

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

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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>Children and Young persons' Improvement Plan – progress update To provide a progress update in respect of the Children and Young persons' Improvement Plan</p>	<p>Cabinet 26 September 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people</p> <p>Victoria Gibbs, Service Director Early Help, Quality Assurance and Prevention, Rachel Gillott, Service Director, Safeguarding and Family Support, Bart Popelier, Project Lead</p> <p><small>victoria.gibbs@herefordshire.gov.uk, Rachel.Gillott@herefordshire.gov.uk, Bart.Popelier@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 261772</small></p>	<p>Children and Young People</p>	<p>16 September 2024</p>	<p>Non Key Open</p>
<p>Q1 2024/25 Budget Report To report the forecast position for 2024/25, including explanation and analysis of the drivers for the material budget variances.</p>	<p>Cabinet 26 September 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member finance and corporate services</p> <p>Rachael Sanders, Director of Finance</p> <p><small>Rachael.sanders@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 383775</small></p>	<p>Corporate Support Centre</p>	<p>16 September 2024</p>	<p>Non Key Open</p>

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<p>Q1 Performance Report Note and approve the quarterly performance report</p>	<p>Cabinet 26 September 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>16 September 2024</p>	<p>Non Key Open</p>
<p>To re-commission the Integrated Community Equipment Service (ICES) in Herefordshire To approve the re-commissioning of the county's Integrated Community Equipment Service (ICES), which supports residents to live safely and independently in their own homes and communities for longer</p>	<p>Cabinet 26 September 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing</p> <p>Sharon Amery, Senior Commissioning Officer sharon.amery2@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 383734</p>	<p>Community Wellbeing</p>	<p>16 September 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>
<p>Corporate Parenting Strategy To approve the corporate parenting strategy</p>	<p>Cabinet 28 November 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>16 September 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 28 November 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member community services and assets</p> <p>Joni Hughes, Head of Chief Executive's Office, Susan White, Programme Manager</p> <p><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>16 September 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>
<p>To agree a long term lease with a city centre tenant To agree a long term lease with a city centre tenant</p>	<p>Cabinet 28 November 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member community services and assets</p> <p>Helen Beale, Senior Estate Manager</p> <p><small>HBeale@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260688</small></p>	<p>Corporate Support Centre</p>	<p>16 September 2024</p>	<p>KEY Fully exempt</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><small>Joni.Hughes@herefordshire.gov.uk, Gabriella.Singh@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260598, Tel: 01432 260375</small></p>	<p>Corporate Support Centre</p>	<p>16 September 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><small>Hilary.Hall@herefordshire.gov.uk, Hayley.Doyle@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260832</small></p>	<p>Community Wellbeing</p>	<p>16 September 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>To re-commission the technology enabled care and call monitoring service in Herefordshire To approve the proposed approach to re-commissioning a Technology Enabled Care Service (TECS) in Herefordshire. This is a joint service between Herefordshire Council and NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board (ICB).</p> <p>The current contracts relating to technology related equipment and call monitoring end on 31 March 2025. This report details the intended approach to re-commission a new joint service from 1 April 2025, for up to five years. This is in line with both organisations statutory duty to provide community equipment, including telecare, as set out in the Care Act 2014.</p>	<p>Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing 26 September 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing</p> <p>Sharon Amery, Senior Commissioning Officer <small>sharon.amery2@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 383734</small></p>	<p>Community Wellbeing</p>	<p>16 September 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>
<p>Community Spaces Capital Grant Scheme To approve the approach for the Community Spaces Capital Grant Scheme</p>	<p>Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing 2 October 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing</p> <p>Amy Pitt, Service Director Communities, Community Wellbeing <small>Amy.Pitt@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 383758</small></p>	<p>Community Wellbeing</p>	<p>16 September 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>

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<p>Carer Support Service re-procurement To agree the proposal to re-procure Herefordshire Carer Support Service for a period of 2 years with an option to extend for a further 12 months</p>	<p>Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing 10 October 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing John Burgess, Senior Commissioning Officer <small>John.Burgess3@herefordshire.gov.uk</small></p>	<p>Community Wellbeing</p>	<p>16 September 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>
<p>Portfolio: children and young people</p>					
<p>Children and Young People's Workforce Strategy To approve, for implementation in September 2024 the council's Children & Young People Workforce Strategy 2024-2028.</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people 20 September 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people Caroline Marshall, Project manager, Debbie Thompson, HR Business Partner, Danielle Pyemont, Senior Project Manager <small>caroline.marshall3@herefordshire.gov.uk, debbie.thompson@herefordshire.gov.uk, danielle.pyemont@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260249, ,</small></p>	<p>Children and Young People</p>	<p>16 September 2024</p>	<p>Non Key Open</p>

