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# **North Northamptonshire Council**

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## INTRODUCTION

This is the North Northamptonshire Council's Forward Plan. It is published pursuant to The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. Its purpose is to provide the required 28 days notice of the Council's intention to take 'key decisions' and to hold meetings or parts of meetings in private. It gives advance notice of all the "key decisions" and "exempt decisions" which the Executive or another body or officer so authorised are likely to take over a four month period. The Plan is updated on a rolling monthly basis.

<b>The Members of the Executive are:</b>	
Councillor Jason Smithers	Leader of North Northamptonshire Council
Councillor Helen Howell	Deputy Leader of North Northamptonshire Council Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism
Councillor Gill Mercer	Adults, Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Scott Edwards	Children, Families, Education and Skills
Councillor Helen Harrison	Climate and Green Environment
Councillor Lloyd Bunday	Finance and Transformation
Councillor David Brackenbury	Growth and Regeneration
Councillor Matt Binley	Highways, Travel and Assets
Councillor Mark Rowley	Housing and Communities
Councillor David Howes	Rural Communities and Localism

The concept of a "key decision" is intended to capture the most important or significant decisions. "Key decisions" will normally be made at meetings open to the press and public. The press and public will only be excluded from such meetings as and when the Council's Monitoring Officer considers that this is necessary in order to avoid the public disclosure of confidential or exempt information.

The authority has decided that a Key Decision is one which is likely:-

- (a) to result in the authority incurring expenditure of which is, or the making of savings which are, significant; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral wards in the area of the authority."

The Council has decided that significant expenditure or savings are those amounting to above £500,000.

In determining the meaning of "*significant*" for these purposes North Northamptonshire Council will also have regard to any guidance for the time being issued by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 9Q of the Local Government Act 2000.

At times it may be necessary for the North Northamptonshire Council to give consideration to items where the public may be excluded from the meeting. Members of the public are excluded from meetings whenever it is likely that, in the view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that confidential information would be disclosed. This includes exclusion from access to any pertinent documents. Details of the exemption categories can be found in the 'Access to Information Procedure Rules' section in the Council's [Constitution](#). This plan provides advance notice of any items which may be held in private.

Paragraph 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 provides for members of the public to make representations to the Council on why an exempt item should be considered in public, rather than in private. Persons wishing to make such representations and/or obtain further details in respect of any issues referred to in the Plan should contact the undermentioned officer.

The Monitoring Officer may also include in the Forward Plan references to such other decisions, which are to be taken by the Council or any of its Committees or Sub-Committee or officers as they consider appropriate. These will be those decisions that are considered to be significant or sufficiently important and/or sensitive so that it is reasonable for a member of the public to expect it to be recorded and published.

All general questions or queries about the contents of this Forward Plan or about the arrangements for taking key decisions should be raised with David Pope, Democratic Services.

Please email: [democraticservices@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:democraticservices@northnorthants.gov.uk)



## February 2025

Subject of the Decision:	Purpose of Report	Decision Maker	Is it a key decision?	Will it contain exempt information? /Reasons for exemption, if any	Consultation undertaken	Anticipated Date of Decision:	Report Author and Executive Lead Member
HRA Final Budget 2025-26 and Medium-Term Financial Plan	To recommend for approval to Council the HRA Final Budget 2025-26 and MTFP	Executive	Yes	No		6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
General Fund Final Budget 2025-26 and Medium-Term Financial Plan	To recommend for approval to Council the General Fund Final Budget 2025-26 and MTFP	Executive	Yes	No		6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Capital Programme 2025-29	To recommend for approval to Council the Capital Programme 2025-29	Executive	Yes	No		6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive

							Director - Finance & Performance
Capital Monitoring Report	To report on the Capital Budget on a quarterly basis	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Revenue Monitoring Report	To report on the Revenue Budget on a quarterly basis	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Capital Programme Update	To report any adjustments to the in-year programme	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Growth and Regeneration  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Keyways Housing Allocation Scheme	To approve the Keyways Housing Allocation Scheme	Executive	Yes	No	There will be extensive consultation both internally (e.g. Adult	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Housing and Communities  Executive

					Social Care, Housing, Legal) and externally (e.g. Armed Forces Covenants, GP Surgeries, Registered Providers (RP), Tenants), in the preparation of the Allocation Scheme.		Director - Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing (DASS)
Council-Owned Company Governance Arrangements	To approve governance arrangements relating to Council-owned companies	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy review	To consider and approve the review policy	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Growth and Regeneration  Executive Director - Place and Economy

