

CITY OF WAKEFIELD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE LEADER'S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

1 MAY 2026 - 31 AUGUST 2026

NOTICE – EXECUTIVE LEADER’S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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

Published – 2 April 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 1 May 2026 and will then contain all the key decisions for the four-month period June to September 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
Procurement for the Provision of a Generic Domiciliary Care Service and Emergency Support to Carers The current provision of a generic Domiciliary Care service PDPS will expire on the 31 March 2027. This report seeks approval from Cabinet to re-procure these services for three years, plus an option to extend for up to three years beyond the initial term. ID No: 2050/0426 O&SC: Adult Services, Health and Community - Chair, Cllr Mrs E Rhodes	Cabinet April 2026	Diane Ingham Senior Commissioning Manager dingham@wakefield.gov.uk			April 2026
Wakefield Economic Growth Plan To seek approval from Cabinet for the adoption of the new Economic Growth Plan. The plan will compliment ongoing delivery of the Economic Wellbeing Strategy and is linked to recent Wakefield Futures Commission report. 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	Cabinet June 2026	Jamie Appleton Service Manager - Skills and Business Development jappleton@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation with key stakeholders.		December 2025

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 Reason for Amendment to date: Extended time required due to procurement timelines O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall	Cabinet June 2026	Rachael Allington Service Manager Strategic Housing & Regeneration rallington@wakefield.gov.uk			January 2026
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	Cabinet June 2026	Mark Hooton Senior Strategic Housing Manager Tel: 01924 305887 mhooton@wakefield.gov.uk			October 2025

Policy. ID No: 2030/1025 O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall					
Adoption of the Wakefield District Design Code Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) To seek Cabinet adoption of the Wakefield 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
Refreshed Employment & Skills Strategy 2026-2031 To seek approval from Cabinet on the developed Skills Strategy. ID No: 2051/0426 O&SC: Regeneration, Environment	Cabinet June 2026	Jamie Appleton Service Manager Skills and Business Development jappleton@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation with key stakeholders.		April 2026

and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall					
Schools Capital Maintenance Programme 2027 Seeking Cabinet approval to the proposed investment of capital funding into the maintained schools estate to address programmes of maintenance works in 2027. ID No: 2055/0526 O&SC: Children's Services - Chair, Cllr R Forster	Cabinet July 2026	Louise Lupton llupton@wakefield.gov.uk			May 2026
SEND Sufficiency Programme - High Needs Provision Phase 3 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. Phase 3 ID No: 2056/0526 O&SC: Children's Services - Chair, Cllr R Forster	Cabinet July 2026	Louise Lupton llupton@wakefield.gov.uk			May 2026
Housing Plan 2023-26 Year 3 and final progress report and the new Housing Plan This report outlines year 3 and the final year of the 2023-26 Housing Plan delivery and seeks approval of the new Housing	Cabinet October 2026	Mark Hooton Senior Strategic Housing Manager Tel: 01924 305887 mhooton@wakefield.gov.uk	Public and stakeholder consultation on the new Housing Plan May-June.		May 2026

Plan. ID No: 2054/0526 O&SC: Regeneration, Environment and Economic Growth - Chair, Cllr S Heptinstall					
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