

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

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	Councillor Jonathan Wheeler
Cabinet Member – Children and Families	Councillor Tracey Taylor
Cabinet Member – Communities and Public Health	Councillor Scott Carlton
Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management	Councillor Keith Girling
Cabinet Member – Education & Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)	Councillor Sam Smith
Cabinet Member – Finance and Resources	Councillor Richard Jackson
Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	Councillor Neil Clarke MBE

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Changes since the last Forward Plan

Decisions taken

Date Decision taken	Key Decision	Decision Maker	Date of first inclusion in Forward Plan
3/6/24	Bus Service Improvement Plan Refresh and Bus Service Investment Programme	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	2/5/24
3/6/24	SEND Programme - New Special School in Ravensdale Latest Estimated Cost	Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management	2/4/24
10/6/24	Renewal of Total Mobile Contract	Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care	8/5/24
10/6/24	Inspire Learning Annual Plan and Fees 2024-25	Cabinet Member – Communities and Public Health	11/4/24

New items added to this Forward Plan (see below for further information)

Key Decision	Decision maker	Department
Grant funding scheme for schools and childcare providers under the national Wraparound Pathfinder Scheme and capital programme for expansion of childcare places	Cabinet Member – Children and Families	Children and Families
Nottinghamshire Local Area Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Strategy 2024-2027	Cabinet	Children and Families
Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Joint Commissioning Strategy (2024-2027)	Cabinet	Children and Families
Public Health Grant Investment over the Medium Term Financial Strategy	Cabinet	Adult Social Care and Public Health
Annual Report 2023-24 (Annual Delivery Plan 2023-24)	Cabinet	Chief Executive's
Highway Update and Winter Readiness	Cabinet	Place

Items withdrawn from this Forward Plan

Key Decision	Reason	For more information contact:

Other changes to existing Forward Plan entries

Where the date on which a decision is expected to be made changes, it will be shown on the page for that item. Previous dates on which that item has been scheduled will remain visible on that page but will be struck through.

Key Decision	Change	For more information contact:

Cabinet

Decision	Catering and Facilities Management Service – Future Operating Model
Date inserted into Forward Plan	8 May 2024
What are the decisions to be taken?	To confirm Cabinet approval for the preferred approach to the future operating model for the Catering and Facilities Management Service, following the Place Select Committee review of options and agree next steps.
Who will be consulted?	A cross-party task and finish group was established by Place Select Committee to consider the current approach and alternative options. Subject to Cabinet agreeing the proposed approach, affected staff will be consulted as appropriate.
The earliest date the decision can be taken	20/6/24 25/7/24
Will the report be considered in public?	Fully Public
Decision maker	Cabinet
For more information contact	Mark Walker mark.walker@nottscc.gov.uk 0115 9772173

Decision	Arc Partnership Contract Extension
Date inserted into Forward Plan	22 February 2024 (amended 21 March 2024)
What is the decision to be taken	To seek approval to an extension to the existing Arc partnership contract.
Who will be consulted?	No one
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	25/3/24 – 4/6/24 25/7/24
Decision maker	Cabinet
For more information contact:	Neil Gamble, Neil.Gamble@nottscc.gov.uk 0115 977 3045

Decision	Highway Services Contract
Date inserted into Forward Plan	20 November 2023
What is the decision to be taken	To consider the extension of current contractual arrangements for the delivery of highways & transportation maintenance services for a further five years in accordance with the current contractual mechanisms.
Who will be consulted?	This is a contractual decision and no consultation is required.
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	21/12/23 8/2/24 28/3/24 4/7/24 25/7/24
Will the report be considered in public?	Fully Public
Decision maker	Cabinet
For more information contact:	Martin Carnaffin, martin.carnaffin@nottsc.gov.uk, 0115 9774227

Decision	Small Schools Sustainability Strategy
Date inserted into Forward Plan	8 May 2024
What is the decision to be taken	To approve the Council's Small Schools Sustainability Strategy
Who will be consulted?	A group of Headteachers' representatives from Nottinghamshire small schools through co-production workshops, the National Association of Small Schools, Education Trust Boards through consultation meetings.
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	25/7/24
Decision maker	Cabinet
For more information contact:	Karen Hughman, karen.hughman@nottscc.gov.uk, 0115 9772572

