



The DRAFT Cabinet Forward Plan - January to April 2025 (Publication date – 24 DECEMBER 2024)

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
January 2025					
<p>December 2024 (Quarter 3) Financial Management Report 2024/25</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider the December 2024 (Quarter 3) Financial Management Report 2024/25.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Jan 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Our Future Council Outline Business Case and Draft Transformation Plan</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full business case setting out case for change and vision for the future with options to deliver whole council transformation. • Final transformation plan more fully formed to support the delivery programme for OFC and provide detail on wider service transformation plans. • Setting out strategic framework for transformation for 2025-29 	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Jan 2025</p>	<p>Joint Overview Committee 9 Jan 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Corporate Development and Transformation</p>	<p><i>Nina Coakley, Head of Change</i> <i>n.coakley@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i>, <i>Lisa Cotton, Corporate Director for Customer and Cultural Services</i> <i>lisa.cotton@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>

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<p>Dorset Centre of Excellence Annual Performance Report</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider the performance report produced by The Dorset Centre of Excellence.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Jan 2025</p>	<p>The Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE) 9 Dec 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, People - Children</i></p>
<p>Care Dorset Holdings Ltd Annual Performance Report</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider the performance report produced by Care Dorset Holdings Ltd.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Jan 2025</p>	<p>Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd 2 Dec 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, People - Children</i></p>
<p>Budget strategy and medium-term financial plan (MTFP)</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider a report and recommendation of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Assets.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Dorset Council</p>	<p>Decision Date 11 Feb 2025</p>	<p>People and Health Scrutiny Committee 16 Jan 2025</p> <p>Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee 17 Jan 2025</p> <p>Cabinet 28 Jan 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Local Authority Housing Fund 3</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To request Cabinet's support to</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Jan 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Health and Housing</p>	<p><i>Vikki Jeffrey, Senior Housing Funding and Delivery Officer vikki.jeffrey@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People -</i></p>

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allocate the funding to a Registered Provider (RP) who will use this funding along with their own resources to source 10 properties.					<i>Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>
<p>Section 106 Legal Agreement Monitoring Fees</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>This item seeks Cabinet approval of a fee to be included in future legal agreements to support the effective monitoring and management of planning obligations including those relating to the delivery of infrastructure.</p>	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 28 Jan 2025		Cabinet Member for Planning and Emergency Planning	<p><i>Andrew Galpin, Infrastructure & Delivery Planning Manager</i> <i>andrew.galpin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place</i></p>
February					

<p>Growth & Economic Regeneration Strategy</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>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</p>	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 25 Feb 2025	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 21 Nov 2024</p> <p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 30 Jan 2025</p>	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<p><i>Jon Bird, Service Manager for Growth and Economic Regeneration</i> <i>jon.bird@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i>, <i>Nick Webster, Head of Growth and Economic Regeneration</i> <i>nicholas.webster@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Lead for Place Directorate (Jan Britton)</i></p>
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the economy in the Dorset Council area.					
March					

<p>Update of Carbon Reduction Targets</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Paper to revise and bring forward the carbon reduction targets set out in the Council's Natural Environment, Climate and Ecology Strategy.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Mar 2025</p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 30 Jan 2025</p>	<p>Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding</p>	<p><i>Antony Littlechild, Sustainability Team Manager antony.littlechild@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Enterprise Resource Performance System (Outline Business Case)</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>The current DES system which is supported by SAP will be end of life in 2027 and therefore will need to be replaced. We have been working with Socitm Advisory (external consultancy) to investigate the options available. The outline business case is to be presented to Cabinet for their approval.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Mar 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Corporate Development and Transformation</p>	<p><i>James Ailward, Head of ICT Operations james.ailward@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place</i></p>

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<p>Procurement Forward Plan Report - over £500k (2025-2026)</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>The Council defines a key decision, in terms of procurement activity, as those with a financial consequence of £500k or more. This report will provide notice of the planned / known procurement activities that Cabinet will need to make a key decision on for 2025-2026.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Mar 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Richard Freed, Service Manager for Commercial and Procurement richard.freed@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Street Lighting Policy</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Improvements in lighting technology mean more options are available for our LED replacement of street lights. The new paper will seek agreement on the type of lighting to be used within our policy.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Mar 2025</p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 30 Jan 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Place Services</p>	<p><i>Jack Wiltshire, Head of Highways jack.wiltshire@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place</i></p>
<p>April</p>					
<p>New Models of Housing Delivery</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To deliver a report from the New</p>	<p>Decision Maker Dorset Council</p>	<p>Decision Date 15 May 2025</p>	<p>People and Health Overview Committee 20 Mar 2025</p> <p>Cabinet 29 Apr 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Health and Housing</p>	<p><i>Andrew Billany, Corporate Director for Housing andrew.billany@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sarah Smith, Housing Strategy Lead sarah.smith@dorsetcouncil.</i></p>

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Models of Housing Delivery project, outlining options to increase access to affordable housing.					<i>gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</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.