

CITY OF WAKEFIELD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE LEADER'S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

1 AUGUST 2026 - 30 NOVEMBER 2026

NOTICE – EXECUTIVE LEADER’S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

For the four month period – 1 August 2026 to 30 November 2026.

Published – 3 July 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 31 July 2026 and will then contain all the key decisions for the four-month period September to December 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

Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Resources and Property

Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health

Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People

Portfolio Holder for Culture and Sport

Portfolio Holder for District Regeneration and Regional Growth

Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport and Planning

Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services

Portfolio Holder for Safer Stronger Communities

Portfolio Holder for Strategic Housing, Skills and Business Growth

Councillor Karl Johnson

Councillor John Thomas

Councillor Ansar Hayat

Councillor Matthew Caton

Councillor Lukasz Borcz

Councillor Matthew Pinder

Councillor Keith Anderson

Councillor Julian Carter

Councillor Rebecca Webster

Councillor Andrew Wakefield

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

Ahmed, N

Anderson, K

Ashton, P

Ashton, S

Atcheson, K

Ayub, M

Beddoes, W

Bedford, J

Booth, P

Borcz, L

Carr, R

Carter, J

Caton, M

Chambers, J

Craig, H

Crashley, J

Dawson, C

Dews, D

Dodd, K

Dytor, T

Evans, J

Farmer, N

Fletcher, I

Forrester, M

Forrester, S

Freer, A

Garbutt, W

Gledhill, C

Gurdin, C

Harvey, S

Hayat, A

Hayes, A

Hunter, D

Jackson, P

Johnson, I

Johnson, K

Johnston, J

Johnston, G

Keeley, M

Lewis, S

Livsey, M

Lowe, D

McGrevy, J

Moorhouse, B

Moxon, T

Mulligan, J

Muscroft, B

Padget, J

Parker, S

Parsons, C

Pinder, M

Pringle, D

Ridler, G

Sheldrake, I

Smith, C

Speak, R

Thomas, C

Thomas, G

Thomas, J

Wakefield, A

Watkins, B

Webster, R

Womack, G

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
Strategic Regeneration Partnership for Castleford An appendix to 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 seek Cabinet approval to appoint a Strategic Regeneration Developer Partner following a procurement exercise. ID No: 2042/0126 Reason for Amendment to date: Extended time required for further internal consultation. O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter	Cabinet July 2026	Rachael Allington Service Manager Strategic Housing & Regeneration rallington@wakefield.gov.uk			January 2026
'A new plan for growth' - 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	Cabinet July 2026	Jamie Appleton Service Manager Skills and Business Development jappleton@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation with key stakeholders.		December 2025

Reason for amendment: Extended time required for further internal consultation. O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter					
Renters Rights Act and Changes to the Council's Strategic Housing Private Rented Sector Enforcement and Civil Penalty Policies 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 Reason for Amendment to date: Extended time needed to receive information to form Cabinet report. O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter	Cabinet July 2026	Mark Hooton Senior Strategic Housing Manager Tel: 01924 305887 mhooton@wakefield.gov.uk			October 2025
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 & Young People -	Cabinet July 2026	Louise Lupton llupton@wakefield.gov.uk			May 2026

Chair, Cllr S Ashton					
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 & Young People - Chair, Cllr S Ashton	Cabinet July 2026	Louise Lupton llupton@wakefield.gov.uk			May 2026
County Hall, Wakefield Council For Cabinet to note the works progressed to improve watertightness of County Hall and stabilise the external envelope whilst maintaining the integrity of the Grade 1 heritage building and to note further works required and approve an injection into the capital programme to facilitate these works. ID No: 2057/0626 O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Chair, Cllr D Dews	Cabinet July 2026	Jane Brown Service Director Property Facilities Health & Safety Tel: 01924 304964 jabrown@wakefield.gov.uk			June 2026

Wakefield SEND Sufficiency Programme: Refurbishment of former Wakefield Regional Fire Control Centre (RFCC) / Paragon Following the recent acquisition by Council of the former RFCC site as the preferred location for developing up to a 120 place secondary Social Emotional Mental Health Education (Special Educational Needs and Disability - SEND) provision. The Council is now seeking approval to utilise High Needs Provision Capital Allocation (HNPCA) funding from the Department for Education (DfE) to invest in this site to redevelop it as a new secondary phase specialist SEND provision. ID No: 2065G O&SC: Children & Young People - Chair, Cllr S Ashton	Cabinet July 2026	Louise Lupton llupton@wakefield.gov.uk			
Council Priorities 2026-2027 Setting out the Leader of the Council's top priorities for 2026-2027. ID No: 2066G O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Chair, Cllr D Dews	Cabinet July 2026	Joe Cookson Head of Communications joecookson@wakefield.gov.uk			