Decision	Nottinghamshire Local Area Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Strategy 2024-2027
Date inserted into Forward Plan	11 June 2024
What is the decision to be taken	To seek approval of the Nottinghamshire Local Area SEND Strategy for 2024-2027
Who will be consulted?	The SEND Strategy has been developed with the local area partnership including the active participation by children and young people with SEND and their parents and carers.
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	25/07/24
Decision maker	Cabinet
For more information contact:	Peter McConnochie Peter.McConnochie@nottscc.gov.uk 0115 805 2535

Decision	Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Joint Commissioning Strategy (2024-2027)
Date inserted into Forward Plan	11 June 2024
What is the decision to be taken	To seek approval of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Joint Commissioning Strategy (2024-2027)
Who will be consulted?	The strategy has been informed by work of the local area partnership including the active participation by children and young people with SEND and their parents and carers. The strategy details how partners intend to collaborate with service users when under taking joint commissioning in the future.
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	25/07/24
Decision maker	Cabinet
For more information contact:	Rachel Miller Rachel.miller@nottscc.gov.uk 0115 993 4371

Decision	Public Health Grant Investment over the Medium Term Financial Strategy
Date inserted into Forward Plan	11 June 2024
What is the decision to be taken	To propose key priorities and an approach for allocating the Public Health Grant and Reserves, to maximise contribution to public health outcomes (including statutory duties relating to public health) and delivery of the Council's priorities. To provide an updated forecast of the Public Health grant and Reserves for 24/25 and the period of the MTFS.
Who will be consulted?	Cabinet Member, DPH, ASCH ALT
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	25/07/24
Decision maker	Cabinet
For more information contact:	Louise Orange Louise.orange@nottsc.gov.uk 0115 8040990

Decision	Annual Report 2023-24 (Annual Delivery Plan 2023-24)
Date inserted into Forward Plan	11 June 2024
What is the decision to be taken	Approval of the Council's Annual Report covering progress against the 2023/24 Annual Delivery Plan.
Who will be consulted?	Extended Leadership Team, Corporate Leadership Team, Cabinet, Elected Members, Departmental Leads
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	25/07/24
Decision maker	Cabinet
For more information contact:	Ross Scott Ross.scott@nottsc.gov.uk 0115 9773124

Decision	Highway Update and Winter Readiness
Date inserted into Forward Plan	11/6/24
What is the decision to be taken	Approve the Council's highway service maintenance approach for Winter 24/25
Who will be consulted?	Proposed approach based on public feedback from 23/24 winter
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	25/07/24
Decision maker	Cabinet
For more information contact:	Gary Wood Gary.wood@nottscc.gov.uk 0115 9774270

Leader

No Key Decisions are scheduled to be taken by the Leader at this time.

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member – Transformation

No Key Decisions are scheduled to be taken by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member – Transformation at this time.

Cabinet Member – Business Management

No Key Decisions are scheduled to be taken by the Cabinet Member – Business Management at this time.

Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care

Decision	Distribution of the Market Sustainability Fund for 2023/24
Date inserted into Forward Plan	8 May 2024
What is the decision to be taken	<p>Approval is sought for distribution of the Council's allocation of the Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund: Workforce fund (£5,364,086). This fund was released to Local Authorities in September 2023.</p> <p>The proposals will support Adult Social Care to meet the conditions of the fund, as set by the Department of Health and Social Care, with the continued support to the external social care market.</p>
Who will be consulted?	The Social Care Market and Commissioners including the Integrated Care Board.
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	10/06/2024
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care
For more information contact:	Siana Reddish, siana.reddish@nottsc.gov.uk, 0115 9773647

