

## **Forward Plan of Key Decisions - 20 September 2023 - 20 March 2024**

The Forward Plan of Key Decisions is prepared on a monthly basis and published at least 28 days before the start of the period covered. Key Decisions are defined as those Executive decisions which are likely:

- a. to result in the County Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- b. to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions in the County's area.

The Forward Plan will contain **all** matters which the Leader of the Council has reason to believe will be the subject of a Key Decision to be taken by the Cabinet. It may also include decisions that are not key decisions but are intended to be determined by the Cabinet. Part of the Cabinet meetings listed in this Forward Plan may be held in private where a report for the meeting contains exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it. If you would like to make representations about any particular decision to be conducted in private then please email: [michael.bradbury@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:michael.bradbury@staffordshire.gov.uk). Such representations must be received in advance 6 clear working days before the date on which the decision is scheduled to be taken.

The Membership of the Cabinet consists of:

Leader of the County Council – Alan White  
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills – Philip White  
Cabinet Member for Health and Care – Julia Jessel  
Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change – Simon Tagg  
Cabinet Member for Commercial Matters – Mark Deaville  
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport – David Williams  
Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources – Ian Parry  
Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture – Victoria Wilson  
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People – Mark Sutton  
Cabinet Member for Education (and SEND) – Jonathan Price  
Cabinet Support Member for Highways – Robert Pritchard  
Cabinet Support Member for Public Health and Integrated Care – Paul Northcott

A copy of the Forward Plan of Key Decisions may be inspected, free of charge, at the Member and Democratic Services office, County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford, during normal office hours Monday to Friday. A copy of the notice will also be available on Staffordshire County Council's Website at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/>.

Documents submitted for decision will be a formal report which will be available on the County Council's website at least 5 clear working days before the date the decision is to be made, unless that report is subject to any prohibition or restriction on its disclosure. Other relevant background documents used in compiling the report will also be made available in the same way unless they are subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure. Minutes of Cabinet meetings will be published within three working days and will be subject to call-in. The call-in period lasts for three working days. If the decision is not called-in it will be implemented on the fourth working day. Special urgency items are exempt from call-in.

**John Tradewell**  
**Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Corporate Services**

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### Note:

1. The Forward Plan of Key Decisions sets out all Key Decisions intended to be made by Cabinet during the above period.
2. The Cabinet date can be provisional and items may move/roll forward to another meeting date but this will be monitored.
3. Items should remain on the Notice until a decision is made by Cabinet or is formally removed.
4. Where there is an intention to make a decision in private the exemption paragraph relied upon will be included within this notice

Predicted Date of Decision	Public or Private Decision	Title and Description	Consultation	Contact Officer
20 September 2023	Public	<p><b>SEND Accelerated Progress Plan: Enhanced Assess-Plan-Do-Review Pathway, Strategy for Special Provision and the Staffordshire Children and Young People's Framework</b> Cabinet Member for Education (and SEND) (Jonathan Price)</p> <p>Staffordshire County Council has worked with their partners to develop a Strategy for Special Provision that ensures equality of access to education which meets the individual needs of our children and young people in their local community to give them the best start in life and a chance to achieve their potential. It has been informed by the conclusions drawn from a detailed gap analysis of current need and existing provision and the views and ideas of representatives from Health, Social Care, educational settings including Pupil Referral Units, The Virtual School, and parents and carers. The Strategy comprises two major components, the creation of additional provision in Staffordshire special schools based on a detailed analysis of need and a pre-statutory Staffordshire Enhanced District Inclusion Support Model (SEDIS) to provide mainstream educational settings with the resources and support to deliver the graduated response.</p>	Educational settings, Health and Social Care professionals, parent/carers and children and young people.	Tim Moss (Tel: 01785 277963) <b>Service Area:</b> SEND

20 September 2023	Public	<p><b>Staffordshire Climate Change Adaptation Strategy</b> Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Simon Tagg)</p>	NA	Tim Cooper (Tel: 01785 276204) <b>Service Area:</b> Sustainability Team
		<p>Update on Staffordshire Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and how this and the Councils Adaptation Plan, could be delivered across the Authority.</p>		
20 September 2023	Public	<p><b>The Recommission of Shared Lives</b> Cabinet Member for Health and Care (Julia Jessel)</p>	Adult social care workforce, procurement and contract management.	Andrew Jepps (Tel: 01785 278557) <b>Service Area:</b> Learning Disability, Mental Health, Autism and Carers Commissioning Team.
		<p>Shared Lives is a service where people with assessed eligible social care needs share the home of a specially recruited and trained carer and their family. The Council's current contract for the Shared Lives service is due to expire on 31st March 2024. The recommendation is to recommission the service to provide continuity of care for individuals and ensure continued delivery of a good quality service which is value for money.</p>		
20 September 2023	Public	<p><b>Children &amp; Young People's Programme Framework</b> Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton)</p>	N/A	Natasha Moody (Tel: 07976191079) <b>Service Area:</b> Children & Young People
		<p>The Children &amp; Young People's Programme Framework sets out our vision and priorities to ensure that children have the best start in life and the best health. There is a shared ambition and commitment across the system to improve the health and wellbeing of our children and young people. This document details our shared priorities over the coming years and will be presented to the Cabinet for endorsement .</p>		
20 September 2023	Public	<p><b>Staffordshire Warmer Homes - Approval of the spend plans for the Home Upgrade Grant (Phase 2)</b> Cabinet Member for Health and Care (Julia Jessel)</p>	John Tradewell	Dr Richard Harling MBE (Tel: 01785 278700) <b>Service Area:</b> Public Health
		<p>The Council's Staffordshire Warmer Homes programme has been successful in securing £10.5m for the Home Upgrade Grant (Phase 2), which was confirmed in July 2023 by the Midlands Net</p>		

