

## FORWARD PLAN

### FORMAL NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN BY, AND PRIVATE MEETINGS OF, CABINET (OR OTHER EXECUTIVE DECISION-MAKING BODY OR MEMBER)

1. Notice is hereby given that 'key decisions' will be taken by the Cabinet (or any other executive decision-making body or member) in accordance with the list of items below.
2. Where a report is to be considered in private at a meeting of the Cabinet, the reasons for this are set out in the list of items below.
3. A formal notice and agenda together with reports and supporting documents for each meeting will be published on the [Worcestershire County Council Website](#) at least five working days before the date of the meeting.
4. Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of the documents submitted to the Cabinet may be obtained from Legal and Governance, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester, WR5 2NP, or the [Worcestershire County Council Website](#) or by contacting the Democratic Services Team after the agenda for the relevant meeting has been published.
5. Other documents relevant to the matters in a report may be added to those listed. All available documents will be published on the [Worcestershire County Council Website](#) with the agenda for the meeting at which they are to be considered, at least 5 clear days before the day of the meeting, or details may be requested as in paragraph 4.
6. Representations about why a report should be considered by Cabinet in public should be sent by email to the [Democratic Services Team](#) or in writing to the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester, WR5 2NP.
7. A “key decision” is one which:
  - Is in connection with the discharge of an executive function and
  - involves significant expenditure or savings having regard to the budget for the related service or function; or
  - has a significant effect on communities in two or more electoral divisions.
8. An 'executive function' is one which is the responsibility of the Leader and Cabinet.
9. An 'executive decision-making body' includes the Cabinet or a committee of it, or a joint committee of the executives of 2 or more authorities.
10. The names and details of members of the Cabinet are listed overleaf.
11. Notice of key decisions to be taken by individual Cabinet Members with Responsibility will also be included.

*Note: For transparency, this notice also includes matters to be considered by the Cabinet which are not key decisions.*

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**1 April 2026**

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All entries will be for decision by Cabinet unless otherwise indicated

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## Cabinet Member Decision

### Crisis Resilience Fund to support low-income households with heating oil costs

The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	10 April 2026
Key Decision	Yes Additional funding is being made available to support low income households with rising heating oil costs. Management information will be provided to Government on the use of the fund.
Decision Maker	Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Environment and Communities
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	It is a decision by an individual and not a meeting required to be held in public. The report is not exempt.
Documents to be submitted to the decision-maker and any consultation proposed	Report of the Strategic Director for Adults and Communities on the recommended implementation plan for the distribution of the additional Crisis Resilience Fund to support low-income households with heating oil costs.
Date Added	1 April 2026

## The Adoption of an Advertising and Sponsorship Policy

The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	21 May 2026
Key Decision	<p>Key Decision – to adopt an advertising and sponsorship policy which is appropriate to the opportunities available to the County Council and supports the Councils core activities directly or indirectly. The policy will encourage commercial relationships which do not conflict with the delivery of the Council strategic goals.</p> <p>The policy aims to provide helpful advice to prospective advertisers, key stakeholders both external and internal on what is, and is not, acceptable forms of advertising on Council property. The policy relates to advertising and sponsorship opportunities connected to the Council's assets, services, events and other activities that it has responsibility for.</p>
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member
Date Added	11 November 2025

## Proposed local delivery approach in Worcestershire for the Department of Work and Pensions Crisis and Resilience Fund (2026- 2029)

The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	21 May 2026
Key Decision	<p>Key Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To approve the proposed approach to the local delivery of the Department of Work and Pensions Crisis and Resilience Fund in Worcestershire</li> <li>b) To confirm the commitment to working alongside district councils and key partners to support households experiencing a sudden financial shock, and to invest in additional advice services to develop financial resilience.</li> </ul>
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for the Environment and Communities.
Date Added	27 March 2026

# Transformation Programme Update

Standard Information	Transformation Programme Update WCC
The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	21 May 2026
Key Decision	No To update cabinet on ongoing transformation activities and progress, including arrangements for an interim corporate directorate
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member for Strategic Delivery, Operations, Governance and Efficiency
Date Added:	27 March 2026

## Resources report – Provisional Financial Results 2025/26

The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	25 June 2026
Key Decision	No. To note and consider the outturn for 2025/26 as part of the Council's financial controls. This will include draft pre-audit statement of accounts following review by the Audit and Governance Committee on 29 May 2026.
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services
Date Added	12 March 2026

## School Organisation and Education Sufficiency update

The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	25 June 2026
Key Decision	<p>Key decisions</p> <p>Cabinet to consider updates on the progress to secure sufficiency of education provision, including progress on Worcester City Secondary, Bromsgrove High, and Foxlydiate First School.</p> <p>To request Cabinet approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To launch the Local Authority consultation as part of the Free School Presumption process, on the proposal for a new primary school and nursery in West Worcester as a result of the West Worcester Urban Expansion (WWUE) new housing, to inform the school specification and Academy Sponsor competition;</li> <li>b) To request the Department for Education (DfE) to withdraw the Free School Presumption proposal for a new Worcester City Secondary School; and</li> <li>c) of updated School Organisation delegations;</li> <li>d) of decision making for proposals for new schools and/or closures of schools.</li> </ul>
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member for Education and SEND
Date Added	27 March 2026

## Worcestershire Energy Strategy

Standard Information	Information Specific to this Decision
The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	25 June 2026
Key Decision	<p>Key decision</p> <p>Adoption of the Council's refreshed Worcestershire Energy Strategy, setting out approach to the changing energy landscape, energy security and infrastructure priorities.</p>
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Communities
Date Added	27 March 2026

## Treasury Management Annual Report 2025/26

Standard Information	Information Specific to this Decision
The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	23 July 2026
Key Decision	No. Cabinet will consider the Council's Treasury Management Annual Report and refer to full council
Decision Making Body	Council
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services
Date Added	12 March 2026

## Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 1 Financial Position 2026/27

The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	24 September 2026
Key Decision	<p>No</p> <p>To consider any report as necessary on resource matters such as finance, property or grants, including monitoring and forecasting of revenue and capital budgets for Quarter 1 (Month 3) in 2026/27.</p> <p>This may include reductions, amendments or changes in capital and / or revenue budgets and forecasts.</p>
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services
Date Added	

## Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 2 Financial Position 2026/27

The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	26 November 2026
Key Decision	<p>No</p> <p>To consider any report as necessary on resource matters such as finance, property or grants, including monitoring and forecasting of revenue and capital budgets for Quarter 2 (Month 6) in 2026/27.</p> <p>This may include reductions, amendments or changes in capital and / or revenue budgets and forecasts.</p>
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services
Date Added	12 March 2026

## Treasury Management Mid-Year Update to September 2026/27

The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	26 November 2026
Key Decision	No Cabinet will consider the Council's Treasury Management Mid-Year Update and refer to Full Council
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services
Date Added	12 March 2026

## Called in Decisions or Scrutiny Reports

Standard Information	Information Specific to this Decision
The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	Within the plan period
Key Decision	Potentially
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member
Date Added	Originally on Forward Plan (uploaded onto formal notice 10/09/12)

## Notices of Motion

Standard Information	Information Specific to this Decision
The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	Within the plan period
Key Decision	Potentially
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member
Date Added	Originally on Forward Plan (uploaded onto formal notice 10/09/12)