

Forward Plan

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This Forward Plan supersedes all previous Forward Plans.

What is the Forward Plan?

The Forward Plan contains details of Key Decisions to be taken by The Cabinet, Cabinet Members, Chief Officers and any Committees of Cabinet including the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee. It does not include decisions to be taken by Full Council or any of the Council's other non-executive committees.

What is a Key Decision?

A Key Decision is one made in the exercise of a Cabinet function which is likely:

- a. to result in the County Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant, having regard to the County Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates;

For this purpose, "significant" shall mean an expenditure or saving of £1million or more for both revenue and capital expenditure.

or

- b. to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions in the area of the County Council

How much notice is given of forthcoming decisions?

As far as possible and in the interests of transparency, the Council will seek to provide at least 28 clear days' notice of new Key Decisions that are listed in this document. Where this is not practicable, such Key Decisions will be taken under urgency procedures as set out in the Constitution.

Notice of Intention to Conduct Business of the Cabinet in Private

Whilst the majority of the business at Cabinet meetings will be open to the public to attend, there will inevitably be some business to be considered that contains, for example, confidential, commercially sensitive or personal information as set out in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The Forward Plan entries indicate any elements of Key Decision reports which are expected to be considered by Cabinet in private along with the relevant grounds for exemption and reasons why that exemption needs to be applied (the 'Public Interest Test').

The Appendix at the end of this document contains a list of any **non-Key Decision** reports which are also due to be considered by Cabinet in private and indicates whether those reports are expected to be fully or partly exempt, along with the relevant grounds for exemption and reasons why that exemption needs to be applied (the 'Public Interest Test').

If you feel that any decisions or reports that are to be discussed in private should be considered in public, please contact Democratic Services (County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP, democratic.services@nottscc.gov.uk with your reasons. Such representations must be received no later than **14 days** before the Cabinet meeting, the item is due to be considered. This Council is required to consider any representations received as to why an item should not be taken in private and to publish its decision in advance of the decision being taken.

Cabinet Members

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| Leader | Councillor Ben Bradley MP |
| Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member – Transformation | Councillor Bruce Laughton |
| Cabinet Member – Business Management | Councillor Chris Barnfather |
| Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Public Health | Councillor Matt Barney |
| Cabinet Member – Children and Young People | Councillor Tracey Taylor |
| Cabinet Member – Communities | Councillor John Cottee |
| Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management | Councillor Keith Girling |
| Cabinet Member – Finance | Councillor Richard Jackson |
| Cabinet Member – Personnel | Councillor Gordon Wheeler |
| Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment | Councillor Neil Clarke MBE |

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Diary of meetings - [Meetings](#)

Changes since the last Forward Plan

Decisions taken

| Date Decision taken | Key Decision | Decision maker | Date of first inclusion in Forward Plan |
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| 14/11/22 | Partnership Funding Support for Homes for Ukraine | Cabinet Member – Communities | 11/10/22 |
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New items added to this Forward Plan (see below for further information)

| Key Decision | Decision maker | Department |
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| Highways Review | Cabinet | Place |

Items withdrawn from this Forward Plan

| Key Decision | Reason |
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Other changes to existing Forward Plan entries

| Key Decision | Change |
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| Decision | Extension of Rushcliffe School |
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| Date inserted into Forward Plan | 2/08/2022 |
| What is the decision to be taken | Approval to enter into a Grant Funding agreement with Spencer Academy Trust to fund an extension of Rushcliffe School |
| Who will be consulted? | The public will be consulted with as part of the planning application |
| What documents will be considered? | Report |
| The earliest date the decision can be taken | 31/08/2022 |
| Decision maker | Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management |
| For more information contact: | Neil Gamble, Neil.Gamble@nottscc.gov.uk, 0115 977 3045 |

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| Decision | Recommissioning of provider frameworks for independent specialist education placements |
| Date inserted into Forward Plan | 10/10/2022 |
| What is the decision to be taken | <p data-bbox="699 483 1241 517">Brief summary of decision to be taken</p> <p data-bbox="699 555 1377 880">The County Council has a statutory responsibility to secure school places for all children, including those whose special educational needs are assessed as being unable to be met within a mainstream school and for whom the Council is thus obliged to procure a specialist education placement within the independent / non-maintained school sector.</p> <p data-bbox="699 925 1385 1357">Since 2015, the Council has procured these placements via 2 separate frameworks – one for Independent Schools and one for Alternative Providers. These two frameworks are due to cease in 2023 and need to be replaced by new frameworks in order that the Council can continue to meet its statutory obligation to provide school places in a way that is compliant with the Council’s Financial Regulations. Approval is thus sought to go out to tender and to award the contract in line with the outcome of that exercise.</p> |
| Who will be consulted? | <p data-bbox="699 1435 1361 1648">These education placements are funded from the High Needs Block portion of the Nottinghamshire Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). The Schools Forum thus has financial oversight of the resultant annual spend on these specialist placements.</p> <p data-bbox="699 1693 1377 2011">Discussions have also taken place with neighbouring local authorities, in particular those within the D2N2 footprint with whom we jointly commission several specialist services for children and young people. In this instance, it has been agreed, as each authority recommissions its own local provider framework, that each will allow access to all for D2N2 authorities so that each Council can</p> |

