID No: 2001/1124 O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall	Cabinet December 2024	Martin Barnes Service Manager Highways, Infrastructure and Traffic Management Tel: 0345 8 506 506 mbarnes@wakefield.gov.uk			November 2024
Budget savings/efficiency proposals 2025/26 - 2027/28 For Cabinet to receive the initial directorate budget saving/efficiency proposals following the publication of the Medium Term Financial Strategy in October 2024. ID No: 2004/1224 O&SC: Corporate and Resources	Cabinet December 2024	Caroline Carter Chief Finance Officer ccarter@wakefield.gov.uk			December 2024
Decarbonisation Schemes for Sun Lane Leisure Centre and Upton and South Parade Junior and Infant Schools (Salix PSDS) A report to consider options for funding the replacement of boilers and other energy efficiency measures to contribute to the decarbonisation of Sun Lane Leisure Centre and Upton and South Parade Junior and Infant Schools utilising grant funding under the Salix Public	Cabinet January 2025	Gary Blenkinsop Service Director Environment Streetscene and Climate Change Tel: 01924 306945 gblenkinsop@wakefield.gov.uk			December 2024

Sector Decarbonisation (PSDS) Grant Funding Scheme. ID No: 2008/1224 O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall					
Wakefield Strategic Regeneration Partnership The report will be considered in private on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as described in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended. To approve selection of the preferred developer following the procurement process using the Pagabo framework, and to enter into a pre-development agreement to enable development of the design proposal for the Borough Road Carpark site. ID No: 2007/1224 O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall	Cabinet January 2025	Rob Mayo Interim Programme Director Wakefield City Centre Strategic Regeneration rmayo@wakefield.gov.uk			December 2024

Future Catering Provision for the Council and Schools To update Cabinet on the procurement of school catering provision following the approval of Cabinet in June 2024 for the Council to manage a procurement exercise on behalf of the districts-maintained schools and to also approve a broader scope, to include the Council's current commercial retail catering provision. ID No: 2009/0125 O&SC: Corporate and Resources	Cabinet February 2025	Jane Brown Service Director Property Facilities Health & Safety Tel: 01924 304964 jabrown@wakefield.gov.uk			January 2025
Long-Term Plan for Town Funding - Castleford's 10-year Vision and 3 year Investment Plan Cabinet to approve Wakefield Council and the chair of the Town Deal Board to submit Castleford's Vision and Investment Plan to the Department for Communities and Levelling Up. ID No: 1963/0424 Reason for amendment to date: Due to the General Election, further confirmation needed of funding directions from Government (expected in October statement). O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall	Cabinet February 2025	Rachael Allington Service Manager Strategic Housing & Regeneration rallington@wakefield.gov.uk	This funding is intended to add value to the ongoing development programmes across Castleford and will support long-term projects over the next 7 – 10 years. Extensive stakeholder and community consultation has been undertaken, by both the Council and engagement consultants,		April 2024

			which has informed the documents.		
Capital Programme Update 2024/25 as at quarter 3 including new project proposals This report sets out the updated capital programme through to 2028/29 including details of any proposed new approvals. This will also include an update on expenditure incurred up to end of December 2024. ID No: 2003/1124 O&SC: Corporate and Resources	Cabinet February 2025	Caroline Carter Chief Finance Officer ccarter@wakefield.gov.uk	All DMT's and CMT's.		November 2024
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council (WMDC) and South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust (SWYPFT) Mental Health Teams Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Cabinet to approve the proposed MoU. The MoU is intended to replace the 'Service Integration Framework' that originated in 1998. WMDC and SWYPFT have agreed to work in partnership to address how we will work together to meet the needs of people who use our Mental Health services. The MoU outlines the roles and responsibilities for each organisation party to this agreement. ID No: 1989/0724 O&SC: Adult Services, Health and	Cabinet March 2025	Lee Thompson Interim Service Director Adult Social Care leethompson@wakefield.gov.uk	Both organisations have been underway with consultation and workforce within Mental Health Teams will be consulted on this MoU prior to Cabinet decision-making.		July 2024

Community - Chair, Cllr Mrs E Rhodes					
Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy Cabinet is asked to consider and approve the revised Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2025-2030. ID No: 2011/0125 O&SC: Adult Services, Health and Community - Chair, Cllr Mrs E Rhodes	Cabinet March 2025	Siobhan Morris Service Manager Housing Needs Service smorris@wakefield.gov.uk	Full consultation with all key stakeholders is currently being undertaken including focus groups of those with lived experience. Consultation requirements are outlined in the Homelessness Code of guidance. Consultation arrangements will also include the Adult Services, Health and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.		January 2025
Houses in Multiple Occupation Following consultation on an Article 4 Direction covering specific areas of the district, consultation responses will be considered by the Cabinet who will then decide whether to confirm the Article 4 Direction. If confirmed, this would remove the permitted development rights for change of use from dwellings to Houses in	Cabinet April 2025	Steve Wright Service Manager Planning Policy and Environment stwright@wakefield.gov.uk	Following a Cabinet decision on 17th September 2024 to make and consult on an Article 4 Direction, consultation will		December 2024

Multiple Occupation (HMO) in specific areas. Such proposals would therefore need to apply for planning permission. ID No: 2006/1224 O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall			take place in November 2024. The Cabinet will then consider the consultation responses received before deciding whether to confirm the Article 4 Direction. If confirmed, the Direction would come into effect on 24th October 2025.		
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