

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN 1 JANUARY 2026–30 APRIL 2026

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

1. This document gives 28 clear days notice of key decisions which the Executive and Individual Executive Members or Officer expect to take.
2. The document is updated as required and is available to the public on the Council's website.
3. The Executive is made up of the Executive Leader, Deputy Leader and eight Executive Members with the following portfolios:

Leader of the Council and Executive Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Corporate Programme	Councillor Jeff Brooks
Deputy Leader and Executive Portfolio Holder for Children and Family Services	Councillor Heather Codling
Adult Social Care and Public Health	Councillor Patrick Clark
Finance and Resources	Councillor Iain Cottingham
Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside	Councillor Nigel Foot
Planning and Housing	Councillor Denise Gaines
Environment and Highways	Councillor Stuart Gourley
Public Safety and Capital Projects (Built Environment)	Councillor Tom McCann
Community Engagement, Economic Development and Regeneration and Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation	Councillor Justin Pemberton
Strategy and Governance and Commercialisation	Councillor Vicky Poole

4. Key decisions are those executive decisions which are likely to result in spending or savings which are "significant" in relation to the budget for the service or function in question, or in terms of the effect on communities living or working in two or more wards or electoral divisions. All contracts above £500,000 require a key decision in accordance with the Constitution.
5. The Regulations and the Council's Constitution provide for urgent key decisions to be made, even though they have not been included in this document in accordance with General Exception and Special Urgency provisions.
6. The Forward Plan will also contain details of intended review activity by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission and its Sub-Committee(s) or another body e.g. Task Group associated with the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission.
7. Copies of the Council's Constitution and agenda and minutes for all meetings of the Council may be accessed on the Council's website.
8. For copies of reports or other documents, and for detailed information regarding specific issues to be considered by the Executive, individual Member or officer please contact the named Lead Officer for the item concerned.
9. For further details on the time of meetings and general information about the Plan please email executivecycle@westberkshire.gov.uk or by writing to the address below.

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Decision Due Date	Title	Purpose	Key Decision e.g. Yes/ No	Decision Maker e.g. Executive Individual Decision Officer decision	Consultation e.g. Members including shadow exec members	Background Papers (All Papers are available for inspection via the Lead Officer)	Lead Officer e.g report author	Report likely to be considered in private (i.e., it contains confidential or exempt information)
20 Jan 2026	Schools Funding Formula 2026/27		Yes	Portfolio Holder: Deputy Leader, Children and Family Services			Lisa Potts	Open
29 Jan 2026	Finance, Property and Procurement resource allocation		No	Executive			Shannon Coleman-Slaughter	Fully exempt Information relating to any individual.
12 Feb 2026	Children's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Task Group Recommendations		No	Executive			Steven Bow	Open
12 Feb 2026	2025/26 Performance Report Q2		No	Executive			Beatriz Teixeira	Open
12 Feb 2026	Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2026-27		Yes	Executive			Shail Vitish	Open

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12 Feb 2026	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/27		Yes	Executive			Shail Vitish	Open
12 Feb 2026	Revenue Budget 2026/27		Yes	Executive			Elizabeth Griffiths	Open
12 Feb 2026	Quarterly Financial Performance Report - Q3 of 2025/26	To report on the financial performance of the Council's revenue budgets and provide a year-end forecast.	Yes	Executive			Toby Bradley	Open
12 Feb 2026	Capital Budget 2026/27		Yes	Executive			Richard Quayle	Open
12 Feb 2026	Motion to Council - decisions following public consultation		No	Executive			Martyn Sargeant	Open

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12 Feb 2026	Westwood farm options		Yes	Executive			Mark Lewis	Open
12 Feb 2026	Review of Ethical Investment Policy Relating to the Council and Berkshire Pension Fund		No	Executive			Richard Howroyd	Open
12 Feb 2026	Standing item: Asset Disposal		No	Executive			Richard Turner	Open
12 Feb 2026	Contract for Award Under Delegated Authority from Executive		Yes	Executive			Sarah Wood	Open
27 Feb 2026	Parking Review Amendment Order No.35 (A4 Thatcham area)		No	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Neil Stacey	Open

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27 Feb 2026	Parking Review Amendment Order No. 36 (various locations)		No	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Neil Stacey	Open
13 Mar 2026	Revised UKSPF funding plan		No	Portfolio Holder: Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside			James Read	Open
13 Mar 2026	Three Year Highway Improvement Programme 2026/27 - 2028/29	To seek the approval of the Executive Member for Environment and Highways to implement the Draft Three Year Highway Improvement Programme 2026/27 - 2028/29 and proceed with the first year 2026/27 of the programme.	Yes	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways	Consultation is not formally undertaken as the programme is based on objective data from technical surveys. However, any comments received from stakeholders during the previous 12-month period are considered and all local		Andrew Reynolds	Open

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					Ward Members and Town/Parish Councils are advised of scheme details in advance of work commencing. The full programme will also be published on the Council's website.			
19 Mar 2026	Playing Pitch Strategy		Yes	Executive			Jude Thomas	Open
19 Mar 2026	Environment Strategy Annual Progress Report		Yes	Executive			Emily Ashton-Jolley	Open
19 Mar 2026	Standing item: Asset Disposal		No	Executive			Richard Turner	Open
19 Mar 2026	Oral Health		No	Executive			Steven Bow	Open

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	Needs Assessment							
19 Mar 2026	Automatic Fire Suppression Systems		Yes	Executive			Richard Turner	Open
27 Mar 2026	Parking Review Amendment Order No 37 (various locations)		No	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Alex Drysdale	Open
27 Mar 2026	2026-27 Network Management Works Programme	To seek approval of the proposed Network Management Works Programme for 2026-27.	Yes	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Neil Stacey	Open
21 May 2026	Energy Management Contract		Yes	Executive			Emily Ashton-Jolley	Open
21 May 2026	Planning Enforcement Plan	For the Executive to consider the outcome of the	Yes	Executive			Laura Callan	Open

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		Draft Planning Enforcement Plan 6 week consultation and to approve the Plan.						
21 May 2026	Standing item: Asset Disposal		No	Executive			Richard Turner	Open
2 Jul 2026	Standing item: Asset Disposal		No	Executive			Richard Turner	Open
2 Jul 2026	2025/26 Performance Report Q4		No	Executive			Beatriz Teixeira	Open
	Henwick Worthy Masterplan		Yes	Executive			Jude Thomas	Open