

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN

The Leader of the County Council is required to publish a forward plan setting out matters which the Leader believes will be the subject of a key decision by the Cabinet, individual Cabinet member or officer in the period covered by the Plan (the subsequent four months). The Council's Constitution states that a key decision is one that involves

- (a) expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the expenditure of the County Council's budget, namely above £500,000 per annum; or
- (b) is significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions.

As a matter of good practice, the Council's Forward Plan includes other items in addition to key decisions that are to be considered by the Cabinet/individual members. This additional information is provided to inform local residents of all matters to be considered, with the exception of issues which are dealt with under the urgency provisions. Only key decisions to be taken by officers are included.

For each decision included on the Plan the following information is provided:

- the name of the individual or body that is to make the decision and the date of the meeting or relevant time period for an officer decision
- the title of the report and decision to be considered
- groups that will be consulted prior to the decision being taken
- a list of documents that will be considered when making the decision
- the name and telephone number of the contact officer for each item.

The Plan is updated and published every month on the Council's website two weeks before the start of the period to be covered.

Meetings of the Cabinet/individual members are open to the public (with the exception of discussion regarding reports which contain exempt/confidential information). Copies of agenda and reports for meetings are available on the website in advance of meetings. Key decisions taken by officers will not be taken at a meeting – documents listed can be made available on request to the contact officer, with the exception of those which contain exempt/confidential information.

For further details on the time of meetings and general information about the Plan please contact Stuart McKeown at County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE, or telephone 01273 481583 or send an e-mail to stuart.mckeown@eastsussex.gov.uk. For further detailed information regarding specific issues to be considered by the Cabinet, individual Member or officer please contact the named contact officer for the item concerned.

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For copies of reports or other documents please contact the officer listed on the Plan or phone 01273 335274.

FORWARD PLAN – EXECUTIVE DECISIONS (including Key Decisions) –1 June 2025 TO 30 September 2025

Additional notices in relation to Key Decisions and/or private decisions are available on the [Council's website](#).

Cabinet membership:

Councillor Keith Glazier - Lead Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development
Councillor Nick Bennett – Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change
Councillor Penny di Cara – Lead Member for Economy
Councillor Claire Dowling – Lead Member for Transport and Environment
Councillor Carl Maynard – Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health
Councillor Bob Bowdler – Lead Member for Children and Families
Councillor Bob Standley – Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability

Date for Decision	Decision Taker	Decision/Key Issue	Decision to be taken wholly or partly in private (P) or Key Decision (KD)	Consultation	List of Documents to be submitted to decision maker	Contact Officer
2 Jun 2025	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	Grove Park School To determine the statutory proposal to change the designation of Grove Park School.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Gary Langford 01273 481758
2 Jun 2025	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	Response to petition regarding Home to School Transport provision To decide on the Council's response to the petition regarding Home to School Transport provision. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for the Lead Member to hear the concerns of parents who signed the petition regarding the withdrawal of bus			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Jo Miles 01273 481911

		passes for some children attending Chailey School.				
3 Jun 2025	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	Petition - Divest from Israel and stop support for genocide To decide on the response to the petition calling on the County Council to divest the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), and end procurement contracts, with companies enabling Israel's grave violations of Palestinian rights.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ian Gutsell, Ros Parker 01273 481399, 01273 481412
4 Jun 2025	Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health	Proposed consultation in relation to the future of the Circle Room Young persons Sexual Health clinic in Lewes To seek approval from the Lead Member to carry out a targeted consultation about a proposal to close the Circle Room Young Persons Sexual Health clinic session at the end of the current contract, which is due to end on 31 March 2026. The Circle Room currently offers a three-hour drop-in sexual and reproductive health clinic once per week in Lewes.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Tony Proom 01273 335252
10 Jun 2025	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	CIPFA: Financial Resilience and Governance Review To approve commissioning Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) to undertake a financial resilience and governance review. This would be required should the Council need to seek Exceptional Financial Support to enable the balanced 2026/27 budget to be set.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ian Gutsell 01273 481399

16 Jun 2025	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	<p>Petition: Installation of pedestrian crossing and a 20mph speed limit in Mill Road, Hailsham</p> <p>To consider a petition to install a pedestrian crossing outside Lion House Park and a 20mph speed limit on the approaches to Lion House Park, in Mill Road, Hailsham.</p>			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Clare Akehurst 0345 60 80 193
16 Jun 2025	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	<p>Transport and Works Act Agreement - Rother Valley Railway</p> <p>In May 2023, the Secretary of State for Transport made the Transport and Works Act Order to enable the completion of the Rother Valley Railway (Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction). Some of the works to reinstate the railway will need to take place on adopted public highway that the County Council manages and maintains. Ordinarily, these works would be permitted under Section 278 of the Highway Act, which officers have delegated authority to negotiate and agree. However, due to the unusual nature of this project, the works will need to be agreed through a Transport and Works Act Agreement, which no delegated authority exists for officers to agree to. The report to Lead Member will be to seek authority for a Transport and Works Act Agreement to be agreed and signed with Rother Valley Railway.</p>		Full public consultation was undertaken on the proposed Transport and Works Act Order.	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Mark Weston 01273 482242

