

CITY OF WAKEFIELD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE LEADER'S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

1 OCTOBER 2026 - 31 JANUARY 2027

NOTICE – EXECUTIVE LEADER’S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

For the four month period – 1 October 2026 to 31 January 2027.

Published – 2 September 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 2 October 2026 and will then contain all the key decisions for the four-month period November 2026 to February 2027. 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	Farmer, N	McGrevy, J
Anderson, K	Fletcher, I	Moorhouse, B
Ashton, P	Forrester, M	Moxon, T
Ashton, S	Forrester, S	Mulligan, J
Atcheson, K	Freer, A	Muscroft, B
Ayub, M	Garbutt, W	Padget, J
Beddoes, W	Gledhill, C	Parker, S
Bedford, J	Gurdin, C	Parsons, C
Booth, P	Harvey, S	Pinder, M
Borcz, L	Hayat, A	Pringle, D
Carr, R	Hayes, A	Ridler, G
Carter, J	Hunter, D	Sheldrake, I
Caton, M	Jackson, P	Smith, C
Chambers, J	Johnson, I	Speak, R
Craig, H	Johnson, K	Thomas, C
Crashley, J	Johnston, J	Thomas, G
Dawson, C	Johnston, G	Thomas, J
Dews, D	Keeley, M	Wakefield, A
Dodd, K	Lewis, S	Watkins, B
Dytor, T	Livsey, M	Webster, R
Evans, J	Lowe, D	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
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 Reason for Amendment to date: Extended time needed to consult with key stakeholders O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter	Cabinet September 2026	Jamie Appleton Service Manager - Skills and Business Development jappleton@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation with key stakeholders.	April 2026
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

Local Highway Maintenance Fund Funding Cabinet to approve the additional Local Highway Maintenance Funding 2026/27. ID No: 2072/0926 O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter	Cabinet September 2026	Carol Brennan Network Manager cbrennan@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation with Members.		September 2026
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 September 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	Cabinet September 2026	Morgan Stringer Team Leader Planning Policy and Environment Tel: 01924 306616 morganstringer@wakefield.gov.uk			July 2026

- Chair, Cllr D Hunter					
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 Reason for amendment to date: finalising the funding and plan. O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter	Cabinet October 2026	Alastair Wood Sport and Physical Activity Development Manager alastairwood@wakefield.gov.uk			
Delivery of a new hotel at the former Westgate Station site, Wakefield To seek approval for Development Agreement Heads of Terms. ID No: 2073/0926 O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter	Cabinet October 2026	Michelle Rushworth Senior Development Manager mirushworth@wakefield.gov.uk			September 2026
Key Regeneration Update Across the Five Towns: Progress, Delivery and Associated Approvals This report provides an update on the progress of key regeneration projects across the Five Towns. Cabinet is asked to note progress to date, endorse the proposed delivery approach for the next phase of project implementation, and approve the associated property transactions and delegated authorities necessary to facilitate delivery and realise	Cabinet October 2026	Rachael Allington Service Manager Strategic Housing & Regeneration rallington@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation with Portfolio		October 2026

the intended benefits for residents, businesses and communities. ID No: 2077/1026 O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter					
Capital Programme Update - Quarter 2, including new investments This report sets out the updated capital programme including details of any proposed new investments. ID No: 2078/1026 O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Chair, Cllr D Dews	Cabinet November 2026	Service Director Finance			October 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	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

Filming price structure report To approve a report for filming fee and charging structure for filming activities undertaken on Council-owned land and property. The proposal aims to establish a clear, consistent and commercially appropriate framework for film permits and location hire, supporting economic growth, promoting the district as a filming destination, and ensuring the Council recovers appropriate costs associated with facilitating filming activity. ID No: 2076/1026 O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter	Cabinet November 2026	Clare Hunt Enterprise Manager chunt@wakefield.gov.uk	Consultation with members.		October 2026
Wakefield District Playing Pitch Strategy This report will set out the current provision, capacity and condition of the District's playing pitches. With recommendations for future development across Football, Hockey, Tennis, Cricket, Rugby League, Rugby Union and Lawn Bowls. To seek Cabinet approval to apply report findings and subsequent investment proposals. ID No: 2074/0926 O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter	Cabinet December 2026	Kov Bahadori Service Manager - Sport & Physical Activity kbahadori@wakefield.gov.uk	The compilation of the PPS report requires the direct engagement and consultation of stakeholders as part of the intelligence gathering process.		September 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 - Chair, Cllr D Dews	Cabinet December 2026	Jane Brown Service Director Property Facilities Health & Safety Tel: 01924 304964 jabrown@wakefield.gov.uk			June 2026
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 December 2026	Ruth Rhodes Environmental Health Service Manager Rhodes@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		July 2026

			must be made to the Secretary of State, who may modify the orders.		
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 July-August.		May 2026
Future Provision of Funding for VCSE Infrastructure Support in the District To provide Cabinet with a report and recommendations of the independent stakeholder engagement to determine future provision of funding for VCSE infrastructure support in the district. This would include the continuation of the grant agreement beyond the current expiry of the grant in March 2028, with a revised specification. ID No: 2071/0826 O&SC: Regeneration and Communities - Chair, Cllr D Hunter	Cabinet January 2027	Jim Leyland Service Manager Community Engagement and Cohesion jimleyland@wakefield.gov.uk			September 2026
Capital Programme Update - Quarter 3, Forward Plan of Key Decisions	Cabinet	Service Director			October 2026

including new investments This report sets out the updated capital programme including details of any proposed new investments. ID No: 2079/1026 O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Chair, Cllr D Dews	February 2027	Finance			
Disposal of Land at City Fields, Wakefield - Phase 3 To seek approval to dispose of the next phase of land at City Fields, Wakefield for a further 150 unit residential scheme. ID No: 2080/1026 O&SC: Corporate and Resources - Chair, Cllr D Dews	Cabinet February 2027	Adam Hunter Surveyor – Strategic Asset Planning adamhunter@wakefield.gov.uk			October 2026