

# 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](http://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
Councillor Dan Hurcomb	Local Engagement & Community Resilience

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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 1 January 2026 ONWARDS

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

<b>Heading</b>	<b>Contains</b>
<b>Report title and purpose</b>	A summary of the proposal
<b>Decision Maker and Due date</b>	Who will take the decision and the date the decision is expected to be made
<b>Lead cabinet member and officer contact(s)</b>	The cabinet member with responsibility for this decision and the officers producing the decision report.
<b>Directorate</b>	The directorate of the council responsible for the decision.
<b>Date uploaded onto plan</b>	The date the decision was first uploaded and the notice period started for key decisions.
<b>Decision type, exemptions and urgency</b>	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)

<b>Hereford Western Bypass Phase One Land Acquisition CPO</b> Resolution by cabinet to acquire land for the construction of the Hereford Western Bypass Phase one project through a compulsory purchase order.	Cabinet 18 December 2025	Cabinet member transport and infrastructure  Scott Tompkins, Delivery Director - Infrastructure scott.tompkins@herefordshire.gov.uk	Economy and Environment	28 November 2025	<b>KEY</b> Open
<b>The New Public Realm Service</b> This report seeks approval to award the council's Public Realm Service contract.	Cabinet 18 December 2025	Cabinet member local engagement and community resilience  Ed Bradford, Head of Highways and Traffic Edward.Bradford@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260786	Economy and Environment	28 November 2025	<b>KEY</b> Open

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<b>Local Cycling, Walking and Wheeling Infrastructure Plan (formerly known as Local Walking Cycling Plan adoption)</b> To seek Cabinet approval for the adoption of the Local Walking and Cycling Plan	Cabinet 5 February 2026	Cabinet member transport and infrastructure  Ffion Horton, Transport Planning Services Manager <small>ffion.horton@herefordshire.gov.uk</small>	Economy and Environment	28 November 2025	<b>KEY</b> Open
<b>To re-commission the home care service framework in Herefordshire</b> To approve the proposed approach to re-commissioning the home care service framework in Herefordshire.  The current home care framework ends on 31 October 2026. This report details the intended approach to re-commission a new service from 1 November 2026, for up to ten years. This is in line with the council's statutory duty to provide home care services for those with an eligible assessed need, as set out in the Care Act 2014.	Cabinet 26 March 2026	Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing  Sharon Amery, Senior Commissioning Officer <small>sharon.amery2@herefordshire.gov.uk</small> <small>Tel: 01432 383734</small>	Community Wellbeing	28 November 2025	<b>KEY</b> Open
<b>Cabinet Member Decisions (Key and Non Key decisions)</b>					
<b>Portfolio: adults, health and wellbeing</b>					

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<b>Reprocurement of Herefordshire Independent Adult Advocacy Services</b> To approve the reprocurement of Herefordshire Independent Adult Advocacy Services, by way of an open tender process.	Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing 15 December 2025	Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing  John Burgess, Senior Commissioning Officer <small>John.Burgess3@herefordshire.gov.uk</small>	Community Wellbeing	28 November 2025	<b>KEY</b> Open
Portfolio: children and young people					

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<p><b>Children's Emergency Out of Hours Duty Team (EDT) Service</b></p> <p>To agree to the direct award, by exemption, of this contract to the incumbent service provider.</p> <p>The Emergency Duty Team (EDT) Service exists to provide an emergency responsive service for children and young people up to the age of 18, but in line with the Leaving Care Act 2000 the service is available to any care experienced young person aged up to 25.</p> <p>The service is provided when a child or young person is believed to be at risk of significant harm, and from whom delay until the next working day would be detrimental to their welfare and safety. The service ensures that they continue to be safeguarded in the immediate term.</p> <p>There is a statutory duty for local authorities to safeguard and promote the welfare of children within their area who are in need. This is Section 17(1) of the Children Act 1989.</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people</p> <p>19 December 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people</p> <p>Sam Westwood, Commissioning Officer, All Age Disability, Community Wellbeing</p> <p>Sam.Westwood@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 383097</p>	<p>Community Wellbeing</p>	<p>28 November 2025</p>	<p><b>KEY</b></p> <p>Open</p>

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<p><b>The provision of a staffed and managed overnight short breaks and outreach service children for children and young people 0-18</b></p> <p>To approve the option to commission a single Supplier, through a competitive tender exercise, to develop and deliver registered overnight short breaks service from a property owned by the council, that will incorporate an outreach service to deliver support within in the child's family home and or in the community</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people</p> <p>19 December 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people</p> <p>Sandra Griffiths, Commissioning officer</p> <p>sgriffiths3@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 383141</p>	<p>Children and Young People</p>	<p>28 November 2025</p>	<p><b>KEY</b></p> <p>Open</p>
<p><b>Herefordshire's co-ordinated school admissions arrangements 2027/2028</b></p> <p>To approve Herefordshire Council's proposed admissions arrangements for the academic year 2027/2028</p> <p>The proposed arrangements comply with the current School Admissions Code which came into force on 1 September 2021. The recommendation applies to admission arrangements determined in 2025 for admission in school year 2027/2028 for those schools in Herefordshire for whom the council is the admissions authority.</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people</p> <p>6 January 2026</p>	<p>Cabinet member children and young people</p> <p>Louise Tanner, Admissions and 14 to 19 curriculum manager</p> <p>Louise.Tanner@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432383333</p>	<p>Children and Young People</p>	<p>28 November 2025</p>	<p><b>Non Key</b></p> <p>Open</p>



