

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	2025/26 Performance Report Q2		No	Executive			Beatriz Teixeira	Open
12 Feb 2026	Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2026-27		Yes	Executive			Shail Vitish	Open
12 Feb 2026	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/27		Yes	Executive			Shail Vitish	Open
12 Feb 2026	Revenue Budget		Yes	Executive			Elizabeth Griffiths	Open

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	2026/27							
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	Westwood farm options		Yes	Executive			Mark Lewis	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
16 Feb 2026	Revised		No	Portfolio			James Read	Open

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	UKSPF funding plan			Holder: Community Engagement , Economic Development and Regeneration and Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation				
27 Feb 2026	Parking Review Amendment Order No.35 (A4 Thatcham area)		No	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Neil Stacey	Open
27 Feb 2026	Parking Review Amendment Order No. 36 (various locations)		No	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Neil Stacey	Open
19 Mar 2026	Children's Mental Health		No	Executive			Steven Bow	Open

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	and Emotional Wellbeing Task Group Recommendations							
19 Mar 2026	Motion to Council - decisions following public consultation		No	Executive			Martyn Sargeant	Open
19 Mar 2026	Standing item: Asset Disposal		No	Executive			Richard Turner	Open
19 Mar 2026	Oral Health Needs Assessment		No	Executive			Steven Bow	Open
19 Mar 2026	2025/26 Performance Report Q3		No	Executive			Beatriz Teixeira	Open
26 Mar 2026	Stanford Dingley Parish Design Statement	To consider adoption of the updated Stanford	No	Portfolio Holder: Planning and Housing			Paula Amorelli	Open

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	(2026)	Dingley Parish Design Statement						
27 Mar 2026	Parking Review Amendment Order No 37 (various locations)		No	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Alex Drysdale	Open
27 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 Ward Members and Town/Parish Councils are		Andrew Reynolds	Open

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					advised of scheme details in advance of work commencing. The full programme will also be published on the Council's website.			
10 Apr 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	Review of Ethical Investment Policy Relating to the Council and Berkshire Pension Fund		No	Executive			Richard Howroyd	Open
21 May 2026	Environment		Yes	Executive			Emily Ashton-	Open

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	Strategy Annual Progress Report						Jelley	
21 May 2026	All Age Autism Strategy		Yes	Executive			Hannah Cole	Open
21 May 2026	Education Outcomes		No	Executive			James Stuart	Open
21 May 2026	Playing Pitch Strategy		Yes	Executive			Jude Thomas	Open
21 May 2026	Automatic Fire Suppression Systems		Yes	Executive			Richard Turner	Open
21 May 2026	Planning Enforcement Plan	For the Executive to consider the outcome of the Draft Planning Enforcement Plan 6 week consultation and to approve the Plan.	Yes	Executive			Laura Callan	Open
21 May 2026	Care Quality	The purpose of	No	Executive			Paul Coe	Open

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	Commission Self-Assessment	<p>the report is to share the self-assessment document developed in line with the requirements of the Care Quality Commission (CQC)'s programme of Local Authority Assurance. The assurance process focuses on Adult Social Care but takes account of associated activity by other departments including Housing, Commissioning , Public Health, Human Resources and others. The development of</p>						

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		an Annual self-assessment report is a new requirement. It forms part of the 'Information Return' to be shared upon notification of an Assurance visit.						
21 May 2026	New Procurement Strategy & Think Local Social Value Policy		No	Executive			Richard Howroyd	Open
21 May 2026	Approval of the Landscaped Area Crookham Common for the Exercise of Commoners' Rights	To seek a formal resolution from the Council confirming that the area commonly referred to as the "landscaped area" on Greenham and	No	Executive			Paul Hendry	Open

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		Crookham Commons is now in a fit state for the exercise of commoners' rights, in accordance with Section 3 of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Act 2002.						
21 May 2026	Standing item: Asset Disposal		No	Executive			Richard Turner	Open
21 May 2026	Devolution of Ramsbury drive play area to Hungerford town council		No	Executive			Matt Hart	Open
28 May 2026	SACRE agreed syllabus		Yes	Individual Executive Member Decisions			James Stuart	Open
11 Jun 2026	Highways		Yes	Executive			Sarah Wood	Open

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	Term Maintenance Contract							
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
24 Sep 2026	Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report		No	Executive			Karl Davis	Open
24 Sep 2026	Early Help Response Hub Annual report		No	Executive			Georgie Hicks	Open
24 Sep 2026	Care Leaver Annual Report		No	Executive			Karl Davis	Open
24 Sep 2026	Youth Justice Annual Plan		No	Executive			Dave Wraight	Open
24 Sep 2026	West	To ensure that	Yes	Executive			Steven Bow	Open

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	Berkshire Health Visitor and School Nurse (0-19s) Recommissioning	the necessary approval processes are followed and scheduled within the required timescales						
	Henwick Worthy Masterplan		Yes	Executive			Jude Thomas	Open