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<p>Recommissioning of Early Help Family Befriending & Mentoring Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of this document is for the Cabinet Member to be made aware of and agree to the recommissioning recommendation proposed – to tender for new contract/s for the same or redesigned service/s. • To delegate future operational decisions to Service Director. 	<p>Cabinet member children and young people 13 December 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people</p> <p>Richard Watson, Senior Commissioning Manager - All age disability, Sam Westwood, Commissioning Officer, All Age Disability, Community Wellbeing</p> <p><small>rwatson@herefordshire.gov.uk, Sam.Westwood@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 383047, Tel: 01432 383097</small></p>	<p>Community Wellbeing</p>	<p>16 September 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>
<p>Portfolio: community services and assets</p>					

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<p>High Needs Capital Grant: Purchase of a building for Herefordshire’s Pupil Referral Unit To approve the spend from the High Needs Grant to purchase a suitable building, to relocate on to one site, Herefordshire’s Pupil Referral Unit</p>	<p>Cabinet member community services and assets 11 October 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member community services and assets Hilary Jones, Virtual headteacher, Caroline Marshall, Project manager, Quentin Mee, Head of Educational Development hjones@herefordshire.gov.uk, caroline.marshall3@herefordshire.gov.uk, Quentin.Mee@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260579, Tel: 01432 260249,</p>	<p>Children and Young People</p>	<p>16 September 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>
<p>Portfolio: economy and growth</p>					
<p>Merton Meadow Flood Alleviation Scheme The purpose of this report is to seek approval for spend up to £800,000 of the Brownfield Land Release Fund (BLRF) grant fund previously awarded by government for the Merton Meadow sites in Hereford. The grant funding will be utilised to masterplan the area including the detailed flood alleviation design required to enable these key city centre sites to come forward for development</p>	<p>Cabinet member economy and growth 23 September 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member economy and growth Roger Allonby, Service Director Economy and Growth, Stephen Holland, Interim Head of Housing Development Roger.Allonby@herefordshire.gov.uk, stephen.holland@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260330,</p>	<p>Economy and Environment</p>	<p>16 September 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>

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<p>Acquisition Fund For Housing Development To seek approval to spend up to £5m of the Acquisition Fund For Housing Development allocation in the Capital Programme, to enable the council to respond to short term opportunities to acquire and develop key strategic sites to meet critical social and affordable housing need.</p>	<p>Cabinet member economy and growth 30 September 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member economy and growth Roger Allonby, Service Director Economy and Growth, Hayley Crane, Head of Service Housing, Stephen Holland, Interim Head of Housing Development <small>Roger.Allonby@herefordshire.gov.uk, Hayley.Crane@herefordshire.gov.uk, stephen.holland@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260330, Tel: 01432 261919,</small></p>	<p>Economy and Environment</p>	<p>16 September 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>
<p>HBID Third Term Ballot Decision To agree to vote yes in the upcoming BID ballot (October 2024) ahead of the HBID's third term which is due to commence in April 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet member economy and growth 30 September 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member economy and growth Nadine Kinsey, Economic Development Officer <small>nkinsey@herefordshire.gov.uk</small></p>	<p>Economy and Environment</p>	<p>16 September 2024</p>	<p>KEY Open</p>
<p>Portfolio: environment</p>					
<p>Portfolio: finance and corporate services</p>					

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<p>To approve the Hoople Ltd Service Level Agreement for 2024/25</p> <p>The report will describe the services that Hoople Ltd are commissioned to deliver with an agreed budget and seek authority to enter into contract with Hoople including authorisation of the SLA for 2024/2025 financial year. It will also authorise a performance framework that will be monitored over the duration of the contract</p>	<p>Cabinet member finance and corporate services</p> <p>26 September 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet member finance and corporate services</p> <p>Joni Hughes, Head of Chief Executive's Office</p> <p>Joni.Hughes@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260598</p>	<p>Corporate Support Centre</p>	<p>16 September 2024</p>	<p>KEY</p> <p>Open</p>
<p>Portfolio: roads and regulatory services</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>1 October 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>16 September 2024</p>	<p>KEY</p> <p>Open</p>

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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>31 October 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>NEW ITEM</p>	<p>KEY</p> <p>Open</p>
<p>Portfolio: transport and infrastructure</p>					