		Zero Hub. The submission to cabinet will outline and seek approval for the intended spend plans to retrofit thermal measures to achieve locally set HUGS 2 targets and address local need around Sustainable Housing, climate change and Fuel poverty. (HUGS 2 intended Schedule: October 1st 2023 - March 31st 2025).		
18 October 2023	Public	<p><b>Integrated Performance Report - Quarter 2, 2023/24</b> Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Ian Parry), Leader of the Council (Alan White)</p> <p>This quarterly Integrated Performance Report provides an overview of Staffordshire County Council's progress and performance in delivering against our Strategic Plan and Corporate Delivery Plan, and our financial position in relation to our Medium Term Financial Strategy.</p>	n/a	Rachel Spain, Wendy Tompson (Tel: 01785 854455, Tel: (01785) 85 4267) <b>Service Area:</b> Strategy Team and Finance
18 October 2023	Private	<p><b>Nexus Care (Nexus Trading Services Limited) Annual Report 2022/23</b> Cabinet Member for Commercial Matters (Mark Deaville)</p> <p>To consider the Annual Report as sole shareholder of the company (Staffordshire County Council), review performance for the year and make any comments regarding its future strategic direction, as necessary.</p>	None	Dr Richard Harling MBE, John Tradewell (Tel: 01785 278700, Tel: (01785) 27 6102) <b>Service Area:</b> Health and Care
18 October 2023	Private	<p><b>Families Health &amp; Wellbeing (0-19) Service</b> Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton)</p> <p>Recommendations regarding the Families Health &amp; Wellbeing (0-19) Service from 1st April 2024</p>	n/a	Natasha Moody (Tel: 07976 191079) <b>Service Area:</b> Wellbeing & Partnerships

18 October 2023	Private	<p><b>Unregulated Placement Update</b> Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton)</p> <p>Update on the young people in unregulated placements</p>	n/a	<p>Nisha Gupta (07890 402088) <b>Service Area:</b> Children and Families</p>
15 November 2023	Public	<p><b>Staffordshire Employment and Skills Strategy 2023-2030</b> Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills (Philip White)</p> <p>The new Employment and Skills Strategy for Staffordshire puts in place the shared vision and priorities to help deliver our united economic vision for the Staffordshire economy and inform the development of the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) for Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire.</p>	The draft strategy has gone through partner consultation and is currently going through full public consultation via the SCC website.	<p>Anthony Baines (Tel: 01785 895984) <b>Service Area:</b> Skills and Employability Team</p>
15 November 2023	Public	<p><b>Climate Change Action Plan Review and Climate Change Annual Report</b> Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Simon Tagg)</p> <p>Review of CCAP and annual report</p>	NA	<p>Darryl Evers (Tel: 01785 854265) <b>Service Area:</b> Sustainability and Waste Management</p>
15 November 2023	Public	<p><b>Strategic Vision for Early Years</b> Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton)</p> <p>The report will provide an overview of the national and local contexts that impact on early years service delivery, current priorities and how the service needs to respond. This report is to seek endorsement from the Cabinet to progress further with service development and priorities to ensure children in Staffordshire get the best possible start in life.</p>	N/A	<p>Natasha Moody (Tel: 07976 191079) <b>Service Area:</b> Early Years</p>

15 November 2023	Private	<b>Additional Nursing Capacity</b> Cabinet Member for Health and Care (Julia Jessel)	None	Andrew Jepps (Tel: 01785 278557) <b>Service Area:</b> Care Commissioning, Health & Care
		Due to growing demand for nursing homes within Staffordshire there is a need to create more capacity to provide good quality, affordable nursing care to the people of Staffordshire. Demand analysis shows the biggest need is within the Tamworth/Lichfield area. This proposal is to build 2 nursing homes within this area.		
15 November 2023	Private	<b>Provision of a Waste Transfer Facility</b> Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Simon Tagg)	None at this time	Darryl Evers (Tel: (01785) 85 4265) <b>Service Area:</b> Waste and Sustainability
		Proposal for the re-procurement of a waste transfer facility to receive, manage and transfer waste.		
13 December 2023	Public	<b>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-2029</b> Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Ian Parry)	In addition to the general budget consultation, any specific consultation, if appropriate, will be determined by the nature of any issues raised in the Strategic Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy	Rachel Spain (Tel: 01785 854455) <b>Service Area:</b> Finance
		To update Cabinet on the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period 2024 to 2029.		
17 January 2024	Private	<b>Unregulated Placements</b> Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton)	n/a	Nisha Gupta (07890 402088) <b>Service Area:</b> Children and Families
		Update on the young people in unregulated placements		



21 February 2024	Public	<p><b>Integrated Performance Report - Quarter 3, 2023/24</b> Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Ian Parry), Leader of the Council (Alan White)</p>	n/a	<p>Rachel Spain, Wendy Tompson (Tel: 01785 854455, Tel: (01785) 85 4267) <b>Service Area:</b> Strategy Team and Finance</p>
20 March 2024	Private	<p><b>Burton Regeneration</b> Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture (Victoria Wilson)</p> <p>Item relating to the Burton Regeneration works.</p>	N/A at this stage	<p>Ian Turner (Tel: 01785 277228) <b>Service Area:</b> Communities and culture</p>