

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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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

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>					
8 May 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
13 June 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
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
11 December 2024	Childcare Sufficiency Assessment - 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

11 December 2024	Target Budget and Service Targets for 2025/2026			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
14 February 2025	Education Travel Review: Approval to arrangements for subsequent academic year and School Admissions Policies 26/27	All relevant stakeholders		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
12 March 2025	Flood Risk Management Action Plan 2025/2026			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>					

<p>10 April 2024</p> <p>10 April 2024</p>	<p>North Devon Link Service</p>		<p>https://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/proposed-closure-of-the-north-devon-link-service-in-barnstaple-bideford-and-ilfracombe/</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>All in North Devon</p>
<p>10 April 2024</p>	<p>Plymouth and South Devon Freeport: approval to go to tender and award for both the Phase 1a Spine Road, Langage and A38 Deep Lane pedestrian/cycle bridge</p>	<p>Landowners and members of the public</p>	<p>Meetings / correspondence and consultation to be undertaken as part of the planning process for both; existing public consultation completed on the pedestrian/cycle bridge</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Bickleigh & Wembury</p>

10 April 2024	Commissioning services to address Interpersonal and Gender-based Violence and Abuse in Devon			Report of the Head of Communities outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
10 April 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
10 April 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
10 April 2024	Assurance of LA delivery of duties (defined by Part 1 of Care Act (2014) by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) Assurance of local authority delivery of its duties defined by part one of the care act (2014) by the Care Quality Commission and its contribution to improving services and outcomes for people in receipt of adult social care including through self-assessment.	Health and Adult Care Scrutiny		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

<p>8 May 2024</p>	<p>Barnstaple Longbridge Phase 1 Scheme for approval to construct (subject to public consultation results)</p>	<p>Public, Councillors and Stakeholders</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Barnstaple North; Barnstaple South</p>
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<p>8 May 2024</p>	<p>West Devon Transport Hub: enhancement of transport capital programme and appropriation of land at Okehampton Business Park</p>	<p>County Councillors, West Devon Borough Council, Okehampton Town Council, Network Rail, GWR, Heart of the South West LEP, Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership, OkeRail, Stagecoach</p>	<p>Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan consultation; letters of support from a wide range of stakeholders in support of Levelling Up Fund grant submission</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Okehampton Rural</p>
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<p>8 May 2024</p>	<p>Exmouth Gateway Active Travel Improvements: Levelling Up Fund Scheme for Approval</p>	<p>East Devon District Council, Exmouth Town Council, Public</p>	<p>Initial public engagement in Summer 2023 and a full public consultation exercise in Winter 2024. Both of these through information on websites, stakeholder briefing sessions, meetings with the town council and in person events.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Exmouth; Exmouth & Budleigh Salterton Coastal</p>
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8 May 2024	Devon County Council's Low Carbon Supply Chain Strategy	Environmental 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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<p>8 May 2024</p>	<p>Proposal to establish a SEN Resource Base at West Croft Primary School from September 2024</p>	<p>Parents/care rs/guardians, staff, governors, County Councillors, District Councillor, MP, Trade Union Representatives, Devon Parent Carer Forum, Equality Groups, SENTient Trust, Town Council, Diocese, all schools, Early Years providers.</p>	<p>Distribution of consultation document, website.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Bideford West & Hartland</p>
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<p>8 May 2024</p>	<p>Kingswear Community Primary (Academy) School: Closure Proposals</p>	<p>As an Academy School, the Trust will be required to carry out a Listening Period following a substantive decision to close the school by the DfE. The Listening Period will provide information on why the school is closing and is an opportunity for stakeholders and other interested parties to submit their views on how the closure process can be best managed. The DfE considers the</p>	<p>It is anticipated that the Trust would widely publicise the listening period through email and information on the Trust website. DCC would also publicise the listening period to stakeholders and publish on the DCC Have Your Say website.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Dartmouth & Marldon</p>
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8 May 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
8 May 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
8 May 2024	Part II - Land purchase for Redbridge, River Otter	Land owners / agents, parish council and local community groups	Correspondence and meetings	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.	Otter Valley
12 June 2024	Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 4 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