Cabinet Member – Children and Families

Decision	Grant funding scheme for schools and childcare providers under the national Wraparound Pathfinder Scheme and capital programme for expansion of childcare places
Date inserted into Forward Plan	11 June 2024
What is the decision to be taken	Agree a grant funding scheme and processes for schools & childcare providers under the national Wraparound Pathfinder Scheme & capital programme for expansion of childcare places
Who will be consulted?	<p>There are no statutory requirements to consult on this decision as the funding is being made available to local authorities under set criteria and must be spent on the activities outlined in the Programme Handbooks and Memorandum of Understanding issued by the DfE.</p> <p>However, as part of the process, the Early Childhood Services will be working closely with providers to ascertain supply and demand and decisions will be made about allocations based on those findings.</p>
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	15/07/2024
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Children and Families
For more information contact:	<p>Irene Kakoullis Irene.kakoullis@nottsc.gov.uk 0115 9774431</p>

Cabinet Member – Communities and Public Health

No Key Decisions are scheduled to be taken by the Cabinet Member – Communities and Public Health at this time.

Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management

Decision	Proposed Sale of Land at Bramcote Park
Date inserted into Forward Plan	25 October 2023
What is the decision to be taken	To approve amended terms for the sale of land.
Who will be consulted?	none
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	27/11/2023 19/1/24 25/3/24 3/4/24 19/4/24 3/6/24
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management
For more information contact:	Neil Gamble, Neil.Gamble@nottscc.gov.uk, 0115 977 3045

Decision	Proposed expansion of Redhill Academy
Date inserted into Forward Plan	1 February 2024
What is the decision to be taken	To seek approval to fund school expansion to meet demand for school places.
Who will be consulted?	Ward member
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	4/3/24 25/3/24 3/4/24 19/4/24 20/5/24
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management
For more information contact:	Neil Gamble, Neil.Gamble@nottscc.gov.uk, 0115 977 3045

Decision	Sale of land at Westdale Road, Jacksdale
Date inserted into Forward Plan	16 February 2024
What is the decision to be taken	To seek approval to amended terms of sale.
Who will be consulted?	Ward member
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	25/3/24 3/4/24 19/4/24 17/6/24
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management
For more information contact:	Neil Gamble, Neil.Gamble@nottsc.gov.uk, 0115 977 3045

Decision	A614 / A6097 Major Road Network Delivery
Date inserted into Forward Plan	16 February 2024
What is the decision to be taken	To secure approval to deliver A614 / A6097 once the funding has been secured.
Who will be consulted?	Relevant portfolio holders and ward members.
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	25/3/24 20/5/24 3/6/24
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management
For more information contact:	Joelle Davies, Joelle.Davies@nottsc.gov.uk, 0115 9774857

Decision	Refurbishment of West View Children's Residential Home
Date inserted into Forward Plan	2 April 2024
What is the decision to be taken	Approval of the LEC following detailed design
Who will be consulted?	Significant consultation already undertaken with service department during design stage. Further consultation will be undertaken if required for any necessary planning consent.
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	7/5/24 3/6/24
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management
For more information contact:	Phil Berrill, phil.berrill@nottsc.gov.uk, 01159774641

Decision	School Building Improvement Programme 2024-25- Latest Estimated Costs
Date inserted into Forward Plan	16 May 2024
What is the decision to be taken	Approval of the Programme LEC following Detailed Design
Who will be consulted?	Consultation has been undertaken with the respective schools where the projects are planned.
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	17/06/2024
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management
For more information contact:	Phil Berrill, phil.berrill@nottsc.gov.uk, 0115 9774641

Decision	Planned Property Maintenance Programme 2024-25 Latest Estimated Cost
Date inserted into Forward Plan	16 May 2024
What is the decision to be taken	Approval of the construction Phase of the projects of the Planned Property Maintenance Programme
Who will be consulted?	Consultation has been undertaken with the site services officers and representatives of the services occupying the sites where the projects are planned.
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	17/06/2024
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management
For more information contact:	Phil Berrill, phil.berrill@nottscc.gov.uk, 0115 9774641

Decision	Provision of a sustainable Estates Practice service
Date inserted into Forward Plan	16 May 2024
What is the decision to be taken	To consider options for future service provision
Who will be consulted?	Options that impact on staff will be subject to formal consultation with affected staff and unions.
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	17/06/2024
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management
For more information contact:	Neil Gamble, Neil.Gamble@nottsc.gov.uk, 0115 977 3045

