



# **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 Helen Harrison	Adults, Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Scott Edwards	Children, Families, Education and Skills
Councillor Harriet Pentland	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, Communities and Levelling-Up
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)

## December 2023

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 Budget Update	To report any adjustments to the in-year programme	Executive	Yes	No		21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Budget Forecast Update 2023-24 - Period 7	To report any adjustments to the in-year budget	Executive	Yes	No		21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Business Plan of Northamptonshire Children's Trust	To note the content of the Business Plan and to agree that the Report is presented at Full	Executive	Yes	No		21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Executive Member - Children, Families, Education and Skills

	Council						Executive Director - Children's Services
Asset Acquisition Policy	To consider adopting an NNC policy.	Executive	Yes	No		21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Executive Member - Highways, Travel and Assets  Executive Director - Place and Economy
Surplus Asset Disposal	To approval the disposal of specific assets	Executive	Yes	Part exempt, Para 3		21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Executive Member - Highways, Travel and Assets  Executive Director - Place and Economy
Culture, Heritage and Tourism Business Plan	To consider and approve the business plan.	Executive	Yes	No		21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Executive Member - Deputy Leader & Sports, Leisure, Culture and Tourism  Executive Director - Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing (DASS)

Draft Budget 2024/25 and Medium-Term Financial Plan	To seek recommendation to Council to approve the 2024-25 Budget and MTFP	Executive	Yes	No		21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Housing Revenue Account Draft Budget 2024-25 and Medium-Term Financial Plan Proposals	To seek recommendation to Council to approve the 2024-25 Budget and MTFP	Executive	Yes	No		21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Draft Capital Programme 2024-27	To seek recommendation to Council to approve the Capital Programme 2024-27	Executive	Yes	No		21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Travellers Temporary Stopping Site Land at Junction 3 of the A14 Rothwell	Approval is sought to add this project to the 2024/25 capital programme	Executive	Yes	No		21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Executive Member - Rural Communities and Localism  Executive Director - Place and Economy

Approval of Department for Transport (DfT) Additional Highway Maintenance Funding 2023/24 and 2024/25	Approval of DfT Additional Highway Maintenance Funding 2023/24 and 2024/25 to be added to the Capital Programme	Executive	Yes	No		21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Executive Member - Highways, Travel and Assets  Executive Director - Place and Economy
Children's Services Case Management System (CapitaOne) Contract Extension	To approve the contract extension	Executive	Yes	No		21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Executive Member - Children, Families, Education and Skills  Executive Director - Children's Services

## January 2024

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 Budget Update	To report any adjustments to the in-year programme	Executive	Yes	No		18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Replacement Adults Social Care System	A request to move forward with the costs and procurement to replace systems within adult social care (Eclipse, Cygnum, Carefirst, Abacus) which are due for renewal.	Executive	Yes	No		18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Executive Member - Adults, Health and Wellbeing  Executive Director - Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing (DASS)
Kettering Leisure Village Business Case	To consider and approve the proposed Business Case	Executive	Yes	No		18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Executive Member - Highways, Travel and Assets



	regarding the future of KLV						Executive Director - Place and Economy
Department for Transport Funding Allocations	To note the allocation of capital funding by the Department for Transport for 2024/25 and to agree how the funding should be spent.	Executive	Yes	No		18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Executive Member - Highways, Travel and Assets  Executive Director - Place and Economy
Adoption of the Corby Local Walking and Cycling Investment Plan	To approve adoption of the Corby Local Walking and Cycling Investment Plan	Executive	Yes	No		18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Executive Member - Highways, Travel and Assets  Executive Director - Place and Economy
Communities Strategy	To approve the Communities Strategy	Executive	Yes	No	VCSE North Northants networks	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Executive Member - Housing, Communities and Levelling Up  Director of Public Health
Specialist Drug and Alcohol Treatment for Rough Sleepers, or at	To agree the use of North Northamptonshire	Executive	Yes	No		18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Executive Member - Adults, Health and

risk of Rough Sleeping	Public Health Reserves to fund activities up to £600,000 for specialist drug and alcohol treatment services for rough sleepers or those at risk of rough sleeping until 31st March 2026						Wellbeing  Executive Director - Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing (DASS)
Adult Social Care (ASC) Strategic Framework	To approve the framework	Executive	Yes	No	Informal within NNC and with appropriate partners	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Executive Member - Adults, Health and Wellbeing  Executive Director - Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing (DASS)
Bookings for Parks and Open Spaces	Approve the Bookings Policy Parks and Open Spaces	Executive	Yes	No		18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Executive Member - Deputy Leader & Sports, Leisure, Culture and Tourism  Executive Director - Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing (DASS)

## February 2024

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
General Fund Final Budget 2024-25 and Medium-Term Financial Plan	To recommend to Council the General Fund Final Budget 2024-25 and Medium-Term Financial Plan	Executive	Yes	No		8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Capital Programme 2024-2028	To recommend for approval to Council the Capital Programme 2024-2028	Executive	Yes	No		8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Final Budget 2024-25 and Medium-Term Financial Plan	To recommended for approval to Council the HRA Final Budget 2024-25 and Medium-Term	Executive	Yes	No		8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive

	Financial Plan.						Director - Finance & Performance
Council-Owned Company Governance Arrangements	To approve governance arrangements relating to Council-owned companies	Executive	Yes	No		15 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Options Appraisal for Recommissioning Public Health Services	To consider in-house or external provision of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-19 Health Visiting and school nursing service</li> <li>• NISHH- Northamptonshire Integrated Sexual Health Service and HIV service</li> <li>• Strong Start Service</li> <li>• REACH Young People's Counselling Service</li> <li>• Oral Health Service</li> </ul>	Executive	Yes	No		15 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Executive Member - Adults, Health and Wellbeing  Director of Public Health
Determination of admission arrangements for local	Executive is asked to determine admission	Executive	Yes	No		15 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Executive Member - Children,

authority maintained (community and voluntary controlled) schools in North Northamptonshire for the 2025 intakes.	arrangements of schools where the local authority is the admission authority.						Families, Education and Skills  Executive Director - Children's Services
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## March 2024

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
Budget Forecast Update 2023-24 - Period 9	To report any adjustments to the in-year budget	Executive	Yes	No		14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Capital Budget Update	To report any adjustments to the in-year programme	Executive	Yes	No		14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Executive Member - Finance and Transformation  Executive Director - Finance & Performance
Annual Inflationary Uplifts Contracted Adult Social Care Providers	To approve the annual uplifts	Executive	Yes	No		14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Executive Member - Adults, Health and Wellbeing

							Executive Director - Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing (DASS)
<p>NNC Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-2028</p>	<p>To seek the Executive's approval to adopt the proposed Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy following statutory consultation and subsequent amendments</p>	<p>Executive</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Initial consultation event held 21/9/22 Feedback from this event was utilised to develop the draft strategy. The draft document will undergo a 6-week formal statutory consultation and additional proactive consultation with service users is planned</p>	<p>14<sup>th</sup> March 2024</p>	<p>Executive Member - Housing, Communities and Levelling Up</p> <p>Executive Director - Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing (DASS)</p>