

# DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

## COUNCIL/CABINET FORWARD PLAN

In line with the public's general rights of access to information and the promotion of transparency in the way which decisions are taken by or on behalf of the Council, Devon County Council produces a Forward Plan of any Key Decisions to be taken by the Cabinet and any Framework Decisions to be made by the County Council. The Plan normally covers a period of a minimum of four months from the date of publication and is updated every month.

The County Council has defined key decisions as those which by reason of their strategic, political or financial significance or which will have a significant effect on communities in more than one division are to be made by the Cabinet or a Committee of the Cabinet. Framework Decisions are those decisions, which, in line with Article 4 of the Council's Constitution must be made by the County Council.

The Cabinet will, at every meeting, review its forthcoming business and determine which items are to be defined as key decisions and the date of the meeting at which every such decision is to be made, indicating what documents will be considered and where, in line with legislation, any item may exceptionally be considered in the absence of the press and public. The revised Plan will be published with the papers for the meeting. *Where possible the Council will attempt to keep to the dates shown in the Plan. It is possible that on occasion may need to be rescheduled.* Please ensure therefore that you refer to the most up to date Plan.

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Also see the website for [Copies of Agenda and Reports of the Cabinet or other Committees of the County Council](#) referred to in this Plan

# FORWARD PLAN

All items listed in this Forward Plan will be discussed in public at the relevant meeting, unless otherwise indicated for the reasons shown

Any person who wishes to make representations to the Council/Cabinet about (a) any of the matters proposed for consideration in respect of which a decision is to be made or (b) whether or not they are to be discussed in public or private, as outlined below, may do so in writing, before the designated Date for Decision shown, to The Democratic Services & Scrutiny Secretariat, County Hall, Exeter, EX2 4QD or by email to: [members.services@devon.gov.uk](mailto:members.services@devon.gov.uk)

## PART A - KEY DECISIONS (To Be made by the Cabinet)

Date of Decision	Matter for Decision	Consultees	Means of Consultation*	Documents to be considered in making decision	County Council Electoral Division(s) affected by matter
<i>Regular / Annual Matters for Consideration</i>					
13 December 2023	Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Report - Annual Return			Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions

10 January 2024	Target Budget and Service Targets for 2024/2025			Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
13 March 2024	Flood Risk Management Action Plan 2024/2025 Update on delivery of the 2023/24 programme and approval of schemes for 2024/2025	All other Risk Management Authorities	Liaison through the Devon Flood and Water Management Group	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
13 March 2024	Adult Social Care - Market Sustainability Plan and Sufficiency Assessment			Report of the Director of Integrated Adult Social Care outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
10 April 2024	County Road Highway Maintenance Capital Budget and Progress on 2023/24 Schemes and Proposals for the 2024/25 Programmes and the On-street Parking Account 2024/25	Public, CIRS Scrutiny, highway maintenance suppliers	Meetings and surveys	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
8 May 2024	Revenue and Capital Outturn 2023/2024			Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions

11 September 2024	Transport Capital Programme 2024/25 and 2025/26: Update and Proposed Allocation	Public, District Councils, Stakeholders and Delivery Partners	Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026 consultation, meetings, planning applications and local plan consultation	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
	<i>Specific Matters for Consideration - KEY</i>				
13 December 2023	Attendance and Prosecution Policy & Code of Conduct for Issuing Penalty Notices			Report of the Head of Education outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
13 December 2023	Government Proposal for withdrawal of charging for DIY waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres	-	-	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions

13 December 2023	Dinan Way Road Extension - Approval to go to tender, to award contract, and progress to construction (subject to tender price and completion of any necessary traffic and side road orders)	Local Members, East Devon District Council, Exmouth Town Council, Landowners	Public Consultation prior to planning application in 2017. Ongoing liaison since then through briefing sessions	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	Exmouth
13 December 2023	Community Self Delivery of Highway Improvements	N/A	N/A	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
13 December 2023	Tarka Trail Willingcott to Knowle Scheme - Phase 2 Buttercombe Lane to Foxhunters – Scheme Approval	Public consultation	Website, online questionnaire, plans in local library	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	Braunton Rural; Combe Martin Rural; Ilfracombe
13 December 2023	Peer Challenge Improvement Plan (Adults)			Report of the Director of Integrated Adult Social Care outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions

19 December 2023	Proposed Devon & Torbay Devolution Deal and Combined County Authority	Team Devon		Report of the Chief Executive outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
10 January 2024	Devon Local Transport Plan 2026 – 2040: Approval to go to Consultation	N/A at this stage	N/A at this stage	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
10 January 2024	Devon Electric Vehicle Strategy – For approval	Public consultation including District Councils	Public consultation (website, questionnaire, emails to stakeholders, hard copies in public libraries)	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions

10 January 2024	Devon County Council's Low Carbon Supply Chain Strategy	Environment al Performance Board, Climate Change Standing Overview Group of the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Committee, Devon County Council suppliers	Meetings and surveys	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport, Director of Finance and Public Value outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
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10 January 2024	South West Exeter Housing Infrastructure Fund Project: update of project including approval to go to tender and award for Alphington enhancements scheme	Developers, landowners and members of the public	Meetings / correspondence and consultation as part of the planning process and public consultation on the Alphington enhancements	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All in Exeter; Alphington & Cowick; Exminster & Haldon
10 January 2024	Devon Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans - Review of Plans against the policy paper Plan for Drivers (Cabinet Min *401 11/10/23)	N/A	N/A	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
10 January 2024	Family Hubs			Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
9 February 2024	Update on Local Enterprise Partnership			Report of the Head of Economy, Enterprise and Skills outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions



9 February 2024	Fostering Allowance Uplift			Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
9 February 2024	North Devon Link Service		<a href="https://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/proposed-closure-of-the-north-devon-link-service-in-barnstaple-bideford-and-ilfracombe/">https://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/proposed-closure-of-the-north-devon-link-service-in-barnstaple-bideford-and-ilfracombe/</a>	Report of the Director of Integrated Adult Social Care outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All in North Devon
9 February 2024	Future of Learning Disability Services (Day Care)		TBC	Report of the Director of Integrated Adult Social Care outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
13 March 2024	Property Change Programme - Phase 2	TBC	TBC	Report of the Director of Transformation and Business Services outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions

13 March 2024	M5 Junction 28 Improvements - Approval for the submission of the Strategic Outline Business Case to the Department for Transport as part of the Large Local Major fund	Local Member and Portfolio Holder, Mid Devon District Council, National Highways	Stakeholder workshops. Public engagement session planned	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	Cullompton & Bradninch
13 March 2024	Endorsement of the Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Climate Adaptation Strategy	Public, including organisations of the Devon Climate Emergency partnership	Public consultation from 9th May to 30th June 2023 including a webinar and advertising via local authority newsletters, radio, print, and social media	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions

13 March 2024	Barnstaple Longbridge Phase 1 Scheme for approval to construct (subject to public consultation results)	Public, Councillors and Stakeholders	Previous North Devon HATOC approval to carry out public consultation. Full public consultation - online ('Have your say'), hard copies in libraries, press releases, social media adverts	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	Barnstaple North; Barnstaple South
12 June 2024	Bus Service Improvement Plan Tranche 2 Schemes	Local Members, Cabinet Member, Public, Stakeholders and Delivery Partners	Public consultation to be held prior to Cabinet meeting	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions

13 December 2023	DfE Safety Valve Negotiations and Progress			Report of the Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Public Value, Director of Children and Young People's Futures outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
Between 11 September 2024 and 9 October 2024	For approval - Future Delivery Model for the Highway Maintenance Service	a. Other Local Authorities on same procurement timeframe or recently procured contracts b. Supply Chain c. Elected Members	a. Discussions with lead officers b. Market engagement questionnaire through ProContract c. Spotlight Review and Scrutiny Committee	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
13 November 2024	Sexual and Reproductive Health Recommissioning	TBC	TBC	Report of the Director of Public Health, Communities and Prosperity outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions

**PART B -FRAMEWORK DECISIONS**  
(Requiring approval of the County Council)

Date of Decision	Matter for Decision	Consultees	Means of Consultation**	Documents to be considered in making decision	County Council Electoral Division(s) affected by matter
13 September 2023 7 December 2023	Youth Justice Plan			Report of the Deputy Director and Head of Children's Social Care (Interim) outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
8 November 2023 7 December 2023	Cornwall Council's proposal to join Adopt South West			Report of the Director of Children and Young Peoples Futures outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
7 December 2023	Future of the Heart of the South West Joint Committee	Devon, Plymouth and Torbay Council's	Via Team Devon	Report of the Head of Economy, Enterprise and Skills outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions

13 December 2023  15 February 2024	Corporate Performance Management Framework and Local Government Association Corporate Peer Challenge			Report of the Head of Economy, Enterprise and Skills, Director of Transformation and Business Services outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
10 January 2024  15 February 2024	Coroners Devon Wide Service Proposals and Adoption of Functions.	Plymouth CC / Torbay Council / and TBC	TBC	Report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
16 January 2024  15 February 2024	Pay Policy Statement 2024/2025			Report of the Director of People and Culture outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
9 February 2024  15 February 2024	Revenue Budget, Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/2025 - 2027/2028 and the Capital Programme for 2024/2025 - 2028/2029			Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions

13 March 2024  Between 20 March 2024 and 1 April 2024	Devolution - Approval of Deal	Team Devon		Report of the Chief Executive outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
8 May 2024  23 May 2024	Annual Performance - Summary, Review and Forward Planning			Report of the Head of Economy, Enterprise and Skills outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
8 May 2024  23 May 2024	Framework Decision - Devon Local Transport Plan 2026 – 2040: Approval of Plan	Public consultation, interested parties, all County Council Members	Online on Have your say   Help shape services across Devon, briefing sessions	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
8 May 2024  23 May 2024	Annual Youth Justice Plan			Report of the Head of Service (Early Help and Partnerships) outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions

**PART C - OTHER MATTERS**

(i.e. Neither Key Nor Framework Decisions)

Date of Decision	Matter for Decision	Consultees	Means of Consultation**	Documents to be considered in making decision	County Council Electoral Division(s) affected by matter
<b>Regular / Annual Matters for Consideration</b>					
<p>Between 13 December 2023 and 8 May 2025</p> <p>Between 13 December 2023 and 8 May 2025</p>	<p>Standing Items, as necessary (Minutes, References from Committees, Notices of Motion and Registers of Delegated or Urgent Decisions)</p> <p><i>[NB: Items relating to the letting or occupancy of individual holdings may contain information about, or which is likely to reveal the identity of, an applicant for a holding and about the financial and business affairs of the Council and any prospective or existing tenant that may need to be discussed in the absence of the press and public]</i></p>	<p>To be considered at the Farms Estates Committee, including any advice of the Council's Agents South West Norse Ltd.</p>		<p>Report of the Director of Transformation and Business Services, Director of Transformation and Business Services outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.</p>	<p>All Divisions</p>
<p>Between 13 December 2023 and 8 May 2025</p>	<p>Standing Items, as necessary (Minutes, References from Committees, Notices of Motion and Registers of Delegated or Urgent Decisions)</p>	<p>As necessary</p>		<p>Report of the TBC outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.</p>	<p>All Divisions</p>



13 December 2023	Treasury Management Stewardship Mid Year Report			Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
10 January 2024	Torbay and Devon Safeguarding Adults Partnership - Annual Report			Report of the Chair outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
10 July 2024	Public Health Annual Report 2023/2024			Report of the Director of Public Health, Communities and Prosperity outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
13 March 2024	People First Strategy - Action Plan (6 Month Progress Report)			Report of the Director of People and Culture outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
10 July 2024	Treasury Management Stewardship Outturn Report	Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny		Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
<i>Specific Matters for Consideration</i>					