Cabinet Member – Education and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Decision	Changing the allocation process for delegated Additional Family Needs SEND Top-up Funding to Families of Mainstream Schools
Date inserted into Forward Plan	29 April 2024
What is the decision to be taken	To seek approval to roll out a new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Funding Tracker to all Nottinghamshire Schools from September 2024. This tool will be used to identify families of schools which are including a higher number of children with SEND and this will be reflected in the percentage of the Additional Family Needs (AFN) funding allocated to that family of schools.
Who will be consulted?	A group of school staff and Council staff from the Psychology and Inclusion services who are currently piloting the new tracking tool to support this proposed funding change
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	17/06/2024
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Education & Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
For more information contact:	Orlaith Green, Orlaith.Green@nottscc.gov.uk, 0115 9772924

Decision	Policy for the Delivery or Commissioning of Learning for Children and Young People through Education Other Than at School 2024-2028
Date inserted into Forward Plan	29 April 2024
What is the decision to be taken	To seek approval of a revised Nottinghamshire County Council Policy for the Delivery or Commissioning of Learning for Children and Young People through Education Other Than at School 2024-2028
Who will be consulted?	This was a public consultation open to Nottinghamshire residents, education professionals and other interested stakeholders.
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	17/06/2024
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Education & Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
For more information contact:	Karen Hughman, karen.hughman@nottscc.gov.uk, 0115 9772572

Decision	Elective Home Education Policy 2024
Date inserted into Forward Plan	29/4/24
What is the decision to be taken	To approve the Elective Home Education Policy 2024, which will apply to those children whose parents and carers have chosen to educate their children at home.
Who will be consulted?	There was full public consultation on the current policy which has been in place since November 2019. A proposed revised policy was reviewed by the Children and Families Select Committee and the findings from the scrutiny review were recommended for inclusion in the revised policy. The revised policy has not required any further consultation.
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	17/06/2024
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Education & Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
For more information contact:	Karen Hughman, karen.hughman@nottsc.gov.uk, 0115 9772572

Cabinet Member – Finance and Resources

No Key Decisions are scheduled to be taken by the Cabinet Member – Finance and Resources at this time.

Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment

Decision	Active Travel Fund – B6021 Kirkby Folly Road cycling improvements
Date inserted into Forward Plan	6 March 2023 (amended on 24/05/23)
What is the decision to be taken	A decision whether to proceed following consultation.
Who will be consulted?	<p>Consultation with local County Council members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online questionnaire to public • Opportunity to respond by post or telephone <p>The public consultation started on 8 December 2022 and ran until 21 December 2022.</p>
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	10/7/23 4/12/23 18/3/24 28/5/24
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment
For more information contact:	Victoria Margeson, Victoria.Margeson@nottsc.gov.uk, Contact Number 0115 977 3176

Decision	Nottinghamshire Net-Zero Framework
Date inserted into Forward Plan	29 April 2024
What is the decision to be taken	Report to approve and agree the publication of the Net-Zero Framework.
Who will be consulted?	n/a
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	28/05/2024
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment
For more information contact:	Mick Allen, Mick.Allen@nottscc.gov.uk, 0115 9774684

Decision	Zero Emission Bus Investment in Mansfield
Date inserted into Forward Plan	29 April 2024
What is the decision to be taken	To approve acceptance of Zero Emission Bus Regional Area 2 funding from DfT to support investment by Stagecoach East Midlands in electric buses and associated infrastructure in Mansfield.
Who will be consulted?	Not applicable.
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	28/05/2024
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment
For more information contact:	Elliott Mizen, elliott.mizen@nottsc.gov.uk, 0115 97 73994

Decision	NCC Capital Contribution to Newark Southern Link Road
Date inserted into Forward Plan	2 May 2024
What is the decision to be taken	Approval to release £3m contribution to Newark Southern Relief Road project funded from capital receipts.
Who will be consulted?	n/a
What documents will be considered?	Report
The earliest date the decision can be taken	17/06/2024
Decision maker	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment
For more information contact:	Joelle Davies, Joelle.Davies@nottsc.gov.uk, 01159774857

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.