

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN 1 MAY 2026–31 AUGUST 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, Commercialisation and Disabled Community Liaison	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)
21 May 2026	Children's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Task Group Recommendations		No	Executive			Steven Bow	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 Strategy Annual Progress Report		Yes	Executive			Emily Ashton-Jelley	Open
21 May 2026	Playing Pitch Strategy		Yes	Executive			Jude Thomas	Open
21 May 2026	Care Quality Commission Self-	The purpose of the report is to share the self-assessment	No	Executive			Paul Coe	Open

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	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 an Annual self-assessment report is a new						

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		requirement. It forms part of the 'Information Return' to be shared upon notification of an Assurance visit.						
	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 Crookham Commons is now in a fit state for the exercise of commoners' rights, in accordance with Section 3 of the Greenham and	No	Delegated Officer Decisions			Paul Hendry	Open

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		Crookham Commons Act 2002.						
21 May 2026	Devolution of Ramsbury drive play area to Hungerford town council		No	Executive			Matt Hart	Open
21 May 2026	Membership of the South East Regional Care Cooperative		Yes	Executive			Richard Howroyd	Open
21 May 2026	Standing item: Asset Disposal		No	Executive			Richard Turner	Open
21 May 2026	Newbury Town Centre Pedestrianisation Extension	To report on the results of the consultation carried out during the first six months of the experimental traffic regulation order	Yes	Executive			Jon Winstanley	Open

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		to extend the timing of Newbury town centre pedestrianisation, and to recommend a way forward.						
21 May 2026	Disposal of land at Bond Riverside		No	Executive			Bill Bagnell	Open
21 May 2026	Prevention Strategies Children's Services		No	Executive			AnnMarie Dodds	Open
26 May 2026	Springfield School Streets Scheme	Seeks approval to make the scheme permanent, subject to amendments including ANPR enforcement and reduced restriction times.	No	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Cheryl Evans	Open
8 Jun 2026	Crisis Resilience	To agree funding allocations to	Yes	Portfolio Holder:			Nick Caprara	Open

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	Fund	the voluntary sector		Planning and Housing				
11 Jun 2026	West Berkshire Local Plan timetable and commencement		Yes	Executive			Paula Amorelli	Open
11 Jun 2026	New Procurement Strategy & Think Local Social Value Policy		No	Executive			Richard Howroyd	Open
11 Jun 2026	All Age Autism Strategy		Yes	Executive			Hannah Cole	Open
11 Jun 2026	Highways Term Maintenance Contract		Yes	Executive			Sarah Wood	Open
11 Jun 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.						
11 Jun 2026	Asset Optimisation Plan		No	Executive			Sarah Clarke	Open
11 Jun 2026	Educational Neglect Policy & Section 19 Policy Statement		Yes	Portfolio Holder: Deputy Leader, Children and Family Services			Melissa Perry	Open
12 Jun 2026	Collection disposal request West Berkshire Museum		No	Portfolio Holder: Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside			Felicity Harrison	Open
2 Jul 2026	Council Strategy Refresh		Yes	Executive			Beatriz Teixeira	Open
2 Jul 2026	Prevention Strategy for		No	Executive			Paul Coe	Open

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	Adults and Children							
2 Jul 2026	Automatic Fire Suppression Systems		Yes	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
2 Jul 2026	Revenue and Capital Financing Performance Outturn 2025/26		Yes	Executive			Toby Bradley	Open
2 Jul 2026	Transformation Programme 2		Yes	Executive			Gabrielle Mancini	Open
2 Jul 2026	Thames Valley Spatial Development		No	Executive			Clare Lawrence	Open

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	Strategy							
2 Jul 2026	Response to the Project Management Task and Finish Group		No	Executive			Gabrielle Mancini	Open
9 Jul 2026	Home to School Transport Policy Update		Yes	Portfolio Holder: Deputy Leader, Children and Family Services			Mark Lewis	Open
31 Jul 2026	Thatcham 20mph speed limit scheme		No	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Andrew Alty	Open
31 Jul 2026	Parking Amendment39	To approve the recommendation of the results of consultation of the outcome of Parking Amendmnet 39 via ID Report	Yes	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways	Full public consultation via onstreet notices and WBC Consultation Hub Pages		Gareth Dowding	Open
31 Jul 2026	Ashmore Green, Hermit		No	Portfolio Holder:			Andrew Alty	Open

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	age,Cold Ash, Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row 20 MPH Speed Limit Scheme			Environment and Highways				
24 Sep 2026	Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report		No	Executive			Karl Davis	Open
24 Sep 2026	Adult Social Care Strategy		No	Executive			Melanie O'Rourke	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						
24 Sep 2026	2026/27 Performance Report Q1		No	Executive			Beatriz Teixeira	Open
24 Sep 2026	Revenue and Capital Performance Report Q1		Yes	Executive			Toby Bradley	Open
12 Nov 2026	Strategic Asset Management Plan		No	Executive			Brittney Marsh	Open
17 Dec 2026	Revenue and Capital Performance Report Q2		Yes	Executive			Toby Bradley	Open
17 Dec 2026	2026/27 Performance		No	Executive			Beatriz Teixeira	Open

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	Report Q2							
18 Mar 2027	Revenue and Capital Performance Report Q3		Yes	Executive			Toby Bradley	Open
	SACRE agreed syllabus		Yes	Individual Executive Member Decisions			James Stuart	Open
	Henwick Worthy Masterplan		Yes	Executive			Jude Thomas	Open
	West Berkshire Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme - 2026 update	To approve the updated West Berkshire Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme. DfT (Department for Transport) expects EP Plans and Schemes to contain minimum	Yes	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Emma Jameson, Louise Martin, Matthew Metcalfe	Open

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		standards (as set out by statutory guidance) and implement the Social Necessary Local Service measure (SNLS) as set out by the Bus Services Act 2025 by March 2027. The above is condition of future years DfT Local Bus Grant Funding from 2027/28. As part of the consultation, we may look to submit items for consideration to the Highways Improvement Group (HIG) and before final the individual decision						

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		submission.						
	West Berkshire Bus Network Accessibility Plan	To make a decision regarding publication and subsequent implementation of the West Berkshire Bus Network Accessibility Plan (BNAP). Under section 21 of Bus Services Act 2025 Local Transport Authorities are required to write and publish a Bus Network Accessibility Plan before the period of one year beginning with day on which the measure came into force. The measure came	Yes	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways	The Bus Services Act 2025 requires LTA's to consult on the network accessibility plan. Bus operators and Enhanced Partnership Forum members are aware of the requirement to have BNAP in place by 31 March 2027 and will have been consulted on the content of the plan. We will look to consult with contacts including the Learning Disability Partnership		Emma Jameson, Louise Martin, Matthew Metcalfe	Open

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		into force 1 April 2026, so LTAs must publish BNAP by 31 March 2027. This is statutory requirement for LTAs. This is being put forward as individual decision for the portfolio holder, however as part of the consultation, we may look to submit items for consideration to the Highways Improvement Group (HIG) and before final the individual decision.			Board to hear views on what should be included within in a BNAP.			