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| | <p>place children across D2N2 with ‘approved providers’ under common contractual terms and conditions.</p> <p>Providers on the existing frameworks are also aware of the recommissioning exercise; in particular the Council’s wish to explore different forms of contracting, including block contracts, to ensure local capacity can be maintained at a level commensurate with the increasing demand for independent specialist placements.</p> |
| What documents will be considered? | Report |
| The earliest date the decision can be taken | 14/11/2022 |
| Decision maker | Cabinet Member – Children and Young People |
| For more information contact: | Jon Hawketts, jon.hawketts@nottsc.gov.uk, 0115 9773696 |

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| Decision | Nottinghamshire Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2022 |
| Date inserted into Forward Plan | 10 October 2022 |
| What is the decision to be taken | To seek approval of the actions / recommendations and publication of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2022. |
| Who will be consulted? | The report has been developed following engagement with Providers of Early Years Education and Childcare, Families Information Service, Parents, and the Early Years Consultation group. |
| What documents will be considered? | Report Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2022 |
| The earliest date the decision can be taken | 14/11/2022 |
| Decision maker | Cabinet Member – Children and Young People |
| For more information contact: | Mandy Stratford2, mandy.stratford2@nottscc.gov.uk, 0115 9773110 |

| Decision | Cost of Living Programmes |
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| Date inserted into Forward Plan | 10/10/22 |
| What is the decision to be taken | To propose a set of cost of living programmes to be undertaken, using Public Health Grant Reserves, as part of the whole council response to the pressures of the cost of living and financial insecurity being experienced in our communities across Nottinghamshire. |
| Who will be consulted? | Engagement has and will continue to take place across the council and with relevant external partners through the Financial Resilience Group. |
| What documents will be considered? | Report |
| The earliest date the decision can be taken | 14/11/2022 |
| Decision maker | Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Public Health |
| For more information contact: | Maggi Morris, Maggi.Morris@nottscc.gov.uk, 01159773725 |

| Decision | Youth Investment Fund |
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| Date inserted into Forward Plan | 10 October 2022 |
| What is the decision to be taken | To provide an update on the Youth Investment Fund and seek approval to submit an expression of interest to attract central government funding to enhance Youth Work Provision. |
| Who will be consulted? | No external consultation is planned |
| What documents will be considered? | Report Design plans if ready |
| The earliest date the decision can be taken | 21/11/2022 |
| Decision maker | Cabinet Member – Children and Young People and Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management |
| For more information contact: | Pom Bhogal, pom.bhogal@nottsc.gov.uk, 01159932722 |

| Decision | Green Investment Fund 2022-2023 |
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| Date inserted into Forward Plan | 25/10/22 |
| What is the decision to be taken | Report to seek approval for the Green Investment Fund projects 2022-23 |
| Who will be consulted? | No consultation is planned |
| What documents will be considered? | Report |
| The earliest date the decision can be taken | 28/11/2022 |
| Decision maker | Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment |
| For more information contact: | Mick Allen, Mick.Allen@nottsc.gov.uk, 0115 9774684 |

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| Decision | Midlands Gigahub Project |
| Date inserted into Forward Plan | 2 November 2022 |
| What is the decision to be taken | Report to seek approval to sign the grant agreement with Central Government to deliver gigabit capable full fibre infrastructure to the rural public service buildings across our region |
| Who will be consulted? | This project involves a wide range of partners and building owners and a consultation plan is being prepared to ensure effective communication at the appropriate times. |
| What documents will be considered? | Report |
| The earliest date the decision can be taken | 05/12/2022 |
| Decision maker | Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management |
| For more information contact: | Joelle Davies, Joelle.Davies@nottsc.gov.uk, 0115 9774857 |

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| Decision | Contracting capacity to support Deprivation of Liberty Safeguarding (DoLS) Duties |
| Date inserted into Forward Plan | 2/11/2022 |
| What is the decision to be taken | An existing contract for the provision of mental health assessments and Best Interest assessments, required for DoLS, expires on 31st March 2023. It had been anticipated that, by then, DoLS would have been replaced by new Liberty Protection Safeguards arrangements, but government plans are still awaited. In the interim therefore, a continuation of contracted support to deliver DoLS is required. |
| Who will be consulted? | |
| What documents will be considered? | Report |
| The earliest date the decision can be taken | 12/12/2022 |
| Decision maker | Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Public Health |
| For more information contact: | Lyn Farrow, lyn.farrow@nottsc.gov.uk, 0115 9772503 |

