

Forward Plan of Key Decisions - 17 January 2024 - 15 May 2024

The Forward Plan of Key Decisions is prepared on a monthly basis and published at least 28 days before the start of the period covered. Key Decisions are defined as those Executive decisions which are likely:

- a. to result in the County Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- b. to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions in the County's area.

The Forward Plan will contain **all** matters which the Leader of the Council has reason to believe will be the subject of a Key Decision to be taken by the Cabinet. It may also include decisions that are not key decisions but are intended to be determined by the Cabinet. Part of the Cabinet meetings listed in this Forward Plan may be held in private where a report for the meeting contains exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it. If you would like to make representations about any particular decision to be conducted in private then please email: michael.bradbury@staffordshire.gov.uk. Such representations must be received in advance 6 clear working days before the date on which the decision is scheduled to be taken.

The Membership of the Cabinet consists of:

Leader of the County Council – Alan White
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills – Philip White
Cabinet Member for Health and Care – Julia Jessel
Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change – Simon Tagg
Cabinet Member for Commercial Matters – Mark Deaville
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport – David Williams
Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources – Ian Parry
Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture – Victoria Wilson
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People – Mark Sutton
Cabinet Member for Education (and SEND) – Jonathan Price
Cabinet Support Member for Highways – Robert Pritchard
Cabinet Support Member for Public Health and Integrated Care – Paul Northcott

A copy of the Forward Plan of Key Decisions may be inspected, free of charge, at the Member and Democratic Services office, County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford, during normal office hours Monday to Friday. A copy of the notice will also be available on Staffordshire County Council's Website at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/>.

Documents submitted for decision will be a formal report which will be available on the County Council's website at least 5 clear working days before the date the decision is to be made, unless that report is subject to any prohibition or restriction on its disclosure. Other relevant background documents used in compiling the report will also be made available in the same way unless they are subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure. Minutes of Cabinet meetings will be published within three working days and will be subject to call-in. The call-in period lasts for three working days. If the decision is not called-in it will be implemented on the fourth working day. Special urgency items are exempt from call-in.

John Tradewell
Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Corporate Services

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Note:

1. The Forward Plan of Key Decisions sets out all Key Decisions intended to be made by Cabinet during the above period.
2. The Cabinet date can be provisional and items may move/roll forward to another meeting date but this will be monitored.
3. Items should remain on the Notice until a decision is made by Cabinet or is formally removed.
4. Where there is an intention to make a decision in private the exemption paragraph relied upon will be included within this notice

Predicted Date of Decision	Public or Private Decision	Title and Description	Consultation	Contact Officer
17 January 2024	Public	Homes for Children in Our Care Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton)	none currently	Natasha Moody (Tel: 07976 191079) Service Area: Placement Service - Wellbeing and Partnerships
		The West Midlands Framework is for residential children's homes for children and young people for access to local authorities and trusts in the West Midlands. It is to provide a safe, stable and nurturing homes for vulnerable children that require residential care.		
17 January 2024	Public	Residential Overnight Education Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton), Cabinet Member for Education (and SEND) (Jonathan Price)	All 5 schools delivering the provision, all children/young people affected by any decision, staff at all schools and parent/carers of CYP who access this provision.	Neelam Bhardwaja (Tel: 01785 277041) Service Area: Education and Children's Social Care
		Future service delivery options for Residential Overnight Education to be considered.		

17 January 2024	Public	<p>Service Provision of Temporary and Interim Human Resources Leader of the Council (Alan White)</p>	Not Applicable	<p>Sarah Getley (Tel: 01785 854265) Service Area: People Services</p>
		<p>Staffordshire County Council (SCC) is undertaking the re-procurement of a service for the provision of temporary and interim human resources. Temporary staffing forms a valuable, highly flexible key resource to assist the Council in delivering services. It is anticipated that the value of this procurement may exceed £34M over the proposed term of the contract.</p>		
17 January 2024	Public	<p>Here to Help – Progress Update Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture (Victoria Wilson)</p>	None	<p>Catherine Mann (Tel: 01785 278320) Service Area: Culture Rural & Safer Communities</p>
		<p>The report provides a progress update on the range of support, initiatives, and signposting for residents who are impacted by cost of living pressures</p>		
17 January 2024	Public	<p>Carbon Sequestration and Woodland Creation Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Simon Tagg)</p>	Climate Change Working Group	<p>Deborah Breedon (Tel: 01785 276061) Service Area: Sustainability</p>
		<p>The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee established a Climate Change Working Group to consider how Staffordshire County Council can offset residual carbon and meet its Net Zero commitment by 2050.</p>		
17 January 2024	Public	<p>Natural Environment Strategy Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Simon Tagg)</p>	N/A	<p>Catherine Mann (Tel: 01785 278320) Service Area: Environment & Countryside</p>
		<p>To consider a draft Natural Environment Strategy for Staffordshire County Council that sets out how the Council will conserve and enhance biodiversity and the wider natural environment on our land and through our functions.</p>		

