

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 Hannah Matthews at County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE, or telephone 01273 335138 or send an e-mail to hannah.matthews@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 335089.

FORWARD PLAN – EXECUTIVE DECISIONS (including Key Decisions) –1 October 2025 to 31 January 2026

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
6 Oct 2025	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	Chailey St Peter's Church of England Primary School To make a final decision on the proposal to establish a specialist facility with a designation of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at Chailey St Peter's CE Primary School.		Consultation was undertaken with the school community and other interested parties between 25 April and 23 May 2025. A statutory proposal, to be published in July 2025, provides	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Gary Langford 01273 481758

				interested parties with a further opportunity to comment on, or object to, the proposal.		
14 Oct 2025	Lead Member for Economy	<p>Endorsement of the Get Sussex Working Plan</p> <p>The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has requested that the council develops a 'Get Sussex Working Plan' for the period 2025-2035, outlining priorities and actions for moving East Sussex towards an employment rate of 80%. The plan must be co-produced and endorsed by West Sussex County Council and Brighton and Hove City Council, and must also be endorsed by the Integrated Care Board for Sussex and the South-East Regional Area Team for the DWP, prior to being sent to the Minister for Employment for final approval. It will be taken forward initially by the 3 upper tier authorities and then under the remit of the proposed new Mayoral Combined County Authority.</p>	KD	Over 100 local stakeholders from across Sussex have informed the plan through surveys, stakeholder consultation exercises and user voice exercises. Skills and Employment East Sussex have had the opportunity to review the report and implementation plan.	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Holly Aquilina 01323 463538
20 Oct 2025	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	<p>Petition: Installation of a pedestrian crossing and a 20mph speed limit in Lewes Road, Newhaven</p> <p>To consider a petition to install a pedestrian crossing and a 20mph speed limit between Lawes Avenue and Robinson Road, in Lewes Road, Newhaven.</p>			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Clare Akehurst 0345 60 80 193

20 Oct 2025	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Authorisation to carry out public consultation regarding the proposed introduction of parking charges at Broomhill Sands Car Park, Camber Authorisation is being sought to carry out a public consultation in relation to the proposed introduction of parking charges at Broomhill Sands Car Park, Camber.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Andrew Le Gresley 0345 6080193
20 Oct 2025	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Community Match schemes 2025 To consider agreement that 50% match funding is allocated towards applicants that have applied for match funding through the Community Match programme 2025/26.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Victoria Rojanachotikul 03456 080193
21 Oct 2025	Cabinet	Devolution: Consent to the establishment of a Mayoral Strategic Authority for Sussex Government has confirmed the statutory tests for a Mayoral Strategic Authority for Sussex have been met and that it intends to proceed with its establishment. Cabinet is asked whether to provide consent to the laying of the Statutory Instrument in Parliament by which the Mayoral Strategic Authority will be established with the Council becoming a Constituent Authority.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Philip Baker 01273 481564
21 Oct 2025	Cabinet	Care Quality Commission Assessment of Adult Social Care To inform Cabinet of the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection outcome and agree that the CQC Reference Group, a sub-group of the People Scrutiny Committee, should monitor and review the			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Frood Radford 07552 289 413

		development and implementation of departmental actions in response to the CQC report.				
21 Oct 2025	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	Lewes Road, Newhaven - Decision regarding the grant of a 99- year substation lease The Lead Member is to consider approval to grant a new 99-year lease for a substation. The substation is required to service the waste collection site.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Rebecca Lewis 07955 312371
December 2025	Chief Operating Officer	Site 6, Eastbourne - Disposal of Long Leasehold Interest On 14 January 2025, the Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change declared Site 6, Eastbourne (the property) to be surplus and approved the disposal of it. Authority was delegated to the Chief Operating Officer to agree the terms of sale, jointly with Eastbourne Borough Council. The property has been marketed on the open market. The Chief Operating Officer will consider the offers made.	KD P		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Rebecca Lewis 07955 312371
Between 20 Oct 2025 and 31 Oct 2025	Director of Children's Services	Contract award from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 for the Early Help Partnership Procurement 0- 5 Years Health Visiting Service and Early Help Services (Healthy Child Programme) To award a contract from 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027 for the Healthy Child Programme services funded from the ring-fenced Public Health Grant, comprising:	KD P		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Alison Amstutz 01273 335009

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 to 5 Health Visiting Service provided by East Sussex Healthcare Trust - total value for a 1+1-year contract is £15,358,626. • Early Help Services provided by East Sussex County Council Children's Services - total value for a 1+1-year contract is £1,783,000. <p>There is potentially a small amount of additional funding from the ICB Better Care Fund to support the 0 to 5 Health Visiting Service. This contract falls under the Provider Selection Regime.</p>				
October 2025	Director of Adult Social Care and Health	<p>Contract Award - Adult Drug and Treatment Services</p> <p>To decide of the outcome of the commissioning process to award the contract for the Adult Drug and Treatment Services.</p>	<p>KD</p> <p>P</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Report, other documents may also be submitted</p>	<p>Caz Kearton-Evans 07879 117579</p>

November 2025	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport	East Sussex on-street electric vehicle chargepoint contract award Award of contract, following the conclusion of a procurement process, of an operator to install and manage on-street electric vehicle charge points on the road network in East Sussex.	KD P		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ian Glover 01273 336389
3 Nov 2025	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	Admission arrangements for East Sussex schools 2027-28- permission to consult To seek Lead Member approval to consult on the proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for the 2027-28 academic year.	KD	Public consultation to be published on website.	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Jo Miles 01273 481911
10 Nov 2025	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Proposed relocation of Hastings Register Office To consider the proposal to relocate the Hastings Register Office for births, deaths, and marriages.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Nick Skelton 01273 482994
10 Nov 2025	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Installation of Fire Suppression Systems at Waste Transfer Stations To seek Lead Member approval to fund the installation of fire suppression systems at Maresfield and Pebsham waste transfer stations. This is to reduce the likelihood of a fire causing damage and disruption at both facilities, and reduce the consequent impact that the loss of either facility would have on waste collection and disposal services in East Sussex.	KD P		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Justin Foster 01273 335805

