

Forward Plan of Key Decisions

1 November 2025 – 31 January 2026

This document sets out key decisions to be taken within the next 28 days, together with any key decision by individual Members of the Cabinet and officers. It also includes potential key decisions beyond that period, though this is not comprehensive and items will be confirmed in the publication of the key decisions document 28 days before a decision is taken.

Key Decisions are those which are financially significant or which have a significant impact. This has been decided, by the Council, to be decisions which involve income or expenditure over £250,000 or which will have a significant effect on people or organisations in two or more wards.

The majority of decisions are taken by Cabinet, together with the individual Cabinet Members, where appropriate. The membership of Cabinet and its meeting dates can be found [via this link](#). Other decisions may be taken by Cabinet Committees, Cabinet Members or Officers in accordance with the Officers' Scheme of Delegation, as agreed by the Council.

Whilst the majority of the Cabinet's business at the meetings listed in this document will be open to the public, there will be occasions when the business to be considered contains confidential, commercially sensitive or personal information. The items of business where this is likely to apply are indicated on the plan.

This is formal notice under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 that part of the Cabinet meetings listed in this document may be held in private because the agenda and reports for the meeting will contain exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

If you have any representations as to why the meeting should be held in private, then please contact the Council via democracy@winchester.gov.uk . **[Please follow this link to the Council's Constitution](#) which includes a definition of the paragraphs** (Access to Information Procedure Rules, Part 4 paragraph 8.4) detailing why a matter may be classed as exempt from publication under the Local Government Acts, and not available to the public.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about any item included in the Plan please contact the Democratic Services Team prior to the meeting to make your request. Copies of documents listed in the Plan for submission to a decision taker are available for inspection on the Council's website. Where the document is a committee report, it will usually be available five days before the meeting. Other documents relevant to the decision may also be submitted to the decision maker and are available on Council's website or via email democracy@winchester.gov.uk.

Please note that the decision dates are indicative and occasionally subject to change.

If you have any queries regarding the operation or content of the Forward Plan please contact David Blakemore (Democratic Services Team Manager) on 01962 848 217.

	Item	Cabinet Member	Key Decision	Wards Affected	Lead Officer	Documents submitted to decision taker	Decision taker (Cabinet, Cabinet Member or Officer)	Date/period decision to be taken	Committee Date (if applicable)	Open/private meeting or document? If private meeting, include relevant exempt paragraph number
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Section A

Decisions made by Cabinet & Cabinet committees

1	Preventing Homelessness and Rough Sleeping	Cabinet Member for Healthy Communities	Yes	All Wards	Karen Thorburn	Cabinet committee report	Cabinet Committee: Housing	Nov-25	4-Nov-25	Open
2	Disabled Facilities Grants: Policy Review	Cabinet Member for Healthy Communities	Yes	All Wards	Karen Thorburn	Cabinet committee report	Cabinet Committee: Housing	Nov-25	4-Nov-25	Open
3	Housing Compliance policies	Cabinet Member for Good Homes	Yes	All Wards	Sarah Hobbs	Cabinet committee report	Cabinet Committee: Housing	Nov-25	4-Nov-25	Open
4	Hobbs View, Southbrook Cottages, Micheldever - Lessons Learned	Cabinet Member for Good Homes	No	All Wards	Caroline Egan	Cabinet report	Cabinet	Nov-25	19-Nov-25	Open
5	General Fund Budget Options & Medium Term Financial Strategy	Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation	Yes	All Wards	Liz Keys	Cabinet report	Cabinet	Nov-25	19-Nov-25	Open

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6	HRA business plan & budget options	Cabinet Member for Good Homes	Yes	All Wards	Liz Keys	Cabinet report	Cabinet	Nov-25	19-Nov-25	Open
7	Housing Development Strategy	Cabinet Member for Good Homes	Yes	All Wards	Caroline Egan	Cabinet report	Cabinet	Nov-25	19-Nov-25	Open
8	Q2 Finance & Performance Monitoring	Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation	Yes	All Wards	Simon Howson	Cabinet report	Cabinet	Nov-25	19-Nov-25	Open
9	Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing Contract Procurement	Cabinet Member for Recycling & Public Protection	Yes	All Wards	Campbell Williams	Cabinet report	Cabinet	Nov-25	19-Nov-25	Open
10	Land transaction (if required)	Cabinet Member for Regeneration	Yes	All Wards	Geoff Coe	Cabinet report	Cabinet	Nov-25	19-Nov-25	Part exempt 3
11	Car parks major works programme	Cabinet Member for the Climate Emergency & Nature Emergency	Yes	All Wards	Campbell Williams	Cabinet report	Cabinet	Jan-26	21-Jan-26	Open

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Section B

Decisions made by individual Cabinet Members

None currently scheduled for this period.

Section C

Decisions made by Officers

12	Treasury Management - decisions in accordance with the Council's approved strategy and policy	Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation	Yes	All Wards	Designated HCC Finance staff, daily	Designated working papers	Designated HCC Finance staff, daily	Nov-25	Nov-25	Open
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Section D

Proposed budget timetable 2026/27

**Not classed as key decisions as final decision taken by full Council*

13	General Fund Budget 26/27*	Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation	No	All Wards	Liz Keys	Cabinet report	Cabinet Council	Feb-26	12-Feb-26 26-Feb-26	Open
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14	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget 26/27*	Cabinet Member for Good Homes	No	All Wards	Liz Keys	Cabinet report	Cabinet Council	Feb-26	12-Feb-26 26-Feb-26	Open
15	Capital Investment Strategy 26-36*	Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation	No	All Wards	Liz Keys	Cabinet report	Cabinet Council	Feb-26	12-Feb-26 26-Feb-26	Open
16	Treasury Management Strategy 26/27*	Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation	No	All Wards	Liz Keys	Cabinet report	Cabinet Council	Feb-26	12-Feb-26 26-Feb-26	Open