

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>

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| 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 |
| Councillor Dan Hurcomb | Local Engagement & Community Resilience |

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.

| Report title and purpose | Decision Maker and Due date | Lead officer and lead cabinet member | Directorate | Notice of decision first published / ID | Issue Type and exemptions |
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FORWARD PLAN FOR 27 June 2025 ONWARDS

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

| Heading | Contains |
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| 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 and Non-Key decisions.

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

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| Children and Young Persons' Improvement Plan - Phase 3 To present cabinet with the Phase 3 Children's Services Improvement Plan for endorsement. | Cabinet 17 July 2025 | Cabinet member children and young people Maxine David, Executive Support Officer, Tina Russell, Corporate Director Childrens and Young People <small>maxine.david@herefordshire.gov.uk, tina.russell@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260044, Tel: 01432 260 267</small> | Children and Young People | 20 June 2025 | Non Key Open |
| Domestic Abuse Strategy for Herefordshire 2025 to 2028 To approve the new strategy for reducing the prevalence of and preventing domestic abuse throughout the county. | Cabinet 17 July 2025 | Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing Kayte Thompson-Dixon, Contracts officer <small>Kayte.Thompson-Dixon@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260727</small> | Community Wellbeing | 20 June 2025 | KEY Open |

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| Procurement Strategy for the Hereford Western Bypass -Phase 1 To agree the procurement route to enable the Hereford Western Bypass to move to it's construction stage. | Cabinet 17 July 2025 | Cabinet member transport and infrastructure Steve Smith, Western Bypass Consultant, Scott Tompkins, Delivery Director - Infrastructure <small>steve.smith@herefordshire.gov.uk, scott.tompkins@herefordshire.gov.uk</small> | Economy and Environment | 20 June 2025 | KEY Part exempt |
| Herefordshire Suicide Prevention Strategy To approve, for publication, a new Suicide Prevention Strategy (2024-2029) for Herefordshire | Cabinet 25 September 2025 | Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing Lindsay MacHardy, Public Health Principal, Kristan Pritchard, Public Health Lead - Mental Health <small>Lindsay.MacHardy@herefordshire.gov.uk, Kristan.Pritchard@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260554, Tel: 01432383144</small> | Community Wellbeing | 20 June 2025 | KEY Open |

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| Local Walking and Cycling Plan adoption To seek Cabinet approval for the adoption of the Local Walking and Cycling Plan | Cabinet 25 September 2025 | Cabinet member transport and infrastructure Ffion Horton, Transport Planning Services Manager <small>ffion.horton@herefordshire.gov.uk</small> | Economy and Environment | 20 June 2025 | KEY Open |
| West Midlands Safe Centre To approve the establishment of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) and agrees for Herefordshire to join the SPV and be part of a formal partnership with other local authorities in the West Midlands in terms as set out in the report. | Cabinet 25 September 2025 | Cabinet member children and young people Tina Russell, Corporate Director Childrens and Young People <small>tina.russell@herefordshire.gov.uk</small> <small>Tel: 01432 260 267</small> | Children and Young People | 20 June 2025 | KEY Part exempt |
| Local Transport Plan 5 | Cabinet 23 October 2025 | Cabinet member transport and infrastructure Ffion Horton, Transport Planning Services Manager <small>ffion.horton@herefordshire.gov.uk</small> | Economy and Environment | 20 June 2025 | KEY |

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| New care facility To consider and agree the business case to invest in and develop the council's own care facility in Herefordshire to meet future demand | Cabinet 23 October 2025 | Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing Hilary Hall, Corporate Director Community Wellbeing <small>Hilary.Hall@herefordshire.gov.uk</small> | Community Wellbeing | 20 June 2025 | KEY |
| Cabinet Member Decisions (Key and Non Key decisions) | | | | | |
| Portfolio: adults, health and wellbeing | | | | | |
| Reprocurement of Herefordshire Independent Adult Advocacy Services To approve the reprocurement of Herefordshire Independent Adult Advocacy Services, by way of an open tender process. | Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing 28 November 2025 | Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing John Burgess, Senior Commissioning Officer <small>John.Burgess3@herefordshire.gov.uk</small> | Community Wellbeing | 20 June 2025 | KEY Open |
| Portfolio: children and young people | | | | | |

