

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN



This document, known as the Forward Plan, sets out the decisions which are expected to be taken during the period covered by the Plan by either Cabinet as a whole, or by individual Cabinet Members. The Plan is updated regularly and is available on the Herefordshire Council website (www.herefordshire.gov.uk) and from Council Offices. This edition supersedes all previous editions.

The council must give at least 28 days' notice of key decisions to be taken. A key decision is one which results in the council incurring expenditure or making savings of £500,000 or more, and/or is likely to be significant in terms of the strategic nature of the decision or its impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the council to a significant number of people living or working in the locality affected.

Current cabinet members are listed below. For more information and links papers for Cabinet meetings please visit <https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251>

Councillor Jonathan Lester	Corporate Strategy and Budget (Leader of the Council)
Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst	Environment (Deputy Leader of the Council)
Councillor Carole Gandy	Adults, Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Ivan Powell	Children and Young People
Councillor Harry Bramer	Community Services and Assets
Councillor Graham Biggs	Economy and Growth
Councillor Pete Stoddart	Finance and Corporate Services
Councillor Barry Durkin	Roads and Regulatory Services
Councillor Philip Price	Transport and Infrastructure

Documents submitted in relation to each decision will be a formal report, which may include one or more appendices. Reports will usually be made available on the council website at least 5 clear working days before the date of the decision. Occasionally it will be necessary to exempt part or all of a decision report from publication due to the nature of the decision, for example if it relates to the commercial or business affairs of the council. Other documents may be submitted in advance of the decision being taken and will also be published on the website unless exempt.

To request a copy of a decision report or related documents please contact governancesupportteam@herefordshire.gov.uk or telephone 01432 261699.

The following information is provided for each entry in the Forward Plan:

Heading	Contains
Report title and purpose	A summary of the proposal
Decision Maker and Due date	Who will take the decision and the date the decision is expected to be made
Lead cabinet member and officer contact(s)	The cabinet member with responsibility for this decision and the officers producing the decision report.
Directorate	The directorate of the council responsible for the decision.
Date uploaded onto plan	The date the decision was first uploaded and the notice period started for key decisions.
Decision type, exemptions and urgency	Whether the decision is a Key or Non-Key decision, if the report is expected to be fully open, partly exempt or fully exempt and if urgency procedures are being followed.

Decisions to be taken by Cabinet at a formal meeting are listed first, ordered by date, and include both Key and Non-Key decisions. Decisions to be taken by individual Cabinet Members are then listed, grouped by portfolio area and sorted by date. These include Key decisions only.

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Cabinet decisions by date (Key and Non-key listed)

<p>Addition of Capital Budget to deliver IT Capital Programme</p>	<p>Cabinet 28 November 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member finance and corporate services</p> <p>Amy Swift, Portfolio Manager</p> <p><small>Amy.Swift2@herefordshire.gov.uk</small></p>		<p>30 October 2024</p>	<p>KEY</p>
<p>Q2 2024/25 Budget Report</p> <p>To report the forecast position for 2024/25 at Quarter 2, including explanation and analysis of the drivers for the material budget variances, and to outline current and planned recovery activity to reduce the forecast overspend.</p> <p>To provide assurance that progress has been made towards delivery of the agreed revenue budget and service delivery targets, and that the reasons for major variances are understood and are being addressed to the cabinet's satisfaction.</p>	<p>Cabinet 28 November 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member finance and corporate services</p> <p>Rachael Sanders, Director of Finance</p> <p><small>Rachael.sanders@herefordshire.gov.uk</small> Tel: 01432 383775</p>	<p>Corporate Support Centre</p>	<p>NEW ITEM</p>	<p>Non Key Open</p>

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<p>Q2 Performance Report 2024/25 To review performance of Quarter 2 (Q2) 2024/25 and to report the performance position across all Directorates for this period.</p>	<p>Cabinet 28 November 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member finance and corporate services</p> <p>Jessica Karia, Head of Corporate Performance and Intelligence jessica.karia@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260976</p>	<p>Corporate Support Centre</p>	<p>30 October 2024</p>	<p>Non Key Open</p>
<p>The New Public Realm Services Defines the new public realm services for procurement</p>	<p>Cabinet 28 November 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member community services and assets</p> <p>Alex Deans, Interim Programme Director – Major Contracts Alex.Deans@herefordshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Economy and Environment</p>	<p>30 October 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>