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<b>Schools Budget 2026/27</b> To approve school forum's recommended budget proposals for school budgets, central school services and early years within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2026/27	Cabinet member children and young people 13 February 2026	Cabinet member children and young people  Stacey Carter, Head of Strategic Finance (deputy S151) <small>stacey.carter@herefordshire.gov.uk</small>	Corporate Support Centre	NEW ITEM	<b>KEY</b> Open
<b>Local Authority school building maintenance works 2026 - 2030</b> To approve the proposed expenditure of capital grants for the school buildings maintenance works.	Cabinet member children and young people 25 February 2026	Cabinet member children and young people  William Merriman, Sufficiency, Planning and Capital Investment Manager <small>William.Merriman2@herefordshire.gov.uk</small>	Children and Young People	28 November 2025	<b>KEY</b> Open
<b>Portfolio: community services and assets</b>					

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<b>Retaining of the swimming pool at Peterchurch Primary School</b> To approve the retention of and structural improvements to the swimming pool at Peterchurch Primary School	Cabinet member community services and assets 18 December 2025	Cabinet member community services and assets  Quentin Mee, Head of Educational Development <small>Quentin.Mee@herefordshire.gov.uk</small>	Children and Young People	28 November 2025	<b>Non Key</b> Open
<b>Portfolio: economy and growth</b>					
<b>Portfolio: environment</b>					
<b>Adoption of the Dormington &amp; Mordiford Neighbourhood Plan and the consequential updates to the countywide policies map</b> To make the revised Dormington & Mordiford neighbourhood development plan (NDP) as part of the statutory development plan for Herefordshire and approve the consequential updates to the countywide policies maps. To fulfil the legal duty to make /adopt the revised Dormington & Mordiford neighbourhood development plan and update the countywide policies map as part of the statutory development plan for Herefordshire.	Cabinet member environment 18 December 2025	Cabinet member environment  Siobhan Riddle, Acting Strategic & Neighbourhood Planning Manager <small>sriddle@herefordshire.gov.uk</small> <small>Tel: 01432 260142</small>	Economy and Environment	28 November 2025	<b>Non Key</b> Open

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<b>Solar Car Ports at Plough Lane</b> To approve the scoping and construction of solar car ports at Plough Lane	Cabinet member environment 19 December 2025	Cabinet member environment  Katie Ainsworth, Senior Project Manager, Richard Vaughan, Sustainability and Climate Change Manager, Rosanna Willmott, Sustainability and Climate Change Officer  <small>katie.ainsworth2@herefordshire.gov.uk, Richard.Vaughan@herefordshire.gov.uk, rosanna.willmott@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260192, Tel: 01432 261749</small>	Economy and Environment	28 November 2025	<b>KEY</b> Open
<b>Herefordshire Tree, Hedgerow and Woodland Strategy (H-THAWS).</b> To consider and endorse the new countywide Herefordshire Tree, Hedgerow and Woodland Strategy (H-THAWS).	Cabinet member environment 30 December 2025	Cabinet member environment  Mandy Neill, Senior Landscape Officer  <small>mandy.neill@herefordshire.gov.uk</small>	Economy and Environment	28 November 2025	<b>KEY</b> Open

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<b>Allocating the Climate and Nature Reserve Phase 2</b> To Allocate the balance of the Climate and Nature Reserve for the delivery of projects which will positively impact the climate and natural environment of Herefordshire to the benefit of all who reside in the county.	Cabinet member environment 15 January 2026	Cabinet member environment  Richard Vaughan, Sustainability and Climate Change Manager <small>Richard.Vaughan@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260192</small>	Economy and Environment	28 November 2025	<b>KEY</b> Open
<b>Adoption of Herefordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy</b> To formally adopt the Herefordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy and accept associated government grant for delivery.	Cabinet member environment 17 April 2026	Cabinet member environment  Mandy Neill, Senior Landscape Officer, Richard Vaughan, Sustainability and Climate Change Manager <small>mandy.neill@herefordshire.gov.uk, Richard.Vaughan@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260192</small>	Economy and Environment	28 November 2025	<b>KEY</b> Open
<b>Portfolio: finance and corporate services</b>					
<b>Portfolio: local engagement and community resilience</b>					

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<b>The New Public Realm Service – Depot Facilities</b> This report seeks approval to procure and undertake any necessary works to depot and other facilities as required to deliver the New Public Realm Service from 1 June 2026.	Cabinet member local engagement and community resilience 23 January 2026	Cabinet member local engagement and community resilience  Ed Bradford, Head of Highways and Traffic <small>Edward.Bradford@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260786</small>	Economy and Environment	28 November 2025	<b>KEY</b> Open
<b>Portfolio: roads and regulatory services</b>					
<b>Portfolio: transport and infrastructure</b>					

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<p><b>Capability and Ambition Fund 2025/26 allocation</b></p> <p>The purpose of the report is to confirm what Herefordshire Council will deliver with the Capability and Ambition Fund grant</p>	<p>Cabinet member transport and infrastructure</p> <p>18 December 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet member transport and infrastructure</p> <p>Ffion Horton, Transport Planning Services Manager, Scott Tompkins, Delivery Director - Infrastructure, Richard Vaughan, Sustainability and Climate Change Manager</p> <p>ffion.horton@herefordshire.gov.uk, scott.tompkins@herefordshire.gov.uk, Richard.Vaughan@herefordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Tel: 01432 260192</p>	<p>Economy and Environment</p>	<p>28 November 2025</p>	<p><b>Non Key</b></p> <p>Open</p>