Hackney Carriage De-zoning	Members are asked to modify the wording of the resolution agreed on 6th June 2024 to remove hackney carriage zones in North Northamptonshire.	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Growth and Regeneration  Executive Director - Place and Economy
Determination of admission arrangements for local authority maintained (community and voluntary controlled) schools in North Northamptonshire for the 2026 intakes	The Executive is asked to determine (formally agree) the admission arrangements of schools where the local authority is the admission authority	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Children, Families, Education and Skills  Executive Director - Children's Services
North Northamptonshire Adult Social Care Strategy 2024 – 2029 – “The Lives we Live”	To seek Executive agreement of the new strategy for final publication.	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Adults, Health and Wellbeing  Executive Director - Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing (DASS)
Surplus Asset Disposal	To consider an asset for disposal	Executive	Yes	Part exempt; By virtue of	Yes, with service	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member -



				paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972	directors		Highways, Travel and Assets  Executive Director - Place and Economy
Strategic Education Capital Programme	To approve the Strategic Education Capital Programme	Executive	Yes	No	Yes, with NNC schools	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Children, Families, Education and Skills  Executive Director - Children's Services
Climate Change Strategy	Approval of a new Climate Change Strategy for North Northamptonshire	Executive	Yes	No	Consultation will be undertaken with local stakeholders during September and October 2024 on a draft Strategy	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Climate and Green Environment  Executive Director - Place and Economy
High Street Rental Auction Policy	To approve the High Street Rental Auction Policy	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Highways, Travel and Assets  Executive

							Director - Place and Economy
North Northamptonshire Housing Strategy 2025-2030	Approval required to start formal consultation on the North Northamptonshire Housing Strategy 2025-2030	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Housing and Communities  Executive Director - Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing (DASS)
Update and Review of Minerals and Waste Planning Policies and Proposals	The report will ask the Executive to agree an approach to preparing a review of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan, in advance of agreeing a timetable.	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Growth and Regeneration  Executive Director - Place and Economy
Government Funding to Support Economic Growth in 2025-26	Approve approach to Connect to Work programme and UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) extension in North Northants.	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Executive Member - Growth and Regeneration  Executive Director - Place and Economy

<p>Independent Advocacy Service</p>	<p>To seek agreement to proceed with the procurement through open tender of the North Northamptonshire Independent Advocacy Service. The current contract expires on the 31/10/2025 with no option to extend.</p>	<p>Executive</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>		<p>13<sup>th</sup> February 2025</p>	<p>Executive Member - Adults, Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Executive Director - Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing (DASS)</p>
<p>Short Breaks Transformation for Working Age Adults</p>	<p>To seek approval on the proposals for Short Breaks Transformation for Working Age Adults, in particular around the services provided from Pine Lodge</p>	<p>Executive</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>		<p>13<sup>th</sup> February 2025</p>	<p>Executive Member - Adults, Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Executive Director - Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing (DASS)</p>

## March 2025

Subject of the Decision:	Purpose of Report	Decision Maker	Is it a key decision?	Will it contain exempt information? /Reasons for exemption, if any	Consultation undertaken	Anticipated Date of Decision:	Report Author and Executive Lead Member
Capital Programme Update	To report any adjustments to the in-year programme	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Wellingborough and Rushden Area Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	To adopt the Wellingborough and Rushden Area Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	Executive	Yes	No	Public consultation on the final LCWIP report was undertaken 16/9/24 to 27/10/24	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Executive Member - Highways, Travel and Assets  Executive Director - Place and Economy
Health & Wellbeing Board Strategy for North Northamptonshire	Approval by Executive Committee	Executive	Yes	No	System partners at the H&W Board, Health Scrutiny	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Executive Member - Adults, Health and Wellbeing

							Director of Public Health
Household Support Fund 7	Agreement for the programme delivery for HSF7 including distribution of holiday food support for those eligible for free school meals.	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Executive Member - Adults, Health and Wellbeing  Director of Public Health
Annual inflationary uplift for the independent care market	To agree the annual inflationary uplift market	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Executive Member - Adults, Health and Wellbeing  Executive Director - Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing (DASS)
Sywell Country Park Reservoir drawdown capacity improvement project.	To explain the reasons needed to improve the ability to lower the water level, at the reservoir, in accordance with Environment Agency guidance, should an emergency	Executive	Yes	No	Consultation with Executive member and ward members are planned	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Executive Member - Climate and Green Environment  Executive Director - Place and Economy

	situation arise and seeking for approval to draw down the money from the development pool and receive delegated authority to procure the works						
Economic Strategy for North Northamptonshire 2025-30	Consideration and approval of the draft Economic Strategy	Executive	Yes	No	Consultation and engagement will be undertaken on the draft Economic Strategy throughout its development	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Executive Member - Growth and Regeneration  Executive Director - Place and Economy
Local Development Scheme	To adopt the NN Local Development Scheme, setting out a revised timetable for the preparation of the Council's planning policy documents	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Executive Member - Growth and Regeneration  Executive Director - Place and Economy

Invitation to Tender for Care and Support in Accommodation-based settings for Individuals with needs related to mental health and/or Autism	To seek approval to go out to tender	Executive	Yes	No		13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Executive Member - Adults, Health and Wellbeing Executive Director - Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing (DASS)
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## April 2025

Subject of the Decision:	Purpose of Report	Decision Maker	Is it a key decision?	Will it contain exempt information? /Reasons for exemption, if any	Consultation undertaken	Anticipated Date of Decision:	Report Author and Executive Lead Member
Capital Programme Update	To report any adjustments to the in-year programme	Executive	Yes	No		17 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	<p>Executive Member - Finance and Transformation</p> <p>Executive Director - Finance &amp; Performance</p>
Draft School Organisation Strategy	To approve the adoption of the Draft School Organisation Strategy	Executive	Yes	No		17 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	<p>Executive Member for Children, Families, Education &amp; Skills</p> <p>Executive Director – Children’s Services</p>



There is no Executive meeting scheduled for May 2025