



The Cabinet Forward Plan - October 2026 to January 2026 (Publication date – 28 AUGUST 2026)

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 2026/27

Nick Ireland	Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Communications, Performance & Safeguarding
Richard Biggs	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Growth & Strategic Assets
Jack Jeanes	Place Services
Shane Bartlett	Planning and Planning Enforcement
Simon Clifford	Resources & Finance
Matt Bell	Public Health, Prevention & Communities
Steve Robinson	Adult Social Care & Health
Clare Sutton	Children, Families & Education
Gill Taylor	Housing & Homelessness
Ben Wilson	Transformation, Customer & Workforce

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2026					

October 2026

Review of Financial Assessment and Care Contributions Policy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open The policy was due to be reviewed and to update the policy in line with some legal challenges to the Care Act 2014 since its implementation. In doing so we have also amalgamated the Financial Assessment and Care Contributions policy and the Deferred Payment Agreement Policy and the two impact significantly on each other.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026	People and Health Overview Committee 21 Sep 2026	Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health, Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Communications, Performance & Safeguarding	<i>Nicola Fowler, Financial Assessments Team Manager</i> <i>nicola.fowler@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>
Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open This is the Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership's Annual	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026		Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education	<i>Megan Cameron-Brown, Head of Quality Assurance and Partnerships</i> <i>megan.cameron-brown@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Children's Services (Paul</i>

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Report 25/26 detailing the Partnership's activity from April 2025-March 2026 and is for Cabinet's information.					Dempsey)
Temporary Accommodation Policies Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open These provides the oversight regarding factors that need to be taken into consideration when securing temporary accommodation for households. The policies include: Voids Placement Sourcing and Rent	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026		Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness	<i>Sharon Attwater, Head of Housing</i> <i>sharon.attwater@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Housing, Prevention and Communities (Sam Crowe)</i>
Transforming Public Buses and Community Transport Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open A comprehensive review of the Transformation Management Office's (TMO) public buses and community transport options and opportunities. The review sets out the case for change, explores a range of delivery options, and	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026		Cabinet Member for Place Services	<i>Owen Clark, Strategic and Policy Team Manager</i> <i>owen.clark@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)</i>

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identifies a preferred approach to be taken forward.					
Re-procurement - Enforcement Agent Provision Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Dorset Council re-procurement of a council wide contract provision for the engagement of required enforcement agent provisions.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026		Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance	<i>Katie Hale, Head of Revenues and Benefits</i> <i>katie.hale@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Modernisation and Customer Delivery (Lisa Cotton)</i>
Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre Rollback Scheme (Hensleigh House Acquisition) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open The Cabinet Report requires a decision on the proposal to use the Environment Agency 'Coastal Transition Accelerator Programme' (CTAP) external funding, to acquire the 'Hensleigh House' property in Charmouth as a future relocation site for the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre (CHCC), a community asset projected to be lost to coastal erosion by 2055.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026		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 - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)</i>
Mampitts Community Hub Progress Update	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026		Cabinet Member for Planning and Planning Enforcement	<i>Andrew Galpin, Infrastructure & Delivery Planning Manager</i>

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Key Decision - No Public Access - Open Report providing an update on the delivery of the Mampitts Community Hub, Shaftesbury against the funding award milestones set by Dorset Council Cabinet on 9 October 2026 and 15 October 2024.					<i>andrew.galpin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)
Parking Review and Strategy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt To consider the Parking Strategy for Dorset Council.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026	Place and Resources Overview Committee 9 Jul 2026	Cabinet Member for Place Services	<i>David Rosselli, Transport & Parking Strategy Lead</i> <i>david.rosselli@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> , <i>Jack Wiltshire, Corporate Director for Highways and Engineering</i> <i>jack.wiltshire@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)
Dorset Community Safety Plan 2026 - 2029 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open New statutory three year community safety plan for the Dorset Council area. The plan has been written and agreed by the Council and partners through the Dorset Community Safety Partnership and now requires	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 22 Oct 2026	Cabinet People and Health Overview Committee 6 Oct 2026 21 Sep 2026	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness	<i>Andy Frost, Service Manager for Community Safety</i> <i>andy.frost@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> Executive Director - Housing, Prevention and Communities (Sam Crowe)

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formal adoption by Dorset Council.					
November 2026					

September 2026 (period 6) financial management report 26/27 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the period 6 financial management report 2026/27.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 10 Nov 2026		Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance	<i>Sean Cremer, Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sian Hedger, Deputy s151 Officer</i> <i>sian.hedger@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>
Dog Related Public Space Protection Order 2027 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open A Cabinet decision is required whether to approve the New Order, following a recommendations report from the Place and Resources Overview Committee in Oct 2026.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 10 Nov 2026	Place and Resources Overview Committee 1 Oct 2026	Cabinet Member for Public Health, Prevention & Communities	<i>Janet Moore, Service Manager for Environmental Protection</i> <i>Janet.Moore@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Housing, Prevention and Communities (Sam Crowe)</i>
December 2026					

Rights of Way Improvement Plan	Decision Maker	Decision Date	Place and Resources	Cabinet Member for	<i>Russell Goff, Senior Ranger</i>
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(ROWIP) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider the adoption of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan	Cabinet	8 Dec 2026	Overview Committee 19 Nov 2026	Place Services	<i>russell.goff@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)
Mid year performance update Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To provide an update on mid-year progress in council plan delivery and broader organisational health.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 8 Dec 2026		Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Communications, Performance & Safeguarding	<i>Liz Crocker, Head of Strategy</i> <i>liz.crocker@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> , <i>Chris Heighway, Performance and Analytics Team Manager</i> <i>chris.heighway@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> Chief Executive
Adult Directorate CQC Inspection Findings and Improvement Plan Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To provide Cabinet with an overview of the recent CQC inspection of Adult Services and the directorates ambitions for improvement.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 8 Dec 2026	People and Health Overview Committee 30 Nov 2026	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health	<i>Amy-Jane White, Quality Assurance and Programme Lead</i> <i>amy-jane.white@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> Director - Adult Social Care (Julia Ingram)
February 2027					
Crisis and Resilience Fund Key Decision - Yes	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 2 Feb 2027		Cabinet Member for Public Health, Prevention &	<i>Laura Cornette, Business Partner - Communities and Partnerships</i>

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Public Access - Open The policy to back up the Crisis and Resilience Fund Governance.				Communities	<i>Laura.cornette@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> Executive Director - Modernisation and Customer Delivery (Lisa Cotton)
December 2026 Quarter 3 financial management plan 2026/2027 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the Quarter 3 financial management plan 2026/27.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 2 Feb 2027		Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance	<i>Sean Cremer, Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sian Hedger, Deputy s151 Officer</i> <i>sian.hedger@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)
Budget & Medium term financial plan strategy report (MTFP) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider the medium Term Financial (MTFP) and budget strategy.	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 11 Feb 2027	Cabinet 2 Feb 2027	Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance	<i>Sean Cremer, Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sian Hedger, Deputy s151 Officer</i> <i>sian.hedger@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer

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.