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<p>Corporate Parenting Strategy To approve the corporate parenting strategy</p>	<p>Cabinet 19 December 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people</p> <p>Caroline Marshall, Project manager, Julie Mepham caroline.marshall3@herefordshire.gov.uk, Tel: 01432 260249,</p>	<p>Children and Young People</p>	<p>30 October 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>
<p>Ofsted Monitoring Visit Feedback To share the feedback letter from Ofsted following their fifth Monitoring Visit conducted 8th to 23rd October, with site days 22nd/23rd October 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet 19 December 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people</p> <p>Maxine David, Executive Support Officer, Tina Russell, Corporate Director Childrens and Young People maxine.david@herefordshire.gov.uk, tina.russell@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260044, Tel: 01432 260 267</p>	<p>Children and Young People</p>	<p>30 October 2024</p>	<p>Non Key Open</p>

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<p>Herefordshire and Worcestershire Group Training Association Ltd (HWGTA) Investment Partnership Model</p> <p>To develop a business case outlining options for a preferred investment model and;</p> <p>to approve the preferred investment model option for the HWGTA Ltd and Herefordshire Council partnership to enable the development of a vocational centre of excellence on Skylon Park.</p>	<p>Cabinet 23 January 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet member community services and assets</p> <p>Joni Hughes, Head of Chief Executive's Office, Gabriela Singh, Project Manager</p> <p>Joni.Hughes@herefordshire.gov.uk, Gabriella.Singh@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260598, Tel: 01432 260375</p>	<p>Corporate Support Centre</p>	<p>30 October 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>
<p>New care facility</p> <p>To consider and agree the business case to invest in and develop the council's own care facility in Herefordshire to meet future demand</p>	<p>Cabinet 23 January 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing</p> <p>Hilary Hall, Corporate Director Community Wellbeing, Hayley Doyle, Service Director - All Age Commissioning</p> <p>Hilary.Hall@herefordshire.gov.uk, Hayley.Doyle@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260832</p>	<p>Community Wellbeing</p>	<p>30 October 2024</p>	<p>KEY</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Decisions (Key decisions only)</p>					
<p>Portfolio: adults, health and wellbeing</p>					

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<p>Community Spaces Capital Grant Scheme</p> <p>Following the approval of the outline business case for the community spaces capital grant scheme this is to approve the approach and drawdown of the £2million allocated within the capital budget. The aims of the grant scheme are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> transform and improve existing/unused buildings for community benefit create improved spaces for communities to connect and for events and activities to be delivered increase opportunities for people to access integrated services in their community target areas of health inequalities and deprivation 	<p>Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing</p> <p>15 November 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing</p> <p>Emily Lowe, Talk Community Development Lead</p> <p>Emily.Lowe2@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 383423</p>	<p>Community Wellbeing</p>	<p>30 October 2024</p>	<p>KEY</p> <p>Open</p>
<p>Portfolio: children and young people</p>					
<p>Accommodation based support for children in care and care leavers aged 16-21</p> <p>To seek approval to commission, by means of a competitive tender process in line with the council's contract procedure rules, an accommodation based service for 16-25 year old children in the Council's care and care leavers. The accommodation based support service is currently delivered by Caring for Communities and People (CCP) and is due to expire on 31 March 2025.</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people</p> <p>11 November 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people</p> <p>Wendy Dyer, Commissioning Officer Communities</p> <p>Wendy.Dyer@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 261673</p>	<p>Community Wellbeing</p>	<p>30 October 2024</p>	<p>KEY</p> <p>Open</p>