Crisis and Resilience Fund 2026/27 Agreement of Wakefield's approach to the new national Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF). ID No: 2060/0726 O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Chair, Cllr D Dews	Cabinet July 2026	Stacey Carter Revenues & Benefits Service Manager staceycarter@wakefield.gov.uk	Central government carried out analysis and consultation to develop CRF. Significant engagement across the council and district has developed the local scheme to prevent duplication and ensure effectiveness.		July 2026
Climate Change To note next steps on the Council's approach to climate action following the resolution of Full Council on 17 June 2026 to undeclare a climate and biodiversity emergency. To set out proposed changes so that the Council's work is focused on practical interventions that make life better for local residents. To ask Cabinet to approve the implementation of changes to how the Council works in this area to provide better value for money for local taxpayers. ID No: 2069G O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Chair, Cllr D Dews	Cabinet July 2026	Joe Cookson Head of Communications joecookson@wakefield.gov.uk			

Move More A report to outline the progress now made with the Move More partnership programme and accept a full award from Sport England. ID No: 2070G O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter	Cabinet September 2026	Alastair Wood Sport and Physical Activity Development Manager alastairwood@wakefield.gov.uk			
Consolidation of Historic Smoke Control Orders To consider any responses to the publication of the Notice advertising the Council's intention to revoke all existing Smoke Control Orders and replace them with a new single district wide Smoke Control Order (including objections to the Secretary of state). To determine whether to confirm the order revoking all existing Smoke Control Orders within the Wakefield District (with or without modification by the Secretary of State) and replace with one new order covering the entire district. ID No: 2062/0726 O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter	Cabinet September 2026	Ruth Rhodes Environmental Health Service Manager Rrhodes@wakefield.gov.uk	A public Notice will be placed in the Wakefield Express and London Gazette. The advertisement will feature in those publications at least once per week for two consecutive weeks. The notices will advertise the Councils intention to revoke all existing Smoke Control Orders and replace them with a new single district wide Smoke Control Order. The notice explains that any objections to the proposed revocation of existing orders must be made to the Secretary of State, who may modify the orders.		July 2026

Proposal to Revoke 7 Air Quality Management Areas Recommendation to approve the making of Revocation Orders, revoking the orders declaring 7 Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA). This is due to long term compliance of between 8 and 12 years with required air quality targets for Nitrogen Dioxide. This will leave one remaining AQMA, Wakefield City.' ID No: 2063/0726 O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter	Cabinet September 2026	Ruth Rhodes Environmental Health Service Manager Rrhodes@wakefield.gov.uk	A public consultation was published on the Council's website from 1st to 28th February 2026, asking for views and comments on the intention to revoke the AQMA Orders. 0 public responses were received. Other Consultees approached directly included WMDC Public Health, Highways/Planning (1 response), and Ward Councillors in wards affected by the proposed revocations (1 response). All respondents were replied to individually. All responses are detailed in the background papers.	July 2026
Refreshed Employment & Skills Strategy 2026-2031 To seek approval from Cabinet for the adoption of the Employment & Skills plan, that will provide strategic direction for employment and skills intervention in the coming years. ID No: 2051/0426	Cabinet September 2026	Jamie Appleton Service Manager - Skills and Business Development jappleton@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation with key stakeholders.	April 2026

Reason for Amendment to date: Extended time needed to consult with key stakeholders O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter					
Council owned land at City Fields 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 request for budget to continue planning work & site disposal to secure capital receipts. ID No: 2068/0826 O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter	Cabinet September 2026	Faye Hoskin fhoskin@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation with Members.		August 2026
Long Term Maintenance Plan - Asset Verification and Condition Surveys To provide an update on the Council's estate's assets and set out a 10-15 year long term maintenance plan to ensure the property portfolio is operating in an efficient and economical way, which enables the delivery of the Council's corporate and service objectives. ID No: 2058/0626 O&SC: Corporate and Resources -	Cabinet October 2026	Jane Brown Service Director Property Facilities Health & Safety Tel: 01924 304964 jabrown@wakefield.gov.uk			June 2026

Chair, Cllr D Dews					
Disposal Programme To link the Long Term Maintenance Plan - Asset Verification and Condition Survey findings to the future disposal programme and present a 10-15 year disposal programme which will move towards right sizing the Council's footprint around future corporate and community deliverables. ID No: 2059/0626 O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Chair, Cllr D Dews	Cabinet October 2026	Jane Brown Service Director Property Facilities Health & Safety Tel: 01924 304964 jabrown@wakefield.gov.uk			June 2026
Wakefield District Infrastructure Funding Statement Annual Report 2025-2026 To receive the Infrastructure Funding Statement Annual Report of Section 106 developer contributions and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds for information; and approve any future strategic CIL spending decisions as may be required. ID No: 2061/0726 O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter	Cabinet October 2026	Morgan Stringer Team Leader Planning Policy and Environment Tel: 01924 306616 morganstringer@wakefield.gov.uk			July 2026

Re-procurement for the Provision of Care in a Registered Care Home Requesting approval to undertake a procurement for the provision of care in a registered care home and new contract to commence 01.04.2028. ID No: 2067/0826 O&SC: Adult Services and Health - Chair, Cllr J Padget	Cabinet November 2026	Tracy Spurr Commissioning Manager – Older People tspurr@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation will be undertaken with the independent care home providers.	August 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 Plan. ID No: 2054/0526 Reason for amendment to date: Extended time required for further consultation. O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter	Cabinet December 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