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| Decision | Commissioning of additional supported accommodation provision for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children |
| Date inserted into Forward Plan | 2/11/2022 |
| What is the decision to be taken | The County Council has a statutory responsibility to accommodate Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children that arrive in Nottinghamshire either through the mandatory National Transfer Scheme or those that arrive spontaneously in Nottinghamshire. A commissioning process took place last year to procure an Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children service but demand for provision currently outweighs supply and additional capacity is required. Approval is sought to go out to tender and to award the contract in line with the outcome of that exercise. |
| Who will be consulted? | The Providers of the existing block contract and interim contract are both aware of the requirement to commission additional capacity. |
| What documents will be considered? | Report |
| The earliest date the decision can be taken | 12/12/2022 |
| Decision maker | Cabinet Member – Children and Young People |
| For more information contact: | Beth Downing, Beth.Downing@nottscc.gov.uk, 0115 8041811 |

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| Decision | East Midlands Freeport Governance |
| Date inserted into Forward Plan | 26/04/2022 (last amended 1/11/2022) |
| What is the decision to be taken | Approving the final governance arrangements for the County Council involvement in the East Midlands Freeport |
| Who will be consulted? | No external consultation is planned. |
| What documents will be considered? | Report |
| The earliest date the decision can be taken | 15/12/2022 |
| Will the report be considered in public? | It is anticipated that this will be partially exempt |
| Decision maker | Cabinet |
| For more information contact: | Adrian Smith, adrian.smith@nottsc.gov.uk 0115 9773680 |

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| Decision | Review of Food On Our Doorstep (F.O.O.D.) Clubs and similar provision. |
| Date inserted into Forward Plan | 1/09/2022 (amended on 8/09/2022) |
| What is the decision to be taken | To agree the outcome of a review which aims to enable the continuation of F.O.O.D. Clubs and/or similar provision by determining the most sustainable and accessible models. |
| Who will be consulted? | Residents accessing F.O.O.D. clubs and volunteers and staff. Local community and voluntary sector organisations running F.O.O.D. Clubs and similar provision. Relevant County Council and District/Borough Councils officers. Any other relevant identified local stakeholder. |
| What documents will be considered? | Report |
| The earliest date the decision can be taken | 15/12/2022 |
| Will the report be considered in public? | Fully Public |
| Decision maker | Cabinet |
| For more information contact: | John Wilcox john.wilcox@nottscc.gov.uk Tel: 01159772937 |

| Decision | All-age Carers Strategy |
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| Date inserted into Forward Plan | 2/11/2022 |
| What is the decision to be taken | Approval of the final version of the all-age Carers Strategy that covers NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. The decision includes approval of the recommissioning of carers' support services and delegation of future commissioning and contract awards which support the Carers Strategy to the Cabinet Member and Corporate Director. |
| Who will be consulted? | The strategy has been coproduced with carers and has undergone formal public consultation April/May 2022. |
| What documents will be considered? | Report Carers Strategy 2022-2027 |
| The earliest date the decision can be taken | 15/12/2022 |
| Will the report be considered in public? | Fully Public |
| Decision maker | Cabinet |
| For more information contact: | Anna Oliver, anna.oliver@nottsc.gov.uk, 01159772535 |

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| Decision | Mental Health Act S117 - local policy update |
| Date inserted into Forward Plan | 2/11/2022 |
| What is the decision to be taken | The local implementation of this policy requires rebranding and minor amendments and update for use across the Integrated Care System. |
| Who will be consulted? | Health (ICS) partners and stakeholders, including Mental Health Trust, Staff, Healthwatch? |
| What documents will be considered? | Report Draft revised policy document. |
| The earliest date the decision can be taken | 15/12/2022 |
| Decision maker | Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Public Health |
| For more information contact: | Martyn Harris, martyn.harris@nottsc.gov.uk, 0115 9773133 |

| Decision | Highways Review |
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| Date inserted into Forward Plan | 15 November 2022 |
| What is the decision to be taken | Adoption of a revised Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan and Strategy |
| Who will be consulted? | Department for Transport and relevant officers in NCC and Via |
| What documents will be considered? | Report |
| The earliest date the decision can be taken | 15/12/2022 |
| Will the report be considered in public? | Fully Public |
| Decision maker | Cabinet |
| For more information contact: | Gary Wood, gary.wood@nottscc.gov.uk, 0115 9774270 |

APPENDIX

NON-KEY DECISIONS WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY CABINET IN PRIVATE (AS THE REPORTS WILL CONTAIN PARTLY OR FULLY EXEMPT INFORMATION)

There are no such non-Key Decisions currently.