

Forward Plan of Key Decisions - 21 February 2024 - 19 June 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
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 Councils approach to Civil Contingencies.		
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	Wendy Tompson, Rachel Spain (Tel: 01785 854267, Tel: 01785 854455) 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	<p>Lighting and ITS energy contract procurement proposal Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (David Williams)</p> <p>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.</p>	N/A	James Bailey (Tel: 01785 276591) Service Area: Highways and the Built County
21 February 2024	Public	<p>Procurement of Gas Supplies Cabinet Member for Commercial Matters (Mark Deaville)</p> <p>To decide the arrangements for the purchase of gas supplies from April 2025.</p>	None	Ian Turner (Tel: 01785 277228) Service Area: Property
21 February 2024	Public	<p>Green Solutions – SCC Delivery of the Pilot Business Energy Advice Service Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills (Philip White)</p> <p>This report seeks retrospective authority following a Members Decision Notice, for Staffordshire County Council entering into an agreement with the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) to become the Primary Delivery Partner (PDP) for the Stoke and Staffordshire region, to deliver Energy Assessments and Grants on behalf of the Pilot Business Energy Advice Service (BEAS) programme in the Stoke and Staffordshire region alongside their Green Solutions Programme. This will result in £2.3M being available for investment in our local businesses.</p>	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member – Philip White. Director for Economy, Infrastructure & Skills – Darryl Evers. Director for Corporate Services – John Tradewell. Assistant Director for Economy, Infrastructure & Skills – Anthony Hodge. Economic Strategy Delivery Group. Stoke on Trent City Council – Jon Rouse, City Director	Anthony Hodge (Tel: 01785 277204) Service Area: Business Support

21 February 2024	Public	<p>Homes for Children in Our Care Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton)</p>	None currently	<p>Natasha Moody (Tel: 07976 191079) Service Area: Placement Service - Wellbeing and Partnerships</p>
		<p>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.</p>		
21 February 2024	Public	<p>House Waste Recycling Centres - Equipment Replacement Programme Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Simon Tagg)</p>	None	<p>David Atkinson (Tel: 01785 277910) Service Area: Waste and Sustainability</p>
		<p>The purpose of the paper is for Cabinet to approve the spend on the HWRC equipment replacement programme. The HWRC equipment replacement programme and funding model was agreed as part of the HWRC business case to bring the HWRCs back in-house in 2022.</p>		
20 March 2024	Public	<p>Joint Enterprise Legacy Committee Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills (Philip White)</p>	TBC	<p>Anthony Hodge (Tel: 01785 277204) Service Area: Business and Enterprise</p>
		<p>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).</p>		
20 March 2024	Public	<p>Recommissioning of Residential and Nursing Care Homes Cabinet Member for Health and Care (Julia Jessel)</p>	<p>Legal, finance, commercial, ASC operational teams, SARCP and some customer engagement planned</p>	<p>Andrew Jepps (Tel: 01785 278557) Service Area: Care Commissioning -</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</p>		

		commissioning model	in the new year	Health and Care
20 March 2024	Public	<p>Staffordshire's Joint All Age Carers Strategy 2024 - 2029 Cabinet Member for Health and Care (Julia Jessel), Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton)</p> <p>The new All-Age Carers Strategy (2024-2029), which has been jointly developed by Staffordshire County Council and the Integrated Care Board, to be considered</p>	Young and adult carers, including parent carers and families of young carers, social care professionals in the County Council and Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust, and the wider public.	Andrew Jepps, Natasha Moody (Tel: 01785 278557, Tel: 07976 191079) Service Area: Health and Care and Children's and Families
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	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>Highways and Transport Capital Programme Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (David Williams)</p> <p>Details of the proposed capital highway maintenance and transport improvements programme for 2024/25.</p>	Nil	James Bailey (Tel: 01785 276591) Service Area: Highways and the Built County
20 March 2024	Public	<p>Corporate Delivery Plan 2024/25 Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Ian Parry), Alan White</p> <p>This is the proposed Corporate Delivery Plan for 2024/25 outlining Staffordshire County Council's key activities against the Strategic Plan.</p>	N/A	Lynsey Bissell (Tel: 07855 026263) Service Area: Strategy and Transformation
20 March 2024	Public	<p>Climate Change Strategic Development Framework - Update Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Simon Tagg)</p> <p>An update of the existing framework to reflect future ambitions to reduce carbon emissions and improve SCC resilience to the changing climate.</p>	N/A	David Atkinson (Tel: 01785 277910) Service Area: Connectivity and Sustainability
20 March 2024	Public	<p>Provision of Apprenticeship Services 2024 Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills (Philip White)</p> <p>The report outlines the requirements to change to a new Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) to procure apprenticeship provision. We currently have an agreement with ESPO until September 2024 however they no longer have dedicated apprenticeship framework. The report details the benefits of joining an established DPS.</p>	N/A	Anthony Baines (Tel: 01785 895984) Service Area: Skills and Employability

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 young people's emotional health and wellbeing service, along with a preferred option / recommendation.</p>	TBC	<p>Natasha Moody (Tel: 07976 191079) Service Area: Families and Communities Commissioning Team</p>
17 April 2024	Public	<p>Review of Local Authority Social Care Case Management Systems Cabinet Member for Health and Care (Julia Jessel), Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton)</p> <p>Review of Local authority social care case management systems utilised by Health and Care Children & Families and Finance Services</p>	N/A	<p>Jo Cowcher, Nisha Gupta (Tel: 07772 011078, Tel: 07890 402088) Service Area: Health and Care</p>
17 April 2024	Private	<p>Unregulated Placement Update Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton)</p> <p>Update on the young people in unregulated placements</p>	n/a	<p>Nisha Gupta (Tel: 07890 402088) Service Area: Children and Families</p>
15 May 2024	Public	<p>Community Learning Accountability Agreement 2024-2025 Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills (Philip White)</p> <p>The report provides an update on performance across Community Learning and the opportunity to consult on the Accountability Agreement which lays out priorities and targets for the 2024-2025 academic year. The Accountability Agreement forms the basis of the Council's Adult Education Budget grant agreement with the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is a funding requirement to seek approval from Cabinet and submit</p>	N/A	<p>Anthony Baines (Tel: 01785 895984) Service Area: Skills & Employability</p>

		the Accountability Agreement to the ESFA by the 30th June 2024 for funding to be released to the Council.		
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