17 January 2024	Private	Unregulated Placements Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton)	n/a	Nisha Gupta (Tel: 07890 402088) Service Area: Children and Families
		Update on the young people in unregulated placements		
17 January 2024	Private	Drug and alcohol services Cabinet Member for Health and Care (Julia Jessel)	Various	Claire McIver (Tel: 07929 756384) Service Area: Public Health and Prevention
		Further consideration of proposals for drug/alcohol contracts		
24 January 2024	Public	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-2029 Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Ian Parry)	Consultation as appropriate for each service area. Overall Community Impact Assessment included within report.	Rachel Spain (Tel: 01785 854455) Service Area: All
		To update Cabinet with the draft budget for 2024/25, the proposed council tax and the MTFs for 2024-2029.		
21 February 2024		Apprenticeship Levy Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills (Philip White)	People Services Legal Services Commercial	Anthony Baines (Tel: 01785 895984) Service Area: Skills & Employability
		Procurement of apprenticeship training providers.		
21 February 2024	Public	Integrated Performance Report - Quarter 3, 2023/24 Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Ian Parry), Leader of the Council (Alan White)	n/a	Rachel Spain, Wendy Tompson (Tel: 01785 854455, Tel: 01785 854267) Service Area: Strategy Team and Finance
		This quarterly Integrated Performance Report provides an overview of Staffordshire County Council's progress and performance in delivering against our Strategic Plan and Corporate Delivery Plan, and our financial position in relation to our Medium Term Financial Strategy.		

21 February 2024	Public	Equalities, Diversity & Inclusion - progress update Leader of the Council (Alan White)	None	Sarah Getley (Tel: 01785 854265) Service Area: People Services
		To provide an update on the Council's approach to Equalities, Diversity & Inclusion and progress over the past 12 months.		
21 February 2024	Public	Lighting and ITS energy contract procurement proposal Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (David Williams)	N/A	James Bailey (Tel: 01785 276591) Service Area: Highways and the Built County
		A proposal for procuring a new energy framework that would supply electricity to street lighting and Intelligent Transport System (ITS) assets. The contract would be procured through Crown Commercial Services (CCS), which would start 1 April 2024 for four years and provide 100% renewable energy.		
21 February 2024	Public	Civil Contingencies Policy & Business Continuity Management Policy Leader of the Council (Alan White)	Civil Contingencies Unit	Tracy Thorley (Tel: 01785 276337) Service Area: Corporate Operations
		Staffordshire County Council as a Category 1 responder under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 has a statutory requirement to have up-to-date policies in place outlining the Council's approach to Civil Contingencies.		
20 March 2024	Public	Joint Enterprise Legacy Committee Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills (Philip White)	TBC	Anthony Hodge (Tel: 01785 277204) Service Area: Business and Enterprise
		To establish a Joint Committee on behalf of Staffordshire County Council and Stoke on Trent City Council to take all decisions within the budget and policy frameworks for both councils arising from the winding down and cessation of the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).		

20 March 2024	Private	<p>Burton Regeneration Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture (Victoria Wilson)</p> <p>Item relating to the Burton Regeneration works.</p>	N/A at this stage	Ian Turner (Tel: 01785 277228) Service Area: Communities and culture
20 March 2024	Public	<p>Capital Programme for Schools 2024/ 25 Cabinet Member for Education (and SEND) (Jonathan Price)</p> <p>The Capital Programme for Schools 2024/ 2025 consists of SCC's Statement of Priorities for its schools and associated appendices for major projects and maintenance projects. Programme to be approved by Cabinet for commencement/ completion in 2024/ 2025.</p>	None at this stage	Ian Turner (Tel: 01785 277228) Service Area: Strategic Property
20 March 2024	Public	<p>Section 75 Agreement for the Provision of Adult Social Care Assessment and Case Management Cabinet Member for Health and Care (Julia Jessel)</p> <p>Review of Section 75 Agreement for the provision of adult social care assessment and case management</p>	Health & Care scrutiny	Amanda Stringer (Tel: 01785 895170) Service Area: Adult Social Care
20 March 2024	Public	<p>Recommissioning of Residential and Nursing Care Homes Cabinet Member for Health and Care (Julia Jessel)</p> <p>Extension to the Dynamic Purchasing System Agreement for the supply of Residential and Nursing Care Home placements, and development, procurement and implementation of a new commissioning model</p>	Legal, finance, commercial, ASC operational teams, SARCP and some customer engagement planned in the new year	Andrew Jepps (Tel: 01785 278557) Service Area: Care Commissioning - Health and Care
17 April 2024	Public	<p>Children and Young People's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton)</p> <p>The options paper will outline the current children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing service in Staffordshire and provide potential options for the future of a children and</p>	Not sure yet	Natasha Moody (Tel: 07976 191079) Service Area: Families and Communities Commissioning

		young people's emotional health and wellbeing service, along with a preferred option / recommendation.		Team
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