

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

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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>					
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
10 September 2025	Transport Capital Programme 25/26 and 26/27: Update and Proposed Allocation			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 December 2025	Target Budget and Service Targets for 2026/2027			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 December 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
<i>Specific Matters for Consideration - KEY</i>					
14 February 2025	Maintenance and Improvement of Public Rights of Way Framework 2025-2029	Suppliers/co ntractors	Participation in the Framework is via an Open Procedure with the Invitation to Tender having been advertised on the Supplying the Southwest Procurement Portal.	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
14 February 2025	Agreement to Award of Contracts for Health & Wellbeing Services into Atkinson Secure Childrens Home 2025 – 2029			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

12 March 2025	Budget Monitoring - Month 10			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 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
12 March 2025	A382 Drumbridges to Newton Abbot Major Road Network Scheme, submission of revised Full Business Case			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.	Bovey Rural; Newton Abbot North

12 March 2025	Bus Service Improvement Plan Funding 25/26 Report will seek approval of the detailed plan to spend our Bus Service Improvement Plan funding allocations for 25/26. This includes both revenue and capital funding.	Devon Bus Enhanced Partnership, Devon BUS Forum, Bus Operators and other high level key stakeholders.	there will be a stakeholder consultation only including the Devon Bus Enhanced Partnership, Devon BUS Forum, Bus Operators and other high level key stakeholders.	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 March 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
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

9 April 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
23 May 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

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
11 June 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
11 June 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

9 July 2025	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
9 July 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
10 September 2025	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
12 November 2025	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

14 January 2026	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
13 January 2025 20 February 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 February 2025 20 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

Between 12 March 2025 and 30 April 2025 12 March 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
9 July 2025 Between 16 July 2025 and 10 September 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
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
	<i>Regular / Annual Matters for Consideration</i>				

<p>Between 14 February 2025 and 8 May 2025</p> <p>Between 14 February 2025 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 14 February 2025 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 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>

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
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	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
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

10 December 2025	Treasury Management Stewardship Mid Year Report	CIRS		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 February 2026	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
<i>Specific Matters for Consideration</i>					