

CITY OF WAKEFIELD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE LEADER'S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

1 FEBRUARY 2026 - 31 MAY 2026

NOTICE – EXECUTIVE LEADER’S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

For the four month period – 1 February 2026 to 31 May 2026.

Published – 24 December 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 30 January 2026 and will then contain all the key decisions for the four-month period March to June 2026. 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
Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Economic Growth
Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health
Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People
Portfolio Holder for Communities
Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Sport
Portfolio Holder for Environment and Civic Services
Portfolio Holder for Planning and Highways
Portfolio Holder for Resources

Councillor Denise Jeffery
Councillor Jack Hemingway
Councillor Michelle Collins
Councillor Margaret Isherwood
Councillor Daniel Wilton
Councillor Hannah Appleyard
Councillor George Ayre
Councillor Matthew Morley
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
Castleford Strategic Acquisition 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 the Strategic Acquisition of land and buildings, Castleford. ID No: 2041/G O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall	Leader of the Council December 2025	Rachael Allington Service Manager Strategic Housing & Regeneration rallington@wakefield.gov.uk			
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 January 2026	Angela Hemingway Interim Service Director - Commissioning & Workforce Tel: 01924 307406 angelahemingway@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation with all key stakeholders will be undertaken.		July 2025.
Capital Programme Update 2025/26 as at quarter 3, including new project proposals This report sets out the updated capital programme, including details of any proposed new approvals.	Cabinet February 2026	Sarfraz Nawaz Chief Finance Officer snawaz@wakefield.gov.uk			December 2025

ID No: 2035/1225 O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Cllr J Medford					
New conservation areas for Castleford and Felkirk & Hodroyd plus amended boundaries for Horbury, Ossett and Wood Street (Wakefield) Conservation Areas To seek Cabinet approval for the designation of two new Conservation Areas (Castleford and Felkirk & Hodroyd) plus boundary changes to Horbury, Ossett and Wakefield Wood Street Conservation Areas following public consultation in late 2025. ID No: 2043/0226 O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall	Cabinet February 2026	Emma Sharpe Senior Conservation and Design Officer emmasharpe@wakefield.gov.uk Steve Wright Service Manager Planning Policy and Environment stwright@wakefield.gov.uk	Public consultation in relation to all documents occurred from 16 October 2025 to 27 November 2025 including a formal public meeting in each of the areas.		February 2026
Wakefield Economic Growth Plan & Skills Strategy To seek approval from Cabinet on the developed Economic Growth Plan and Skills Strategy. ID No: 2036/1225 Reason for amendment: Further time required for information to be collated.	Cabinet March 2026	Jamie Appleton Service Manager Skills and Business Development jappleton@wakefield.gov.uk			December 2025

O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall					
Strategic Regeneration Partnership for Castleford To seek Cabinet approval to enter into a Development Agreement with a selected Developer following a procurement exercise. ID No: 2042/0126 O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall	Cabinet March 2026	Rachael Allington Service Manager Strategic Housing & Regeneration rallington@wakefield.gov.uk			January 2026
Disposal of Council owned land at City Fields (phase 6) 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 approve the disposal of land at City Fields for the purpose of a new care home facility. ID No: 2046/0226 O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Cllr J Medford	Cabinet March 2026	Adam Hunter Surveyor – Strategic Asset Planning adamhunter@wakefield.gov.uk			February 2026
Adult Social Care Workforce Strategy	Cabinet	Karla Gallon	Consultation with		February

For Cabinet to endorse the new Adult Social Care Workforce Strategy. ID No: 2045/0226 O&SC: Adult Services, Health and Community - Chair, Cllr Mrs E Rhodes	April 2026	Service Director - Commissioning Assurance and Workforce kgallon@wakefield.gov.uk	all key stakeholders will be taken.		2026
Renters Rights Act and changes to the Strategic Housing Enforcement Policy This report will set out changes to the Council's private rented sector housing enforcement policy, procedure, and statutory duties in line with the Renters Rights Act and seek approval for an amended Strategic Housing Enforcement Policy. ID No: 2030/1025 O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall	Cabinet June 2026	Mark Hooton Senior Strategic Housing Manager Tel: 01924 305887 mhooton@wakefield.gov.uk			October 2025
District Design Code To seek Cabinet adoption of the District Design Code. The District Design Code sets out design requirements and guidance relating to proposed developments across the Wakefield district. Upon adoption, it would become a material planning consideration in the determination of planning applications. ID No: 2044/0226	Cabinet June 2026	Steve Wright Service Manager Planning Policy and Environment stwright@wakefield.gov.uk	Public consultation on the draft District Design Code between 20 November 2025 and 14 January 2026.		February 2026

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