

## **Forward Plan of Key Decisions - 15 November 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
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.	Anthony Baines (Tel: 01785 895984) <b>Service Area:</b> Skills and Employability Team
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	Darryl Evers (Tel: 01785 854265) <b>Service Area:</b> Sustainability and Waste Management
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</p>	N/A	Natasha Moody (Tel: 07976 191079) <b>Service Area:</b> Early Years

		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.		
15 November 2023	Public	<p><b>Half Yearly Treasury Management Report</b> Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Ian Parry)</p> <p>The report provides a summary of the County Council's borrowing and investment activities during the first six months of the year.</p>	None	Rob Salmon (Tel: 01785 276354) <b>Service Area:</b> Pensions and Treasury Management
15 November 2023	Private	<p><b>Additional Nursing Capacity</b> Cabinet Member for Health and Care (Julia Jessel)</p> <p>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.</p>	None	Andrew Jepps (Tel: 01785 278557) <b>Service Area:</b> Care Commissioning, Health & Care
15 November 2023	Private	<p><b>Provision of a Waste Transfer Facility</b> Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Simon Tagg)</p> <p>Proposal for the re-procurement of a waste transfer facility to receive, manage and transfer waste.</p>	None at this time	Darryl Eyers (Tel: 01785 854265) <b>Service Area:</b> Waste and Sustainability
13 December 2023	Public	<p><b>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-2029</b> Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Ian Parry)</p> <p>To update Cabinet on the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period 2024 to 2029.</p>	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 MTFS	Rachel Spain (Tel: 01785 854455) <b>Service Area:</b> Finance

13 December 2023	Public	<b>Older People Commissioning Strategy</b> Cabinet Member for Health and Care (Julia Jessel)	We have engaged with a range of partners including a citizen survey, focus groups, care providers, MPFT, carers groups, voluntary sector	Andrew Jepps (Tel: 01785 278557) <b>Service Area:</b> Health and Care
		Older People Commissioning Strategy - Healthy aging and support for Older People in Staffordshire		
13 December 2023	Public	<b>Provision of Services for Children and Young People</b> Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton)	none currently	Natasha Moody (Tel: 07976 191079) <b>Service Area:</b> Placement Service - Wellbeing and Partnerships
		The West Midlands Framework is for residential children's homes for children and young people for access to local authorities and trusts in the West Midlands. It is to provide a safe, stable and nurturing homes for vulnerable children that require residential care.		
13 December 2023	Private	<b>Families Health &amp; Wellbeing (0-19) Service</b> Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton)	n/a	Natasha Moody (Tel: 07976 191079) <b>Service Area:</b> Wellbeing & Partnerships
		Recommendations regarding the Families Health & Wellbeing (0-19) Service from 1st April 2024		
13 December 2023	Private	<b>Drug and Alcohol Services</b> Cabinet Member for Health and Care (Julia Jessel)	Various	Anthony Bullock (Tel: 01785 276649) <b>Service Area:</b> Public Health and Prevention
		Contract considerations		
17 January 2024	Private	<b>Unregulated Placements</b> Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton)	n/a	Nisha Gupta (Tel: 07890 402088) <b>Service Area:</b> Children and
		Update on the young people in unregulated placements		

				Families
24 January 2024	Public	<b>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-2029</b> Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Ian Parry)	Consultation as appropriate for each service area. Overall Community Impact Assessment included within report.	Rachel Spain (Tel: 01785 854455) <b>Service Area:</b> All
		To update Cabinet with the draft budget for 2024/25, the proposed council tax and the MTFs for 2024-2029.		
21 February 2024	Public	<b>Integrated Performance Report - Quarter 3, 2023/24</b> Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Ian Parry), Leader of the Council (Alan White)	n/a	Wendy Tompson, Rachel Spain (Tel: 01785 854267, Tel: 01785 854455) <b>Service Area:</b> Strategy Team and Finance
		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.		
20 March 2024	Private	<b>Burton Regeneration</b> Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture (Victoria Wilson)	N/A at this stage	Ian Turner (Tel: 01785 277228) <b>Service Area:</b> Communities and culture
		Item relating to the Burton Regeneration works.		
20 March 2024	Public	<b>Capital Programme for Schools 2024/ 25</b> Cabinet Member for Education (and SEND) (Jonathan Price)	None at this stage	Ian Turner (Tel: 01785 277228) <b>Service Area:</b> Strategic Property
		The Capital Programme for Schools 2024/ 2025 consists of SCC's Statement of Priorities for its schools and associated appendices for major projects and maintenance projects. Programme to be approved by Cabinet for commencement/ completion in 2024/ 2025.		
20 March	Public	<b>Children and Young People's Emotional Health and</b>	Not sure yet	Natasha Moody

2024		<b>Wellbeing Service</b> Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Mark Sutton) The options paper will outline the current children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing service in Staffordshire and provide potential options for the future of a children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing service, along with a preferred option / recommendation.		(Tel: 07976 191079) <b>Service Area:</b> Families and Communities Commissioning Team
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