



## **The Cabinet Forward Plan - August to November 2026 (Publication date – 4 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**

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| <b>Nick Ireland</b>   | Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Communications, Performance & Safeguarding     |
| <b>Richard Biggs</b>  | Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Growth & Strategic Assets |
| <b>Jon Andrews</b>    | Place Services                                                                        |
| <b>Shane Bartlett</b> | Planning                                                                              |
| <b>Simon Clifford</b> | Resources & Finance                                                                   |
| <b>Matt Bell</b>      | Public Health, Prevention & Communities                                               |
| <b>Steve Robinson</b> | Adult Social Care & Health                                                            |
| <b>Clare Sutton</b>   | Children, Families & Education                                                        |
| <b>Gill Taylor</b>    | Housing & Homelessness                                                                |
| <b>Ben Wilson</b>     | 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                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                               |                                  |                                    |                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Sept</b>                                                                                                                                                                               |                                  |                                    |                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>July 2026 (period 4) financial management report 26/27</b><br><br><b>Key Decision - Yes</b><br><b>Public Access - Open</b><br><br>To consider the Period 4 financial management report | <b>Decision Maker</b><br>Cabinet | <b>Decision Date</b><br>8 Sep 2026 |                                                     | Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance                                              | <i>Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Commercial Property Disposal</b><br><br><b>Key Decision - Yes</b><br><b>Public Access - Fully exempt</b><br><br>A report seeking approval to the sale of a commercial property.        | <b>Decision Maker</b><br>Cabinet | <b>Decision Date</b><br>8 Sep 2026 |                                                     | Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Growth & Strategic Assets | <i>Jay Ridsdale, Transfers and Disposals Manager</i><br><i>jay.ridsdale@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i><br><i>Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)</i> |
| <b>October 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                       |                                  |                                    |                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Review of Financial Assessment and Care Contributions Policy</b><br><br><b>Key Decision - Yes</b>                                                                                      | <b>Decision Maker</b><br>Cabinet | <b>Decision Date</b><br>6 Oct 2026 | People and Health Overview Committee<br>21 Sep 2026 | Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance, Cabinet Member for Adult                    | <i>Nicola Fowler, Financial Assessments Team Manager</i><br><i>nicola.fowler@dorsetcouncil</i>                                                                        |

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| <b>Public Access - Open</b><br><br>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. |                           |                             |                                                     | Social Care & Health, Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Communications, Performance & Safeguarding | .gov.uk<br>Director - Resources<br>(Section 151 Officer)                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report</b><br><br><b>Key Decision - Yes</b><br><b>Public Access - Open</b><br><br>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<br>Cabinet | Decision Date<br>6 Oct 2026 |                                                     | Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education                                                       | Megan Cameron-Brown,<br>Head of Quality Assurance and Partnerships<br>megan.cameron-brown@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk<br>Executive Director - Children's Services (Paul Dempsey) |
| <b>Void Policy - Housing Solutions</b><br><br><b>Key Decision - No</b><br><b>Public Access - Open</b><br><br>This policy has been developed to provide an oversight of the requirements in ensuring that vacated units of temporary accommodation are inspected and compliant in a timely manner in order to be relet.                                                | Decision Maker<br>Cabinet | Decision Date<br>6 Oct 2026 |                                                     | Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness                                                             | Sharon Attwater, Head of Housing<br>sharon.attwater@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk<br>Executive Director - Housing, Prevention and Communities (Sam Crowe)                          |

