

## 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](mailto: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 April 2026 to 31 July 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
9 Apr 2026	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	Post-16 Transport Policy Statement 2026-2027 Approve the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement for the 2026-27 academic year following the required consultation.	<b>KD</b>	Public consultation between 27/2//26 – 30/3/26 Areas - All Areas Audiences – Any interested parties Interests - Children and young people, Learning disability or difficulty, Support for parents, carers and young people, Public Transport	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ian Crudge 03003 309472

21 Apr 2026	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	Outcome of Orbis Staff Consultation To consider the outcome of the Orbis Staff consultation and how Orbis services will be structured.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ros Parker 01273 481412
Between 22 Apr 2026 and 30 Apr 2026	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport	Transport for the South East - Technical Call-off Contract Extension - Implicit Modification To consider a 12-month term extension for the Transport for the South East technical call off contract and increase its value by £2m. The technical call off contracted was procured in July 2023 with an initial contract period of 2 years with an “allowed for modification” option to extend to a third year with an initial value of up to £4m and a further £2m additional value subject to funding. The Transport for the South East Partnership Board approved the allowed for extension in January 2025, therefore the contract currently runs from 24 July 2023 – 31 July 2026, with a value of £4m. As Transport for the South East’s requirements for technical support beyond April 2027 are uncertain, the extension of the current contract will ensure continued support to Local Transport Authorities at a time of great change, providing continuity and consistency.	<b>P KD</b>		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Lewis Milligan, Sarah Valentine 03003 309574,
April 2026	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport	Award of the Services Agreement contract for the processing and disposal of dry mixed recyclables The current Services Agreement for the processing and disposal of dry mixed recyclables expires on 28 June 2026. The	<b>P KD</b>		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Laura Tafa 07919 298462

		decision is to award the contract to the successful bidder following a competitive open tender process under the Procurement Regulations 2023 for a 10 year contract (5 plus 3 plus 2).				
April 2026	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport	<p>Modification of the Integrated Waste Management Services Contract (IWMSC) with Veolia to include tipping point services for the handling of dry mixed recyclables (DMR)</p> <p>The current contractual arrangement for the tipping and handling of DMR at local tipping points in East Sussex expires on 28 June 2026. A deed of variation is being drafted to continue to provide this service through the Integrated Waste Management Services Contract (IWMSC). The decision is to consider modification of the IWMCS with Veolia to include tipping point services for the handling of DMR.</p>	<b>P KD</b>		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Laura Tafa 07919 298462
12 Jun 2026	Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health	<p>Changes to the process for disability-related expenditure within non-residential financial assessments</p> <p>To approve changes to the East Sussex County Council's disability-related expenditure process, to ensure all adults have an appropriate allowance for disability-related expenditure and allow the Council to reduce risk and comply with legal advice. If agreed, the changes would apply in new assessments from August 2026 and be applied to existing financial assessments as part of the annual review process, planned to begin in summer 2026.</p>	<b>KD</b>		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ben Baker 07923 382464

22 Jun 2026	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	East Sussex Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2026-36: Public Consultation To consider the draft East Sussex Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2026 – 2036 and authorise public consultation on the draft strategy to commence.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Natalie Jamfield 01273 481409
30 Jun 2026	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 2027/28 and beyond.	<b>KD</b>		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Victoria Beard 07894 708914
30 Jun 2026	Cabinet	Council Monitoring Quarter 4 To consider the Council Monitoring report for the fourth quarter of the financial year 2025/26 as part of the Council's Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) budget monitoring process.	<b>KD</b>		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Victoria Beard 07894 708914
30 Jun 2026	Cabinet	A22 Major Road Network Corridor Package - Full business case and construction contract procurement To seek Cabinet approval to delegate to the Director for Communities, Economy and Transport, in discussion with the County's Section 151 Officer, to submit the full business case to the Department for Transport in relation to the A22 Major Road Network Corridor Package to secure Government funding towards the delivery of the scheme. In addition, Cabinet will consider whether to delegate approval to	<b>KD</b>		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Jon Wheeler, Rebecca Newby 01273 482212, 01273 336434

		the Director for Communities, Economy and Transport, to contract the construction of the scheme following Department for Transport approval of the full business case.				
June 2026	Chief Operating Officer	<p>Heathfield Community College Special Educational Needs Expansion Works Contract 2026</p> <p>Following a competitive procurement process and the reviewing of bids, a decision is required to enter into a building contract with a contractor to enable expansion of Heathfield Community College's existing specialist facility from 12 places to 20 places.</p> <p>The developments comprises internal modifications and a small extension. The works are expected to commence during the school summer holiday and complete during the Autumn of 2026.</p>	<b>P KD</b>		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Christian Williams 01273 481659
June 2026	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport	<p>Hastings Town Centre Public Realm and Green Connections Construction Procurement</p> <p>To award the contract for the construction of Hastings Town Centre Public Realm and Green Connections following a competitive tender process. The tender will be advertised via the Hampshire Gen 5 Framework early 2026. This decision was delegated by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport at a decision-making meeting on 10 November 2025.</p>	<b>P KD</b>		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ellie McDaniel 01273 335464