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| Housing related support for children in care and care leavers aged 16-25 To seek approval to commission, by means of a competitive tender process in line with the council's contract procedure rules, a housing related support service for 16–25-year-old children in care and care leavers. The existing service is currently delivered by Connexus and is due to expire on 28 February 2026. | Cabinet member children and young people 4 July 2025 | Cabinet member children and young people Wendy Dyer, Commissioning Officer Communities <small>Wendy.Dyer@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 261673</small> | Community Wellbeing | 20 June 2025 | KEY Open |
| Alternative Provision Procurement Framework To approve proposals of an Alternative Provision [AP] Framework of commissioned providers to deliver alternative curriculum provision, for children who are not able to attend school and those needing additional support, increasing choice, quality and value for money. | Cabinet member children and young people 20 August 2025 | Cabinet member children and young people Jane Morse, Senior Commissioning Officer, Residential and Nursing, Jade Richards <small>Jane.Morse@herefordshire.gov.uk, jade.richards2@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260985,</small> | Children and Young People | NEW ITEM | KEY Open |
| Portfolio: community services and assets | | | | | |

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| Bromyard Employment Land and Leominster Business Hub Development To seek approval to allocate and spend the Employment Land capital budget to bring forward detailed designs and accompanying business case for the development of business space on the former Bromyard Depot site, and to establish a business hub facility on the ground floor of the Buttercross Building in Leominster. | Cabinet member community services and assets 11 July 2025 | Cabinet member community services and assets David Wright, Head of Economy and Regeneration <small>David.Wright3@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 383039</small> | Economy and Environment | 20 June 2025 | KEY Open |
| Ross Enterprise Park Phase 1; Construction Phase To approve the expenditure of up to £7.229m of allocated capital funding to progress delivery of Ross Enterprise Park (phase 1) into the next phase of construction, and to undertake procurement for a main contractor and other essential suppliers to deliver those works. | Cabinet member community services and assets 18 July 2025 | Cabinet member community services and assets David Jones, Programme Manager <small>David.Jones2@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 383320</small> | Economy and Environment | 20 June 2025 | KEY Open |

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| Play Area Investment The purpose of this report is to set out how the £1 million for Play Area Investment is proposed to be spent and to seek the necessary approvals to do so. | Cabinet member community services and assets 31 July 2025 | Cabinet member community services and assets Leigh Whitehouse, Group Manager-Streetscene, Public Rights of Way and Traffic Management leigh.whitehouse@herefordshire.gov.uk | Economy and Environment | 20 June 2025 | KEY Open |
| Retaining of the swimming pool at Peterchurch Primary School To approve the retention of and structural improvements to the swimming pool at Peterchurch Primary School | Cabinet member community services and assets 20 August 2025 | Cabinet member community services and assets Quentin Mee, Head of Educational Development Quentin.Mee@herefordshire.gov.uk | Children and Young People | 20 June 2025 | Non Key Open |
| Portfolio: economy and growth | | | | | |

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| Hereford Enterprise Zone Retained Business Rates – Herefordshire Growth Programme To approve the expenditure of the retained business rates from the Hereford Enterprise Zone, to deliver a county wide business growth, skills and inward investment programme | Cabinet member economy and growth 7 July 2025 | Cabinet member economy and growth Roger Allonby, Service Director Economy and Growth <small>Roger.Allonby@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260330</small> | Economy and Environment | 20 June 2025 | KEY Open |
| Merton Meadows Flood Alleviation - delivery of construction works To seek approval to spend the remaining £1.2 million of the £2 million Brownfield Land Release Fund grant awarded by the government for a flood alleviation scheme on the Merton Meadow sites in Hereford to enable them to be released for development. The grant funding will be utilised to deliver the physical flood alleviation works. | Cabinet member economy and growth 11 July 2025 | Cabinet member economy and growth Stephen Holland, Interim Head of Housing Development <small>stephen.holland@herefordshire.gov.uk</small> | Economy and Environment | 20 June 2025 | KEY Open |
| Portfolio: environment | | | | | |