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| <b>Placement Policy - Housing Solutions</b><br><br><b>Key Decision - No</b><br><b>Public Access - Open</b><br><br>This policy provides the oversight regarding factors that need to be taken into consideration when securing temporary accommodation for households.                                                                                                   | Decision Maker Cabinet        | Decision Date 6 Oct 2026  |                                                                                                            | Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness | Sharon Attwater, Head of Housing<br>sharon.attwater@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk<br>Executive Director - Housing, Prevention and Communities (Sam Crowe)                                                                                                               |
| <b>Parking Review and Strategy</b><br><br><b>Key Decision - Yes</b><br><b>Public Access - Part exempt</b><br><br>To consider the Parking Strategy for Dorset Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Decision Maker Cabinet        | Decision Date 6 Oct 2026  | Place and Resources Overview Committee<br>9 Jul 2026                                                       | Cabinet Member for Place Services           | David Rosselli, Transport & Parking Strategy Lead<br>david.rosselli@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Jack Wiltshire, Corporate Director for Highways and Engineering<br>jack.wiltshire@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk<br>Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton) |
| <b>Dorset Community Safety Plan 2026 - 2029</b><br><br><b>Key Decision - Yes</b><br><b>Public Access - Open</b><br><br>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 | Dorset Council Cabinet<br>People and Health Overview Committee<br>22 Oct 2026<br>6 Oct 2026<br>21 Sep 2026 | Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness | Andy Frost, Service Manager for Community Safety<br>andy.frost@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk<br>Executive Director - Housing, Prevention and Communities (Sam Crowe)                                                                                                    |

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| <b>November 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                         |                                            |                                                     |                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)</b><br><br><b>Key Decision - Yes</b><br><b>Public Access - Open</b><br><br>To consider the adoption of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan                    | <b>Decision Maker</b><br><b>Cabinet</b> | <b>Decision Date</b><br><b>10 Nov 2026</b> | Place and Resources<br>Overview Committee           | Cabinet Member for<br>Place Services                          | <i>Russell Goff, Senior Ranger</i><br><i>russell.goff@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i><br><i>Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)</i>                                                                                         |
| <b>September 2026 (period 6) financial management report 26/27</b><br><br><b>Key Decision - No</b><br><b>Public Access - Open</b><br><br>To consider the period 6 financial management report 2026/27. | <b>Decision Maker</b><br><b>Cabinet</b> | <b>Decision Date</b><br><b>10 Nov 2026</b> |                                                     | Cabinet Member for<br>Resources and Finance                   | <i>Sean Cremer, Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i><br><i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sian Hedger, Deputy s151 Officer</i><br><i>sian.hedger@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i><br><i>Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i> |
| <b>Crisis and Resilience Fund</b><br><br><b>Key Decision - Yes</b><br><b>Public Access - Open</b><br><br>The policy to back up the Crisis and Resilience Fund Governance.                              | <b>Decision Maker</b><br><b>Cabinet</b> | <b>Decision Date</b><br><b>10 Nov 2026</b> |                                                     | Cabinet Member for<br>Public Health, Prevention & Communities | <i>Laura Cornette, Business Partner - Communities and Partnerships</i><br><i>Laura.cornette@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i><br><i>Executive Director - Modernisation and Customer Delivery (Lisa Cotton)</i>                                       |
| <b>December 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                         |                                            |                                                     |                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <b>Mid-year performance update</b><br><br><b>Key Decision - No</b><br><b>Public Access - Open</b><br><br>To provide an update on mid-year progress in council plan delivery and broader organisational health. | <b>Decision Maker Cabinet</b> | <b>Decision Date 8 Dec 2026</b> |                                                     | Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Communications, Performance & Safeguarding | <i>Liz Crocker, Head of Strategy</i><br><i>liz.crocker@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Chris Heighway, Performance and Analytics Team Manager</i><br><i>chris.heighway@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i><br><i>Chief Executive</i> |
| <b>February 2027</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |                               |                                 |                                                     |                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>December 2026 Quarter 3 financial management plan 2026/2027</b><br><br><b>Key Decision - No</b><br><b>Public Access - Open</b><br><br>To consider the Quarter 3 financial management plan 2026/27.          | <b>Decision Maker Cabinet</b>        | <b>Decision Date 2 Feb 2027</b>  |                    | Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance | <i>Sean Cremer, Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i><br><i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sian Hedger, Deputy s151 Officer</i><br><i>sian.hedger@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i><br><i>Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>                      |
| <b>Budget &amp; Medium-term financial plan strategy report (MTFP)</b><br><br><b>Key Decision - Yes</b><br><b>Public Access - Open</b><br><br>To consider the medium Term Financial (MTFP) and budget strategy. | <b>Decision Maker Dorset Council</b> | <b>Decision Date 11 Feb 2027</b> | Cabinet 2 Feb 2027 | Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance | <i>Sean Cremer, Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i><br><i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sian Hedger, Deputy s151 Officer</i><br><i>sian.hedger@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i><br><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.