CITY OF WAKEFIELD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE LEADER'S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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NOTICE – EXECUTIVE LEADER'S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

For the four month period – 1 March 2026 to 30 June 2026.
Published – 30 January 2026.
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 March 2026 and will then contain all the key decisions for the four-month period April to July 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	Councillor Denise Jeffery
Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Economic Growth	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	Councillor Daniel Wilton
Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Sport	Councillor Hannah Appleyard
Portfolio Holder for Environment and Civic Services	Councillor George Ayre
Portfolio Holder for Planning and Highways	Councillor Matthew Morley
Portfolio Holder for Resources	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

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
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. **ID No: 2035/1225** **O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Cllr J Medford**	Cabinet February 2026	Sarfraz Nawaz Chief Finance Officer snawaz@wakefield.gov.uk			December 2025
New conservation areas for Castleford and Felkirk & Hodroyd plus amended boundaries for Horbury, Ossett and Wood Street (Wakefield) Conservation Areas An appendix to the report will be considered in private as it includes personal information submitted to the council through the public consultation process. 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.	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

ID No: 2043/0226 **O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall**					
Wakefield Strategic Regeneration Partnership (SRP) Cathedral Quarter Project 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 Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended. To seek approval for the SRP Cathedral Quarter project proposal including the strategic acquisition of land and buildings in Wakefield City Centre. **ID No: 2047G** **O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall** **O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Cllr J Medford**	Cabinet February 2026	Joanne Hill Service Manager Strategic Housing & Regeneration joahill@wakefield.gov.uk	None		

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. **O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall**	Cabinet March 2026	Jamie Appleton Service Manager - Skills and Business Development jappleton@wakefield.gov.uk			December 2025
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

Procurement of TEC Enabled Care Services For Cabinet to authorise the Procurement of TEC enabled Care Services. **ID No: 2048/0326** **O&SC: Adult Services, Health and Community - Chair, Cllr Mrs E Rhodes**	Cabinet March 2026	Karla Gallon Service Director - Commissioning Assurance and Workforce kgallon@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation with all key stakeholders will be taken.		March 2026
Lightwaves Leisure and Community Centre For Cabinet to approve the disposal of Lightwaves Leisure and Community Centre at less than best consideration and delegate authority to agree final terms of the disposal to the Service Director Property, Facilities and Health and Safety pursuant to the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy. **ID No: 2049/0326** **O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Cllr J Medford**	Cabinet March 2026	Jane Brown Service Director Property Facilities Health & Safety Tel: 01924 304964 jabrown@wakefield.gov.uk			March 2026
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** **Reason for Amendment to date:**	Cabinet June 2026	Rachael Allington Service Manager Strategic Housing & Regeneration rallington@wakefield.gov.uk			January 2026

Extended time required due to procurement timelines **O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall**					
Adult Social Care Workforce Strategy 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**	Cabinet June 2026	Karla Gallon Service Director Commissioning Assurance and Workforce kgallon@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation with all key stakeholders will be taken.		February 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 Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) To seek Cabinet adoption of the District Design Code. The District Design Code as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) 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** **O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall**	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