



The Cabinet Forward Plan - July to October 2026 (Publication date – 23 JUNE 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
Jon Andrews	Place Services
Shane Bartlett	Planning
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

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
2026					

July

End of year performance report Key Decision - No Public Access - Open Dorset Council Annual report An end of year report on council plan delivery and broader organisational health.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 28 Jul 2026		Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Communications, Performance & Safeguarding	<i>Liz Crocker, Head of Strategy</i> <i>liz.crocker@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Chris Heighway, Performance and Analytics Team Manager</i> <i>chris.leighway@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Chief Executive</i>
DFT rental E-scooter trial Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Seeking Cabinet approval to enable two areas of Dorset to introduce an e-scooter rental service trial. The two areas are: 1) Upton and Corfe Mullen 2) Weymouth, Portland, Chickereil and Dorchester.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 28 Jul 2026	Place and Resources Overview Committee 4 Jun 2026	Cabinet Member for Place Services	<i>Christopher Whitehouse, Projects Team Manager</i> <i>christopher.whitehouse@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Kate Tunks, Service Manager for Infrastructure and Assets</i> <i>kate.tunks@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)</i>

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Crisis and Resilience Fund Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Following the authorisation of the Crisis and Resilience fund “day 1” offer in March Cabinet, this paper seeks authorisation for the next iteration of support projects as part of the programme.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 28 Jul 2026	People and Health Overview Committee 6 Jul 2026	Cabinet Member for Customer, Culture and Community Engagement	<i>Executive Director - Modernisation and Customer Delivery (Lisa Cotton)</i>
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 28 Jul 2026	People and Health Overview Committee 6 Jul 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 nicola.fowler@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>

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Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2031 - First Review Key Decision - No Public Access - Open Item relating to the making (adoption) of the neighbourhood plan review following an independent examination of the plan.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 28 Jul 2026		Cabinet Member for Planning	<i>Ed Gerry, Community Planning Manager</i> ed.gerry@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)</i>
Endorsement of Dorset Local Visitor Economy Partnership Destination Management Plan Key Decision - No Public Access - Open Dorset Council approval of the Dorset Local Visitor Economy Partnership Destination Management Plan, prepared in collaboration with Dorset's key visitor economy stakeholders.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 28 Jul 2026	Place and Resources Overview Committee 9 Jul 2026	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Growth & Strategic Assets	<i>Jon Bird, Service Manager for Economic Development and Skills</i> jon.bird@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)</i>
Dorset Council Local Plan Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Progression of the Dorset Council Local Plan.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 28 Jul 2026		Cabinet Member for Planning	<i>Mike Garrity, Corporate Director for Planning</i> mike.garrity@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk , <i>Terry Sneller, Strategic Planning Manager</i> terry.sneller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)</i>

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SEND Reform Plan Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open All Local Authorities were required to submit a Local SEND Reform Plan to the DfE by 19 June 2026. The plan is an important first step for local areas to set out how they will lay the foundations for SEND Reform, and design an approach tailored to their local context.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 28 Jul 2026		Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education	<i>Jen Furnell, Corporate Director for Education and Learning</i> jen.furnell@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Executive Director - Children's Services (Paul Dempsey)</i>
Update from Shareholder Committee for Dorset Centre of Excellence on 15 June 2026 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt To consider an update report from the Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 28 Jul 2026		Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education	<i>Ross Bowell, Head of Service - Health, Education & SEND Commissioning</i> ross.bowell@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Executive Director - Children's Services (Paul Dempsey)</i>
Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) Working Group - Final Report and Recommendations to Cabinet Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open The EHCP Working group completed its inquiry and took a report to the People & Health	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 28 Jul 2026		Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education	<i>George Dare, Senior Democratic and Governance Officer Tel: 01305 224185</i> george.dare@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Executive Director - Children's Services (Paul Dempsey)</i>

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Scrutiny Committee on the 16 April 2026. It was agreed to take forward the recommendations to Cabinet. The author of the EHCP report is Cllr T Coombs, as the Chair of the People & Health Scrutiny Committee.					
Procurement - Dorset highways Contractor Resource (Labour Top up) Framework Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Re-procurement of the Highways Contractor Resource (Labour Top up) was approved by Cabinet as part of the Procurement Forward Plan Report considered at its meeting on 12 march 2024.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 28 Jul 2026		Cabinet Member for Place Services	<i>Neil Turner, Service Manager for Network Operations neil.turner@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)</i>
Youth Justice Plan Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To approve the Youth Justice Plan for 2026/27.	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 22 Oct 2026	Cabinet 28 Jul 2026 People and Health Overview Committee 6 Jul 2026	Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education	<i>David Webb, Head of Service - Dorset Combined Youth Justice Service david.webb@bcpcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director - Children's Services (Paul Dempsey)</i>
September					

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July 2026 (period 4) financial management report 26/27 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the Period 4 financial management report.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 8 Sep 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>
October 2026					

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 formal adoption by Dorset Council.	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 22 Oct 2026	Cabinet 6 Oct 2026 People and Health Overview Committee 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> <i>Executive Director - Housing, Prevention and Communities (Sam Crowe)</i>
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Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open This is the Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership's Annual Report 25/26 detailing the Partnership's activity from April 2025-March 2026 and is for Cabinet's information.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026		Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education	Megan Cameron-Brown, Head of Quality Assurance and Partnerships megan.cameron-brown@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director - Children's Services (Paul Dempsey)
Household collection of plastic film and flexible packaging Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To set out the legal requirements, operational, financial and environmental considerations associated with the statutory requirement to collect plastic film and flexible packaging from April 2027, and to seek approval to proceed with implementation.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026		Cabinet Member for Place Services	Louise Bryant, Service Development Manager louise.bryant@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Lisa Mounty, Service Development Manager lisa.mounty@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk 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	David Rosselli, Transport & Parking Strategy Lead david.rosselli@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Jack Wiltshire, Corporate Director for Highways and Engineering jack.wiltshire@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)

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November 2026					
Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider the adoption of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 10 Nov 2026	Place and Resources Overview Committee TBC	Cabinet Member for Place Services	<i>Russell Goff, Senior Ranger russell.goff@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)</i>
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) sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sian Hedger, Deputy s151 Officer sian.hedger@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>
Crisis and Resilience Fund Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open The policy to back up the Crisis and Resilience Fund Governance.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 10 Nov 2026		Cabinet Member for Public Health, Prevention & Communities	<i>Laura Cornette, Business Partner - Communities and Partnerships Laura.cornette@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director - Modernisation and Customer Delivery (Lisa Cotton)</i>
December 2026					

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Midyear 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, Chris Heighway, Performance and Analytics Team Manager</i> <i>chris.heidway@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Chief Executive</i>
February 2027					

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> <i>Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>
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> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer</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.