CITY OF WAKEFIELD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE LEADER'S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

1 MAY 2025 - 31 AUGUST 2025

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NOTICE – EXECUTIVE LEADER'S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

For the four month period – 1 May 2025 to 31 August 2025.
Published – 2 April 2025.
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 2 May 2025 and will then contain all the key decisions for the four-month period June to September 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	Councillor Denise Jeffery
Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Environment	Councillor Jack Hemingway
Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health	Councillor Michelle Collins
Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People	Councillor Margaret Isherwood
Portfolio Holder for Communities and Poverty	Councillor Maureen Cummings
Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Sport	Councillor Hannah Appleyard
Portfolio Holder for Planning and Highways	Councillor Matthew Morley
Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Economic Growth	Councillor Michael Graham
Portfolio Holder for Resources and Property	Councillor Les Shaw

Full **Council** comprises all 63 Members of the Council as follows:

Ahmed, N	Haslam, S	Pickersgill, D
Ali, U	Hayes, A	Pritchard, J
Antcliff, H	Hemingway, J	Rhodes, E
Appleyard, H	Heptinstall, F	Roberts, M
Ayre, G	Heptinstall, S	Rowley, O
Ayub, M	Hepworth, J	Saleem, S
Bates, S	Isherwood, M	Scott, K
Bryan, J	Jeffery, D M	Sharp, N
Byford, D	Jones, L	Shaw, L
Carrington, J	Jones, M	Smith, D
Collins, M	Keith, C	Speak, R
Craig, J	Khan, A	Speight, J
Cummings, M	Law, K	Swift, K
Farmer, N	Mayhew, B	Tennant, C
Ferguson, J	Medford, J	Tennant-King, M
Forster, R	Masterman, L	Tulley, S
Fraser, B	Mitchell, H	Vickers, S
Garbutt, A	Morley, M	Wallis, A
Girt, P	Nicholls, A	Walton, N
Graham, M	Nicholls, D	Williamson, J
Harvey, S	Page, G	Wilton, 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
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** **Reason for Amendment to date:** Deferred from Cabinet meeting on 18 March 2025 for further information to be gathered. **O&SC: Corporate and Resources**	Portfolio Holder for Resources and Property April 2025	Jane Brown Service Director Property Facilities Health & Safety Tel: 01924 304964 jabrown@wakefield.gov.uk			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 Multiple Occupation (HMO) in specific	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 take place in November 2024. The Cabinet will then consider the		December 2024

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**			consultation responses received before deciding whether to confirm the Article 4 Direction. If confirmed, the Direction would come into effect on 24th October 2025		
Improving our Rehabilitation and Recovery Accommodation at Dovecote Lodge To provide Cabinet with an update on the current position and options to take forward in relation to a programme of works for Dovecote Lodge Care Home. **ID No: 2017G** **O&SC: Adult Services, Health and Community - Chair, Cllr Mrs E Rhodes**	Cabinet April 2025	Theresa Kirk Interim Head of Service Provision and Intermediate Care tkirk@wakefield.gov.uk	Communication and engagement will take place with staff around a temporary workplace during this period in line with HR procedure to work across other in-house provision should this option be approved.		
Defining the long-term Housing, Regeneration and Economic Growth opportunities for Castleford Appendix 2 of 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 present to Cabinet the long-term Housing, Regeneration and Economic	Cabinet June 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		April 2024

Growth opportunities for Castleford that will enable the Town to fulfil its potential, allowing it play a significant role in the economic future of the Region. **ID No: 1963/0424** **Reason for amendment to date:** Further information being collated. **O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall**			community consultation has been undertaken, by both the Council and engagement consultants, which has informed the documents.		
Highways Asset Management funding 2025-26 To advise Cabinet of additional Department of Transport funding via the West Yorkshire Combined Authority for 2025-26, to inject the funding into the capital programme and to advise cabinet of the programme of works. **ID No: 2013/0325** **Reason for amendment to date:** Further information being collated. **O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall**	Cabinet June 2025	Carol Brennan Network Manager cbrennan@wakefield.gov.uk			March 2025

Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy Cabinet is asked to consider and approve the revised Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2025-2030. **ID No: 2011/0125** **Reason for amendment to date:** to ensure all stakeholders and those with lived experience have the opportunity to contribute to the development of the Strategy and meet the consultation requirements of the Homelessness Code of Guidance. **O&SC: Adult Services, Health and Community - Chair, Cllr Mrs E Rhodes**	Cabinet June 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
Procurement of Provision of Care in a Registered Care Home To seek approval to re-procure an overarching agreement to commence from 01.04.2026, giving access to the provision of care in a registered care home. **ID No: 2014/0425** **O&SC: Adult Services, Health and Community - Chair, Cllr Mrs E Rhodes**	Cabinet June 2025	Tracy Spurr Commissioning Manager – Older People tspurr@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation will be undertaken with the independent care home providers.		April 2025

Section 75 Partnership Agreement with ICB - Better Care Fund 2025/26 For Cabinet to agree the Section 75 Partnership Agreement with ICB - Better Care Fund 2025/26. **ID: 2015/0525** **O&SC: Adult Services, Health and Community - Chair, Cllr Mrs E Rhodes**	Cabinet July 2025	Angela Hemingway Head of Service Tel: 01924 307406 angelahemingway@wakefield.gov.uk			May 2025
Procurement for the Provision of a Generic Domiciliary Care Service Requesting approval for the procurement for the provision domiciliary of care and new contract to commence 01.04.2026. **ID No: 2016/0525** **O&SC: Adult Services, Health and Community - Chair, Cllr Mrs E Rhodes**	Cabinet July 2025	Diane Ingham Senior Commissioning Manager dingham@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation will be undertaken with the independent domiciliary care providers.		May 2025