

CITY OF WAKEFIELD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE LEADER'S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

1 AUGUST 2025 - 30 NOVEMBER 2025

NOTICE – EXECUTIVE LEADER’S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

For the four month period – 1 August 2025 to 30 November 2025.

Published – 3 July 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 1 August 2025 and will then contain all the key decisions for the four-month period September to December 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 (and Portfolio Holder for Property)
Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health
Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People
Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Environment
Portfolio Holder for Communities
Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Sport
Portfolio Holder for Planning and Highways
Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Economic Growth
Portfolio Holder for Resources

Councillor Denise Jeffery
Councillor Michelle Collins
Councillor Margaret Isherwood
Councillor George Ayre
Councillor Daniel Wilton
Councillor Hannah Appleyard
Councillor Matthew Morley
Councillor Jack Hemingway
Councillor David Pickersgill

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

Forward Plan of Key Decisions

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. Member DN 024/2025 dated 31 March 2025 addressed the extension of the current contract for school meals for 6 months. O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Cllr J Medford	Leader of the Council July 2025	Jane Brown Service Director Property Facilities Health & Safety Tel: 01924 304964 jabrown@wakefield.gov.uk			January 2025

Property Managing Agent Procurement The appendices to the report will be considered in private on the grounds that they are 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 seek approval to appoint a Managing Agent and accelerate Asset Verification of the Council's Property Portfolio. ID No: 2020G O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Cllr J Medford	Cabinet July 2025	Jane Brown Service Director Property Facilities Health & Safety Tel: 01924 304964 jabrown@wakefield.gov.uk			
Defining the long-term Housing, Regeneration and Economic Growth opportunities for Castleford The Appendices to the report will be considered in private on the grounds that they are 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 Growth opportunities for Castleford that will enable the Town to fulfil its potential, allowing it to play a significant role in the economic future of the Region. ID No: 1963/0424	Cabinet July 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, which has informed the documents.		April 2024

Reason for amendment to date: Further information being collated. O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall					
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 July 2025	Tracy Spurr Commissioning Manager – Older People tspurr@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation will be undertaken with the independent care home providers.		April 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

SEND Sufficiency Programme - High Needs Provision (phase 2 of 3 year delivery plan) To approve the High Needs Provision Capital Allocations from the Department for Education to support the provision of new school places and improve existing provision for children with SEND or requiring Alternative Provision. ID No: 2018/0625 O&SC: Children's Services - Chair, Cllr R Forster	Cabinet July 2025	Jacqui Dundas Head of Service Inclusion, Strategy & Performance jdundas@wakefield.gov.uk			June 2025
Strategic Regeneration Partnership for Wakefield City Centre The appendix 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. Approval of Development Agreement Heads of Terms for the Wakefield City Strategic Regeneration Partnership. ID No: 2025/0725 O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall	Cabinet July 2025	Joanne Hill Service Manager - Strategic Housing & Regeneration joahill@wakefield.gov.uk			July 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 September 2025	Angela Hemingway Interim Service Director - Commissioning & Workforce Tel: 01924 307406 angalahemingway@wakefield.gov.uk			May 2025
Shared Lives - Board and Lodgings Payments To approve a change in payment for placements in the Shared Lives scheme to separate the board and lodgings and the care and support elements of the payment to Shared Lives carers. The board and lodgings element will be payable by the service user which will ensure equity for service users across the range of Adult Social Care placements that provide 24/7 care and support. ID No: 2022/0725 O&SC: Adult Services, Health and Community - Chair, Cllr Mrs E Rhodes	Cabinet September 2025	Christine Herbert Service Manager - Learning Disabilities and Autism cherbert@wakefield.gov.uk			July 2025

Capital Programme Update 2025/26 as at quarter 1 (to end of June 2025) including new project proposals This report sets out the updated capital programme, including details of any proposed new approvals. ID No: 2023/0725 O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Cllr J Medford	Cabinet September 2025	Lisa Kitto Interim Chief Finance Officer lkitto@wakefield.gov.uk			July 2025
Adult Social Care and Health Strategy Cabinet is asked to endorse the revised Adult Social Care Strategy 2025-2028. ID No: 2021/0725 O&SC: Adult Services, Health and Community - Chair, Cllr Mrs E Rhodes	Cabinet November 2025	Angela Hemingway Interim Service Director - Commissioning & Workforce Tel: 01924 307406 angalahemingway@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation with all key stakeholders will be undertaken.		July 2025.
Capital Programme Update 2025/26 as at quarter 2 (to end September 2025) including new project proposals This report sets out the updated capital programme, including details of any proposed new approvals. ID No: 2024/0725 O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Cllr J Medford	Cabinet November 2025	Lisa Kitto Interim Chief Finance Officer lkitto@wakefield.gov.uk			July 2025

Disposal of Council Owned Land at City Fields, Wakefield (Phase 4a) To approve the disposal of the Council owned land at City Fields (Phase 4a) to the open market. ID No: 2026/0825 O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Cllr J Medford	Cabinet November 2025	Adam Hunter Surveyor – Strategic Asset Planning adamhunter@wakefield.gov.uk			August 2025
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