

**Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 18 March 2026**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<p><b>A5</b></p>	<p>Adoption of the Winchester District Local Plan 2040 and the preparation of the Local Plan 2044</p>	<p><u><i>That Cabinet recommend to Council*:</i></u></p> <p><u><i>Part 1 – Winchester District Local Plan 2020–2040 (Adoption)</i></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. That the Inspector’s conclusions that the Winchester District Local Plan 2020–2040 is legally compliant and sound, subject to the recommended Main Modifications, are accepted.</i></li> <li><i>2. That the Winchester District Local Plan 2020–2040, incorporating the Inspector’s Main Modifications (as</i></li> </ol>	<p>The purpose of report CL177 is twofold.</p> <p><u>Part 1</u></p> <p>It seeks Cabinet endorsement of the Winchester District Local Plan 2020–2040 and Cabinet’s recommendation to Full Council that the Plan be formally adopted.</p> <p><u>Part 2</u></p> <p>The report also outlines the implications of forthcoming national changes to the plan-making system, including Government reforms which introduce a streamlined Local Plan preparation process</p>	<p><u>Part 1</u></p> <p>The alternative options in relation to Part 1 of the decision (which is ultimately for Council to take) are set out in paragraph 12 of report CL177.</p> <p><u>Part 2</u></p> <p>The alternative option in relation to Part 2 of the decision (which is for Cabinet to take) is that work is not progressed on the next Local Plan 2044 in accordance with the recommendations of Part 2 of report CL177. However, this option is not recommended as the City Council has a regulatory requirement to progress with work on the next Local Plan</p>
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		<p><i>amended), Additional Modifications and associated changes to the Policies Map, proceeds to Full Council on 24 March 2026 for adoption in accordance with Regulation 26 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and Section 23(2) and (3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).</i></p> <p>3. <i>That upon adoption of the Winchester District Local Plan 2020–2040, the existing Development Plan Documents (Local Plan Part 1 – Joint Core Strategy, Local Plan Part 2 – Development Management and Site</i></p>	<p>with an expected 30-month timetable. In anticipation of these changes, the report sets out the proposed programme for commencing work on the next Local Plan to 2044 and seeks delegated authority to publish the Notice of the Council’s intention to commence preparation of the new Local Plan by 30 June 2026.</p>	<p>2044 as the Local Plan 2040 that is being recommended for adoption meets less than 80% of the Local Housing Need. Failure to progress with work on the next Local Plan 2044 would result in Government intervention.</p>

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		<p><i>Allocations, and the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Development Plan Document) are withdrawn as they will be superseded.</i></p> <p>4. <i>That authority is delegated to the Corporate Head of Planning and Regulatory Services to make any non-material corrections to the Winchester District Local Plan 2020–2040, including factual updates, grammatical or formatting amendments, prior to publication in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).</i></p>		

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		<p><u>That Cabinet:</u></p> <p><u>Part 2 – Preparation of the Winchester District Local Plan to 2044</u></p> <p>5. That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director, in consultation with the Director of Legal, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. publish the Notice of Intention to commence preparation of the Local Plan to 2044 by 30 June 2026;</li> <li>b. approve and publish a revised Local Plan timetable, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan; and</li> <li>c. commission external consultancy support,</li> </ul>		

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		<p>where required, to assist with the preparation of the Local Plan to 2044 in line with the proposed 30-month plan-making process.</p> <p><i>*NB recommendations to Council are not subject to call-in</i></p>		