

# 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 |
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| <i>Regular / Annual Matters for Consideration</i> |   |            |                        |  |   |
| 8 January 2025                                    | 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   |

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| 8 January 2025   | Childcare Sufficiency Assessment - Annual Return   |                           |  | 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 |
| 14 February 2025 | Education Travel Review: Approval to arrangements for subsequent academic year, School Admissions Policies 26/27 and the School Admissions Relevant Area | 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 |
| 9 April 2025     | County Road Highway Maintenance Capital Budget, Progress on 24/25 schemes, proposals for 25/26 and On-Street Parking Account 25/26                       |                           |  | 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 |
| 23 May 2025      | Revenue and Capital Outturn 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 |

| <i>Specific Matters for Consideration - KEY</i> |  |  |   |   |               |
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| 11<br>December<br>2024                          | Carbon Reduction Plan Consideration of Devon County Council's revised Carbon Reduction Strategy and Action Plan to reduce its organisational greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero. | Devon County Council's Environmental Performance Management Group, officers responsible for delivering the projects in the Action Plan, and the Environmental Performance Board. | Scheduled and ad-hoc meetings and discussion, plus the opportunity to comment on draft document iterations via email. | 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 |

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| 11<br>December<br>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          |
| 11<br>December<br>2024 | Street Lighting Trial Update and Future Policy Considerations |   |                      | 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<br>December<br>2024 | Cullompton Town Centre Relief Road                            |   |                      | 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 |

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| 11 December 2024 | Review of Household Waste Recycling Centres and Commissioning of new service |      |     | 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 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 |
| 8 January 2025   | Civic Agreement Between DCC and DALC   | DALC |     | Report of the Head of Communities outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.                                   | All Divisions |
| 8 January 2025   | Partnerships Protocol - Placements   |      |     | Report of the Director of Public Health and Communities outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.             | All Divisions |
| 8 January 2025   | Children's Home Feasibility Study - Part 2                                   |      | N/A | 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 |

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| 14 February 2025 | Devon Skills Bootcamps funding for 2025/26                       |  |  | Report of the Director of Performance and Partnerships outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.              | All Divisions  |
| 14 February 2025 | Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project – Development Consent Order      |  |  | 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. | Bideford East; Bideford West & Hartland; Fremington Rural; Northam |
| 12 March 2025    | Blackdown Hills National Landscape Management plan 2025-2030     |  |  | 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 East Devon; All in Mid Devon                                |
| 12 March 2025    | Devon Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (Tranche 2) |  |  | 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  |

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| 12 March 2025 | Mallison Bridge                                   | Environment Agency, Flood risk management, National Grid, Wales and West Utilities, Historic England, Heritage, Exeter Canal & Quay Trust, local businesses. | Local business and stakeholder engagement | Report of the outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.  | St David's & Haven Banks |
| 12 March 2025 | Housing Position Statement – Devon County Council |  |   | Report of the Director of Performance and Partnerships outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary. | All Divisions            |

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| 12 March 2025 | 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  |
| 12 March 2025 | Rapid Reablement Service   |  |   | 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 |

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| 11 June 2025 | 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 |
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| <b>PART B -FRAMEWORK DECISIONS</b><br>(Requiring approval of the County Council) |                     |            |                         |   |   |
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| 5<br>December<br>2024                                | Terms of Reference for Team Devon Joint Committee  |   |   | 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 |
| 13<br>January<br>2025<br><br>20<br>February<br>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 |
| 14<br>February<br>2025<br><br>20<br>February<br>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 |
| 12 March<br>2025<br><br>24 April<br>2025             | 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 |

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| 9 July 2025                                | Annual Youth Justice Plan |  |  | 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 |
| Between 16 July 2025 and 10 September 2025 |                           |  |  |   |               |

**PART C - OTHER MATTERS**  
(i.e. Neither Key Nor Framework Decisions)

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| Between 11 December 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 |
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| <p>Between 11 December 2024 and 8 May 2025</p> <p>Between 11 December 2024 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>11 December 2024</p>   | <p>Treasury Management Stewardship Mid Year Report</p>  |  |  | <p>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.</p>   | <p>All Divisions</p> |
| <p>14 February 2025</p>   | <p>Corporate Performance Framework - Quarterly Report</p>   |  |  | <p>Report of the Director of Performance and Partnerships outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.</p>   | <p>All Divisions</p> |
| <p>9 April 2025</p>   | <p>People First Strategy - Action Plan (6 Monthly Progress Report)</p>  |  |  | <p>Report of the Director of People and Culture outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.</p>   | <p>All Divisions</p> |

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| 23 May 2025      | Corporate Performance Framework - Annual Report                  |               |  | Report of the Director of Performance and Partnerships outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.  | All Divisions |
| 9 July 2025      | Corporate Performance Framework - Quarterly Report               |               |  | Report of the Director of Performance and Partnerships outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.  | All Divisions |
| 9 July 2025      | Public Health Annual Report 2024/2025                            |               |  | Report of the Director of Public Health and Communities outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary. | All Divisions |
| 9 July 2025      | Treasury Management Stewardship Outturn Report                   | CIRS 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 |
| 8 October 2025   | People First Strategy - Action Plan (12 Monthly 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 |
| 12 November 2025 | Corporate Performance Framework - Quarterly Report               |               |  | Report of the Director of Performance and Partnerships outlining all relevant considerations, information and material including any equality and / or impact assessments, as necessary.  | All Divisions |

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| 10<br>December<br>2025                        | Treasury Management<br>Stewardship Mid Year Report    | CIRS |  | Report of the Director of Finance and<br>Public Value outlining all relevant<br>considerations, information and<br>material including any equality and / or<br>impact assessments, as necessary.     | All Divisions |
| 11<br>February<br>2026                        | Corporate Performance<br>Framework - Quarterly Report |      |  | Report of the Director of Performance<br>and Partnerships outlining all relevant<br>considerations, information and<br>material including any equality and / or<br>impact assessments, as necessary. | All Divisions |
| <i>Specific Matters for<br/>Consideration</i> |   |      |  |  |               |