24 Jun 2025	Cabinet	Council Monitoring: Quarter 4 2024/25 - Year end To consider the Council Monitoring report for the fourth quarter of 2024/25 as part of the Council's Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources process.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Victoria Beard 07894 708914
24 Jun 2025	Cabinet	Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) - State of the County To consider the State of the County report and begin the Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources process for 2026/27 and beyond.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Victoria Beard 07894 708914
June 2025	Chief Operating Officer	Former Broad Oak Primary School (main site only) - Disposal of Freehold Approval by the Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change was given on 19 November 2024 to formally declare the site to be surplus to the Council's operational requirements and for it to be disposed of. Authority was delegated to the Chief Operating Officer to approve the final sale terms. The site has been marketed on the open market and the Chief Operating Officer will approve the sale terms.	P KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Rebecca Lewis 07955 312371
7 Jul 2025	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	East Sussex Fair Access Protocol 2025 To approve the East Sussex Fair Access Protocol 2025 document		All Headteachers, Principals, Chief Executive Officers and Executive Headteachers have been consulted.	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Sarah Speedie 07879 117603

7 Jul 2025	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	<p>Chailey St Peter's Church of England Primary School - Consultation on Specialist Facility</p> <p>To report on the outcome of a consultation to establish a specialist facility with a designation of Autistic Spectrum Disorder at Chailey St Peter's CE Primary School.</p>		<p>A consultation with key stakeholders, including the school community, commenced on 25 April and runs until 23 May 2025.</p> <p>A summary of consultation responses will be included in the report.</p>	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Gary Langford <i>01273 481758</i>
8 Jul 2025	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	<p>County Hall Campus - asset review update</p> <p>This report provides an update on the County Hall campus asset review following the Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change decision on 15 October 2024, which included a resolution agreeing that an update report will be considered in July 2025.</p>	<p>P</p> <p>KD</p>		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Nigel Brown <i>07394 410630</i>
15 Jul 2025	Cabinet	<p>24/25 Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion</p> <p>To note the Internal Audit Service's Opinion on the Council's control environment.</p>			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Nigel Chilcott <i>01273 481992</i>

15 Jul 2025	Cabinet	The future of the Linden Court Day Service for people with a learning disability. To consider the future of Linden Court following the call-in on the Cabinet decision.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Richard Lewis 01273 337765
21 Jul 2025	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Strategic Highways Policies and Plans - Update and Approvals As part of best practice, the Contracts Management Group for the East Sussex Highways contract is conducting a comprehensive review of East Sussex County Council's strategic highways plans and policies to create a consistent, long-term approach to asset management. The Lead Member will consider proposed updates to key documents—including the Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy - and consider introducing new policies on Commuted Sums and Winter Service. These updates align with Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) objectives, address identified policy gaps and reflect current best practice and government expectations linked to future funding.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Rosslyn Mills 01273 336337
July 2025	Chief Operating Officer	Sandbanks, Hailsham - Disposal of Freehold The Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change declared the property to be surplus on 22 April 2025 and approved the disposal of it. Authority was delegated to the Chief Operating Officer to agree detailed terms with the preferred purchaser at a later date. The property has been marketed on the open market and the Chief Operating Officer will consider the offers made and decide on sale terms.	P KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Rebecca Lewis 07955 312371

8 Sep 2025	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	The East Sussex Freight Strategy 2025 - 2050 To consider responses from the key stakeholder and public consultations on the draft East Sussex Freight Strategy, alongside seeking approval of this as a supporting document to the East Sussex Local Transport Plan 4.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Lisa Simmonds <i>03456 080190</i>
8 Sep 2025	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	The East Sussex Rail Strategy 2025 - 2050 To consider responses from the key stakeholder and public consultations on the draft East Sussex Rail Strategy, alongside seeking approval of this as a supporting document to the East Sussex Local Transport Plan 4.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Lisa Simmonds <i>03456 080190</i>
September 2025	Director of Adult Social Care and Health	Contract Award - Adult Drug and Treatment Services To decide of the outcome of the commissioning process to award the contract for the Adult Drug and Treatment Services.	P KD	The following have been consulted: A range of professional stakeholders, those who use or have used the existing service in the past, those who do not use the service, those who care for people use or have used the existing service and the wider community.	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Caz Kearton-Evans <i>07879 117579</i>