11 Nov 2025	Cabinet	<p>RPPR Update - 2026/27 next steps and Medium Term Financial Plan</p> <p>To consider an update on the reconciling policy, performance and resources (RPPR) process for 2026/27, the next steps and the medium term financial plan.</p>	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Victoria Beard 07894 708914
28 Nov 2025	Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health	<p>Proposal to introduce admin fees for adults who fully fund care and support arranged by East Sussex County Council</p> <p>To consider the outcome of the public consultation on the proposed implementation of admin fees for adults who fully fund their care. This would apply to adults who have been financially assessed as having sufficient capital to be able to pay for their care themselves, under section 17 of the Care Act, and have requested that ESCC set up care on their behalf. The proposed fees would offset set-up costs and invoicing charges that the Council incurs when setting up this care.</p>	KD	<p>A public consultation will be undertaken for this proposal (running from May-July). The 2400 individuals who could be impacted were contacted directly. The survey is available publicly online and will be promoted through local networks and the council social media channels. Feedback from this consultation will be used to inform the final proposal. This proposal has the potential to impact individuals</p>	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ben Baker, Sonny Butler 01273 482830

				cross all wards, as adults who fully fund their care live countywide.		
November 2025	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport	Award of construction contract for the Exceat Bridge replacement scheme Following the procurement process under the Hampshire Gen5 framework, which allowed 6 suppliers to submit bids for the construction of the new bridge, the Exceat Bridge Replacement Project Board will review the bid evaluations and provide a recommendation to the Director of Communities, Economy, and Transport to make the final contract award decision.	KD P		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Karl Taylor 01273 482207
3 Dec 2025	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	School Organisation Plan 2025 to 2029 To seek Lead Member approval to publish a School Organisation Plan for the period 2025 to 2029. The School Organisation Plan sets out how East Sussex County Council (the local authority), in accordance with its statutory duty, seeks to ensure there are sufficient primary, secondary, and special school places in the right locations to meet demand.		Schools, academy trusts and local diocesan education services are being consulted on the draft plan prior to Lead Member approval being sought to publish the plan.	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Gary Langford 01273 481758
5 Dec 2025	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	Phoenix Centre, Lewes - Decision regarding the grant of a new lease On 12 August 2025, the Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change agreed that the property be let in accordance with s123	P		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Rebecca Lewis 07955 312371

		of the Local Government Act 1972. Following a marketing period, the Lead Member will consider offers made and the analysis. A decision will be made regarding the organisation that is to take a lease on the property.				
8 Dec 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>
8 Dec 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>
9 Dec 2025	Cabinet	Council Monitoring Quarter 2 To consider the Council Monitoring report for the second quarter of the financial year 2025/26 as part of the Council's Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) budget monitoring process.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Victoria Beard <i>07894 708914</i>
9 Dec 2025	Cabinet	Annual Report of Looked After Children To consider the annual report of the Looked After Children	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Sally Carnie <i>01323 747194</i>

9 Dec 2025	Cabinet	Treasury Management Annual Report and Mid-Year Report 2025 To consider a report on the review of Treasury Management performance for 2024/25 and the outturn for the first six months of 2025/26, including the economic factors effecting performance, the Prudential Indicators and compliance with the limits set within the Treasury Management Strategy.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ian Gutsell 01273 481399
16 Dec 2025	Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health	East Sussex Housing Partnership Strategy To approve a draft strategy which has been developed by East Sussex Housing Partnership. The strategy sets out a vision and priority areas of work for the local housing sector.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Michael Courts 01273 336034
16 Dec 2025	Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health	Circle Room Young Persons Sexual Health clinic, Lewes - consultation outcome To consider the feedback from the consultation in relation to the future of the Circle Room Young Persons Sexual Health clinic in Lewes and to make a decision in relation to next steps.	KD	Circle Room's service users (young people aged up to 25 years old)	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Tony Proom 01273 335252
19 Jan 2026	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Local Nature Recovery Strategy The County Council has a statutory duty to prepare a Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for the county, including the administrative area of Brighton & Hove City Council. The report will be to seek Lead Member approval for the final LNRS, as well	KD	The Local Nature Recovery Strategy has been developed through significant consultation with	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Kate Cole 01273 481621

		as the necessary statutory stages that lead to publication of the final LNRS.		a large range and number of stakeholders. Ahead of the Lead Member decision, a draft Strategy will have been subject to a 6-8 week period of public consultation.		
27 Jan 2026	Cabinet	Treasury Management Strategy 2026/27 To consider the Treasury Management Strategy for 2026/27. This includes setting the Prudential Code and approving the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2025/26	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ian Gutsell 01273 481399
27 Jan 2026	Cabinet	Ashdown Forest Conservators 2024-25 Outturn report Approval is required to agree the funding of the operational deficit on the Core Budget, as per the Ashdown Forest Act.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Andy Fowler 01273 481774
27 Jan 2026	Cabinet	Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR): Draft Council Plan 2026/27, Revenue Budget and Capital Programme To ask Cabinet to approve the draft Council Plan, Council Tax levels, Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for 2026/27 for recommendation to the County Council (including Savings Proposals, Equality	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Claire Lee 07523 930526

		Impact Assessment, Engagement and Scrutiny feedback).				
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