



The Cabinet Forward Plan - May to August 2025 **(Publication date – 17 APRIL 2025)**

Explanatory Note:

This Forward Plan contains future items to be considered by the Cabinet and Council. It is published 28 days before the next meeting of the Committee. The plan includes items for the meeting including key decisions. Each item shows if it is 'open' to the public or to be considered in a private part of the meeting.

Definition of Key Decisions

Key decisions are defined in Dorset Council's Constitution as decisions of the Cabinet which are likely to -

- (a) to result in the relevant local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates (**Thresholds - £500k**); or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the relevant local authority."

In determining the meaning of "*significant*" for these purposes the Council will have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 9Q of the Local Government Act 2000 Act. Officers will consult with lead members to determine significance and sensitivity.

Cabinet Members and Portfolios 2024/25

Nick Ireland	Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding
Richard Biggs	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth
Jon Andrews	Place Services
Shane Bartlett	Planning and Emergency Planning
Simon Clifford	Finance & Capital Strategy
Ryan Hope	Customer, Culture and Community Engagement
Steve Robinson	Adult Social Care
Clare Sutton	Children's Services, Education & Skills
Gill Taylor	Health and Housing.
Ben Wilson	Corporate Development and Transformation

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
May					

Procurement of the Highways Term Service Contract (HTSC) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open The current Highway Term Service Contract expires in March 2027. This current contract provides for the delivery of highway engineering and construction services to supplement the services delivered by the council's in-house highways workforce. Highways are asking for approval by cabinet to start the procurement of a new Highway Term Service Contract	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 20 May 2025		Cabinet Member for Place Services	<i>Jack Wiltshire, Corporate Director for Highways and Engineering</i> <i>jack.wiltshire@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Wareham Level Crossing - Re-tendering of the contract for the provision of crossing attendants Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To seek cabinet approval for re-tendering a new 5 year contract that exceeds the £500K threshold. The new contract must be in place by September 1, 2025.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 20 May 2025		Cabinet Member for Place Services	<i>Tony Burden, Road Safety Manager</i> <i>tony.burden@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Jack Wiltshire, Corporate Director for Highways and Engineering</i> <i>jack.wiltshire@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>

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June					
Draft 2024/25 Outturn report Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the 2024/25 Outturn report.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 24 Jun 2025		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance</i> <i>heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i>
Update Statement of Community Involvement Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Agreement of revised Statement of Community Involvement for consultation following changes to consultation procedures.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 24 Jun 2025		Cabinet Member for Planning and Emergency Planning	<i>Mike Garrity, Corporate Director for Planning</i> <i>mike.garrity@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Hilary Jordan, Service Manager for Spatial Planning</i> <i>hilary.jordan@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider a updated business case, reflecting the actual cost of the chosen solution, a confirmed implementation scope, seeking authorisation to award contract.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 24 Jun 2025		Cabinet Member for Corporate Development and Transformation	<i>James Ailward, Head of ICT Operations</i> <i>james.ailward@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>

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Growth & Economic Regeneration Strategy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider and agree a refresh of the Council's strategy for economic growth. This will encompass the functions to be taken over by the Council from Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership in accordance with devolution and promote the needs and actions required to drive forward the economy in the Dorset Council area.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 24 Jun 2025	Place and Resources Overview Committee 21 Nov 2024 Place and Resources Overview Committee 22 May 2025	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Jon Bird, Service Manager for Growth and Economic Regeneration jon.bird@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Nick Webster, Head of Growth and Economic Regeneration nicholas.webster@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Public Spaces Protection Orders 2025 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To approve the time extension of certain Public Spaces Protection Orders. To approve two new Public Space Protection Orders.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 24 Jun 2025	Place and Resources Overview Committee 22 May 2025	Cabinet Member for Health and Housing	<i>John Newcombe, Service Manager for Licensing & Community Safety john.newcombe@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Commissioned Grants Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open New Commissioned grants policy that creates a structure and framework for Commissioners to offer grants in accordance to the national government Grant Function standards as an alternative to traditional procurement.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 24 Jun 2025	Place and Resources Overview Committee 22 May 2025	Cabinet Member for Customer, Culture and Community Engagement, Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<i>Laura Cornette, Business Partner - Communities and Partnerships Laura.cornette@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Richard Freed, Service Manager for Commercial and Procurement richard.freed@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i>

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Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Options for the Dorset Council Local Plan.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 24 Jun 2025		Cabinet Member for Planning and Emergency Planning	<i>Terry Sneller, Strategic Planning Manager</i> <i>terry.sneller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Mike Garrity, Corporate Director for Planning</i> <i>mike.garrity@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Children's Services - Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services March 2025 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open An update on the outcome of the recent inspection of Local Authority Children's Services in March 2025, Official Ofsted Report, a letter of judgement, findings and recommendations, published on 9 May 2025. Supported by Dorset's Post Inspection Action Plan.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 24 Jun 2025		Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>Richard Belcher, Service Manager - Strategic Partnerships</i> <i>richard.belcher@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i>
Youth Justice Plan 2025 - 26 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open Approval of the Youth Justice Plan 2025 – 26.	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 10 Jul 2025	People and Health Overview Committee 19 May 2025 Cabinet 24 Jun 2025	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>David Webb, Manager - Dorset Combined Youth Justice Service</i> <i>david.webb@bcpcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i>

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September

Street Lighting Policy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Improvements in lighting technology mean more options are available for our LED replacement of streetlights. The new paper will seek agreement on the type of lighting to be used within our policy.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Sep 2025	Place and Resources Overview Committee 13 Mar 2025	Cabinet Member for Place Services	<i>Jack Wiltshire, Corporate Director for Highways and Engineering</i> <i>jack.wiltshire@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Period 4 financial management report Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the Period 4 financial management report.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Sep 2025		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance</i> <i>heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i>

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October 2025					
Financial Provision for the Voluntary Community Sector TBC Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open The current 5-year financial agreement for the VCS will be coming to an end in October 2026. This paper will propose the new support for them.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Oct 2025		Cabinet Member for Customer, Culture and Community Engagement	<i>Laura Cornette, Business Partner - Communities and Partnerships</i> <i>Laura.cornette@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Jennifer Lowis, Head of Strategic Communications and Engagement</i> <i>jennifer.louis@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i>
November					
Quarter 2 financial management report Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider the Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring Report 2024/25.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 11 Nov 2025		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance</i> <i>heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i>

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Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and budget strategy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider the Medium Term Financial (MTFP) and budget strategy.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 11 Nov 2025		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance</i> <i>heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i>
December					

Dorset Council Housing Allocation Policy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Proposed revisions to the councils Housing Allocations Policy, which governs how social housing is allocated to applicants on the housing register. The revised policy update aims to ensure fairness, transparency and compliance with legal requirements while addressing local housing need. Key changes may include amendments to priority criteria, eligibility requirements, changes to relevant legislation and operational procedures.	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 17 Feb 2026	People and Health Overview Committee 3 Nov 2025 Cabinet 9 Dec 2025	Cabinet Member for Health and Housing	<i>Sarah How, Service Manager for Housing Solutions</i> <i>sarah.how@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>
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Quarter 3 financial management report Key Decision - No Public Access - Open Quarter 3 financial management report.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 3 Feb 2026		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, <i>Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance</i> heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i>
Medium Term Financial Plan and Budget Strategy report Key Decision - No Public Access - Open	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 17 Feb 2026	Cabinet 3 Feb 2026	Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, <i>Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance</i> heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i>

Private/Exempt Items for Decision

Each item in the plan above marked as 'private' will refer to one of the following paragraphs.

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the shadow council proposes:-
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.