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
12 June 2024	CSW Group Ltd	TBC	TBC	Report of the Interim Director of Performance and Partnerships outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
10 July 2024	Budget Monitoring - Month 2			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 July 2024	Proposed Productivity Plan for submission to Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities			Report of the Interim Director of Performance and Partnerships outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions

10 July 2024	Pathfield Special School: reduction in number of registered places from 186 to 168 from September 2025.	Parents/carers, staff, MP, County Councillors, District Councillors, Town Council, Equality Groups, SENTient Trust, Parent Carer Forum, all Schools, DfE, SOCA.	wide distribution of consultation document, parent/carer and staff meeting, school website, DCC Have Your Say website	Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport, Director of Children and Young People's Futures outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	Barnstaple North
10 July 2024	Bluecoats C of E Primary School, Great Torrington, Proposal to establish two Resource Bases	Parents/carers, staff, MP, County Councillors, District Councillors, Town Council, Equality Groups, SENTient Trust, Parent Carer Forum, all Schools, DfE, SOCA.	Wide distribution of the consultation document, school website and DCC Have Your Say website.	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.	Torrington Rural

10 July 2024	Tipton St John C of E Primary School – School Rebuilding Programme	Parents/care rs, staff, MP, County Councillors, District Councillors, Parish and Town Council, Union representatives, Equality Groups, all Schools, DfE, SOCA.	wide distribution of consultation document, school website, DCC Have Your Say website, consultation 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.	Otter Valley
11 September 2024	Budget Monitoring - Month 4			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

<p>Between 11 September 2024 and 9 October 2024</p>	<p>For approval - Future Delivery Model for the Highway Maintenance Service</p>	<p>a. Other Local Authorities on same procurement timeframe or recently procured contracts b. Supply Chain c. Elected Members</p>	<p>a. Discussions with lead officers b. Market engagement questionnaire through ProContract c. Spotlight Review and Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>All Divisions</p>
<p>11 September 2024</p>	<p>Tender and Contract Award of the Community Equipment Service (previously DILIS)</p>		<p>Doc's to be considered - Final Decision Paper; Service Specifications (Service and IT)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>All Divisions</p>
<p>Between 11 September 2024 and 9 October 2024</p>	<p>Public Open Space off Matford Lane</p>			<p>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.</p>	

13 November 2024	Budget Monitoring - Month 6			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
8 January 2025	Budget Monitoring - Month 8			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
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
Not before 10th April, 2024 10 April 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
22 April 2024 29 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	Annual Performance - Summary, Review and Forward Planning			Report of the Interim Director of Performance and Partnerships outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
23 May 2024					
12 June 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
5 September 2024					
10 July 2024	Framework Decision -Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 4 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
5 September 2024					
13 January 2025	Pay Policy Statement 2025/2026			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
20 February 2025					

14 February 2025	Revenue Budget, Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/2026 - 2028/2029 and the Capital Programme for 2025/2026 - 2029/2030			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
20 February 2025					

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
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	<i>Regular / Annual Matters for Consideration</i>				
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Between 10 April 2024 and 8 May 2025	Standing Items, as necessary (Minutes, References from Committees, Notices of Motion and Registers of Delegated or Urgent Decisions) <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>	To be considered at the Farms Estates Committee, including any advice of the Council's Agents South West Norse Ltd.		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.	All Divisions
Between 10 April 2024 and 8 May 2025					

Between 10 April 2024 and 8 May 2025	Standing Items, as necessary (Minutes, References from Committees, Notices of Motion and Registers of Delegated or Urgent Decisions)	As necessary		Report of the 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
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
10 July 2024	Performance Update (Quarterly Report)			Report of the Interim Director of Performance and Partnerships outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.	All Divisions
9 October 2024	People First Strategy - Action Plan - 12 Months 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

11 December 2024	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
	<i>Specific Matters for Consideration</i>			