

Notification of Exception to the March 2026 Forward Plan

On 10 March 2026, the following additional item was notified for inclusion for the March 2026 Forward Plan

Item(s)	Cabinet Member	Key Decision	Wards Affected	Lead Officer	Documents submitted to decision taker	Decision taker	Reasons why the decisions cannot be delayed	Date/ period decision to be taken	Open/ private meeting or document If private meeting, include relevant exempt paragraph number
Section A									
Decisions made by Cabinet & Cabinet committees									
Adoption of the Winchester District Local Plan 2040 and the preparation of the Local Plan 2044	Cabinet Member for Place & Local Plan	Significantly effect on 2 or more wards	All Wards	Adrian Fox	Council report	Cabinet – 18 Mar 26 Council - 21 May 26	The decision relates to the report “Adoption of the Winchester District Local Plan 2040 and the preparation of the Local Plan 2044” which will be considered by Scrutiny	Mar-26	Open

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							<p>Committee on 17 March, Cabinet on 18 March before a final decision is taken by Full Council on 21 May 26.</p> <p>The reason for the urgency is that the City Council has a Regulatory requirement to commence work on the Local Plan 2044 and is required to meet two key deadlines that have been set by the Government this year (i.e. to issue the Notice of</p>		

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							<p>Intention to commence work on the Local Plan 2044 by 30 June 2026 and to reach Gateway 1 by the 31 October 2026). In order to ensure that we can meet these two key Government deadlines, a decision is required before the pre-election period to progress work on the next Local Plan 2044.</p> <p>Under Paragraph 17.1 of the</p>		

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							Access to Information Procedure Rules, the Monitoring Officer has contacted the Chairperson of the Scrutiny Committee seeking agreement to this decision being taken.		