



The Cabinet Forward Plan - January to April 2025 (Publication date – 30 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 Business Case and 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 (Paul Dempsey)</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 Adult Social Care</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</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>

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<p>Local Authority Housing Fund 3</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To request Cabinet's support to allocate the funding to a Registered Provider (RP) who will use this funding along with their own resources to source 10 properties.</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</i> <i>vikki.jeffrey@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i></p>
<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>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Jan 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Planning and Emergency Planning</p>	<p><i>Andrew Galpin, Infrastructure & Delivery Planning Manager</i> <i>andrew.galpin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i></p>
<p>Development of Blandford Waste Management Centre</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt</p> <p>Seeking cabinet approval to award a contract to construct and develop a new waste management centre at Blandford, using the Dorset Highways Works Term Service Contract, within the approved capital funding.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Jan 2025</p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth, Cabinet Member for Place Services</p>	<p><i>Gemma Clinton, Head of Commercial Waste and Strategy</i> <i>gemma.clinton@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i></p>

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<p>Care Dorset: Acquisition of an Operating Care Home</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt</p> <p>The acquisition of an operating care home by Care Dorset.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Jan 2025</p>	<p>Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd 15 Jan 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care</p>	<p><i>Mark Tyson, Corporate Director for Adult Commissioning & Improvement mark.tyson@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i></p>
<p>February</p>					
<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 the economy in the Dorset Council area.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Feb 2025</p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 21 Nov 2024</p> <p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 30 Jan 2025</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth</p>	<p><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></p>
<p>Dorset Innovation Park Arms Length Management Company</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Feb 2025</p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth</p>	<p><i>Nick Webster, Head of Growth and Economic Regeneration nicholas.webster@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place</i></p>

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<p>Following Cabinet approval in November approving the formation of an Arms Length Company for the management of Dorset Innovation Park, further work has been conducted relating to the proposed detailed structure and responsibilities for this Company and the next steps involved in the creation of the Company.</p>					<p>(Jan Britton)</p>
<p>March</p>					

<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</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 (Jan Britton)</i></p>

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<p>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>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</i> <i>richard.freed@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>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</i> <i>jack.wiltshire@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i></p>

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<p>New Models of Housing Delivery</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To deliver a report from the New Models of Housing Delivery project, outlining options to increase access to affordable housing.</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.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i></p>

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.