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<p>Schools Budget 2025/26 To approve school forum's recommended budget proposals for school budgets, central school services and early years within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2025/26</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people 14 February 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people Clare Bellis-powley, Senior Finance Business Partner <small>clare.bellis-powley@herefordshire.gov.uk</small></p>	<p>Children and Young People</p>	<p>NEW ITEM</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>
<p>Portfolio: community services and assets</p>					
<p>High Needs Provision Capital Grant spend To approve the spend of the High Needs Provision Capital Grant to extend our inclusion offer in mainstream schools, increase places for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and to improve Alternative Provision (AP) education arrangements</p>	<p>Cabinet member community services and assets 8 November 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member community services and assets Hilary Jones, Virtual headteacher, Caroline Marshall, Project manager, Quentin Mee, Head of Educational Development <small>hjones@herefordshire.gov.uk, caroline.marshall3@herefordshire.gov.uk, Quentin.Mee@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260579, Tel: 01432 260249,</small></p>	<p>Children and Young People</p>	<p>30 October 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>

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<p>Student Accommodation Update and Recommendations To update Cabinet Member on the progress and budget for the project</p>	<p>Cabinet member community services and assets 28 November 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member community services and assets Joni Hughes, Head of Chief Executive's Office, Susan White, Programme Manager <small>Joni.Hughes@herefordshire.gov.uk, Susan.White2@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260598, Tel: 01432 260070</small></p>	<p>Economy and Environment</p>	<p>30 October 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>
<p>Portfolio: economy and growth</p>					
<p>Portfolio: environment</p>					
<p>Warm Homes: Local Grant We are seeking approval to apply for and spend funding under the new Warm Homes: Local Grant funding scheme</p>	<p>Cabinet member environment December 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member environment Bernadette Muldowney, Programme Management Office <small>Bernadette.Muldowney@herefordshire.gov.uk</small></p>	<p>Economy and Environment</p>	<p>NEW ITEM</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>

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Portfolio: finance and corporate services					
<p>Household Support Fund 6 To accept the Household Support Fund allocation from the Department of Work and Pensions. To also approve the local eligibility approach for allocation of the funding for the Household Support Fund.</p>	<p>Cabinet member finance and corporate services 18 November 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member finance and corporate services</p> <p>Emily Lowe, Talk Community Development Lead, William Merriman, Senior Project Manager, Nikki Stroud, Talk Community Children and Families Lead</p> <p><small>Emily.Lowe2@herefordshire.gov.uk, William.Merriman2@herefordshire.gov.uk, nikki.stroud@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 383423, ,</small></p>	<p>Corporate Support Centre</p>	<p>30 October 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>
Portfolio: roads and regulatory services					

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<p>2025/26 Capital Investment in Existing Highway Infrastructure</p> <p>To authorise the spend/investment in the public realm assets and infrastructure in 2025/26 following Council's resolution at the Council meeting 10 February 2023, to approve the proposed Capital Programme for 2023/24 through to 2026/27.</p>	<p>Cabinet member roads and regulatory services</p> <p>13 November 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member roads and regulatory services</p> <p>Ed Bradford, Head of Highways and Traffic</p> <p>Edward.Bradford@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260786</p>	<p>Economy and Environment</p>	<p>30 October 2024</p>	<p>KEY</p> <p>Open</p>
<p>24/25 Winter Service</p> <p>To seek approval for the arrangements being made for the provision of winter service during the period of 2023 through to 2024 season, as set out in the Winter Service Plan.</p> <p>The Winter Service Plan continues to build on existing best practice and the findings of reviews that have taken place both locally and nationally. Herefordshire Council will continue to meet its duties towards the maintenance of the highway network in full and by working in partnership with Herefordshire's communities, wherever practicable, enhance the county's resilience to the impact of prolonged or severe winter weather.</p>	<p>Cabinet member roads and regulatory services</p> <p>5 December 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member roads and regulatory services</p> <p>Bruce Evans, Engineering Manager</p> <p>bje@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 07792880548</p>	<p>Economy and Environment</p>	<p>30 October 2024</p>	<p>KEY</p> <p>Open</p>
<p>Portfolio: transport and infrastructure</p>					