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| <p>Wye Valley National Landscapes - acceptance of grant funding</p> <p>This report seeks approval to accept a number of confirmed and indicative funding awards, allocations and bids from National Grid, DEFRA, Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales for the future management and duties of the Wye Valley National Landscape, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). This report also seeks approval to delegate the review of the AONB Management Plan and the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding between the 4 constituent local authorities, on account of the complex nature of the cross-border designation.</p> | <p>Cabinet member environment</p> <p>9 July 2025</p> | <p>Cabinet member environment</p> <p>Ben Boswell, Head of Environment, Climate Emergency and Waste Services</p> <p>bboswell@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 261930</p> | Economy and Environment | 20 June 2025 | <p>KEY</p> <p>Open</p> |
| <p>Solar Car Ports at Plough Lane</p> <p>To approve the scoping and construction of solar car ports at Plough Lane</p> | <p>Cabinet member environment</p> <p>31 October 2025</p> | <p>Cabinet member environment</p> <p>Katie Ainsworth, Senior Project Manager, Richard Vaughan, Sustainability & Climate Change Manager, Rosanna Willmott, Sustainability and Climate Change Officer</p> <p>katie.ainsworth2@herefordshire.gov.uk, Richard.Vaughan@herefordshire.gov.uk, rosanna.willmott@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260192, Tel: 01432 261749</p> | Economy and Environment | 20 June 2025 | <p>KEY</p> <p>Open</p> |

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| Portfolio: finance and corporate services | | | | | |
| Portfolio: roads and regulatory services | | | | | |
| City and Market Town Public Realm Investment To approve the 2025/26 £1.2m City and Market Town Public Realm Investment. | Cabinet member roads and regulatory services 11 July 2025 | Cabinet member roads and regulatory services Ed Bradford, Head of Highways and Traffic <small>Edward.Bradford@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260786</small> | Economy and Environment | 20 June 2025 | KEY Open |
| Road Safety Schemes The purpose of this report is to set out how the £3.0 million for Road Safety Schemes is proposed to be spent and to seek the necessary approvals to do so. | Cabinet member transport and infrastructure 14 July 2025 | Cabinet member roads and regulatory services Ed Bradford, Head of Highways and Traffic <small>Edward.Bradford@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260786</small> | Economy and Environment | 20 June 2025 | KEY Open |
| Portfolio: transport and infrastructure | | | | | |

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| Bus Service Improvement Plan capital funding The purpose of this report is to set out how the £1.1 million of Bus Service Improvement Plan capital spend is proposed to be spent and to seek the necessary approvals to do so. | Cabinet member transport and infrastructure 11 July 2025 | Cabinet member transport and infrastructure David Land, Head of Transport and Access Services david.land@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 383484 | Economy and Environment | 20 June 2025 | KEY Open |
| Capability and Ambition Fund 2025/26 allocation The purpose of the report is to confirm what Herefordshire Council will deliver with the Capability and Ambition Fund grant | Cabinet member transport and infrastructure 11 July 2025 | Cabinet member transport and infrastructure Ffion Horton, Transport Planning Services Manager, Scott Tompkins, Delivery Director - Infrastructure, Richard Vaughan, Sustainability & Climate Change Manager ffion.horton@herefordshire.gov.uk, scott.tompkins@herefordshire.gov.uk, Richard.Vaughan@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260192 | Economy and Environment | 20 June 2025 | Non Key Open |

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| <p>Herefordshire Flood Risk Mitigation</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to set out how the £2.055 million for Herefordshire Flood Risk Mitigation is proposed to be spent and to seek the necessary approvals to do so.</p> | <p>Cabinet member transport and infrastructure</p> <p>11 July 2025</p> | <p>Cabinet member transport and infrastructure</p> <p>Steve Hodges, Directorate services team leader</p> <p><small>sthodges@herefordshire.gov.uk</small></p> <p><small>Tel: 01432 261923</small></p> | <p>Economy and Environment</p> | <p>20 June 2025</p> | <p>KEY</p> <p>Open</p> |