

FORWARD PLAN

FORMAL NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN BY, AND PRIVATE MEETINGS OF, CABINET (OR OTHER EXECUTIVE DECISION-MAKING BODY OR MEMBER)

1. Notice is hereby given that 'key decisions' will be taken by the Cabinet (or any other executive decision-making body or member) in accordance with the list of items below.
2. Where a report is to be considered in private at a meeting of the Cabinet, the reasons for this are set out in the list of items below.
3. A formal notice and agenda together with reports and supporting documents for each meeting will be published on the [Worcestershire County Council Website](#) at least five working days before the date of the meeting.
4. Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of the documents submitted to the Cabinet may be obtained from Legal and Governance, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester, WR5 2NP, or the [Worcestershire County Council Website](#) or by contacting the Democratic Services Team after the agenda for the relevant meeting has been published.
5. Other documents relevant to the matters in a report may be added to those listed. All available documents will be published on the [Worcestershire County Council Website](#) with the agenda for the meeting at which they are to be considered, at least 5 clear days before the day of the meeting, or details may be requested as in paragraph 4.
6. Representations about why a report should be considered by Cabinet in public should be sent by email to the [Democratic Services Team](#) or in writing to the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester, WR5 2NP.
7. A "key decision" is one which:
 - Is in connection with the discharge of an executive function and
 - involves significant expenditure or savings having regard to the budget for the related service or function; or
 - has a significant effect on communities in two or more electoral divisions.
8. An 'executive function' is one which is the responsibility of the Leader and Cabinet.
9. An 'executive decision-making body' includes the Cabinet or a committee of it, or a joint committee of the executives of 2 or more authorities.
10. The names and details of members of the Cabinet are listed overleaf.
11. Notice of key decisions to be taken by individual Cabinet Members with Responsibility will also be included.

Note: For transparency, this notice also includes matters to be considered by the Cabinet which are not key decisions.

Hazel Best, Assistant Director for Legal and Governance, Worcestershire County Council
19 August 2025

Names and details of Members of the Cabinet

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Cllr Rob Wharton	With Responsibility for Finance and Efficiency	C/o County Hall, Spetchley Road Worcester WR5 2NP Email: rwharton@worcestershire.gov.uk

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Cabinet Member Decision

The Future use of Vale Lodge: Consideration of Public Consultation

The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	22 September 2025
Key Decision	• This decision is connected to a statutory function that is the duty under the Children Act 1989 to make such arrangements as it considers appropriate for securing accommodation for looked after children. • The decision is being considered due to challenges in staffing this provision and the suitability of matching small groups of children together who have challenging and complex needs to have these needs met together through a single provision. • This decision does relate to significant saving by addressing change to make provision more cost effective. • The purpose of this report is for the Lead Member for Children' Services to consider the outcome of the public consultation carried out between 19 March 2025 and the 30 April 2025 in relation to the future use of Vale Lodge Children's Home, Evesham.
Decision Maker	Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Cllr Justin Bowen
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Not applicable. It is a decision by an individual and not a meeting required to be held in public. This decision was delegated by the Leader on 10 March 2025

Documents to be submitted to the decision-maker and any consultation proposed	Report of the Director of Children's Services. Report to include the findings from the public consultation The relevant Equality impact assessment made
Date Added	23 July 2025

Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 1 Financial Position 2025/26

The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	25 September 2025
Key Decision	No To consider any report as necessary on resource matters such as finance, property or grants, including monitoring and forecasting of revenue and capital budgets for Quarter 1 (Month 3) in 2025-26. This may include reductions, amendments or changes in capital and / or revenue budgets and forecasts.
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency
Date Added	3 July 2025

Get Worcestershire Working Strategy

The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	25 September 2025
Key Decision	Yes - To approve Get Worcestershire Working Strategy which contributes to delivery of Get Britain Working White Paper.
Decision Maker	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-maker and any consultation proposed	Get Worcestershire Working: 10-Year Strategy and 2-Year Delivery Plan This strategy has been developed through extensive engagement with key stakeholders, including the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), the NHS, further and higher education providers, employers, the voluntary and community sector (VCS), housing organisations, and local employability providers currently happening across Worcestershire. As a system-wide initiative, the plan will require formal approval from both the Department for Work and Pensions and the Integrated Care Board, in addition to Cabinet, before submission to the Government. The strategy is designed to support Worcestershire residents in returning to work—whether from unemployment or economic inactivity—and to help individuals progress within employment. It will prioritise key areas of focus, undertake a comprehensive review of the current employability system, and address local challenges with practical, place-based solutions.

	The plan will be informed by robust data analysis and will consider cross-cutting issues such as transport barriers and health inequalities. It aims to align with other strategic agendas and identify clear local investment priorities for Government. The approach will be both ambitious and grounded in the realities of Worcestershire's unique context.
Date Added	3 July 2025

West Midlands Regional Safe Centre

Standard Information	Information Specific to this Decision
The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	23 October 2025
Key Decision	Yes. Cabinet will consider the business case for the West Midlands Safe Centre which will be the first regionally owned secure children's home in the country, providing 20 secure welfare beds and high-quality care, health and education to local children, saving local authorities on high-cost private care placements and reducing the use and cost of unregulated provision.
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public, however Appendix 1 (Safe Centre Business Case) is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following Paragraphs of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 (3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member for Childrens and Families
Date Added	23 July 2025

Adult Social Care – Local Account 2024-25

Standard Information	Information Specific to this Decision
The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	20 November 2025
Key Decision	No. To note and endorse the Local Account for Worcestershire Adult Social Care for 2024/25.
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Local Account Report for Worcestershire 2023-2024
Date Added	23 July 2025

Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 2 Financial Position 2025/26

The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	20 November 2025
Key Decision	No To consider any report as necessary on resource matters such as finance, property or grants, including the monitoring and forecasting of revenue and capital budgets for Quarter 2 in 2025-26. This may include reductions, amendments or changes in capital and / or revenue budgets and forecasts.
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency
Date Added	3 July 2025

Draft Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2026/27

Standard Information	Information Specific to this Decision
The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	8 January 2026
Key Decision	No To approve consultation on the council Draft Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan for 2026/27
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency
Date Added	3 July 2025

Final Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2026/27

Standard Information	Information Specific to this Decision
The expected date of the decision or period within which the decision is to be taken	5 February 2026
Key Decision	No To approve the Council's Final Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan for 2026/27
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency Published consultation material.
Date Added	3 July 2025

Called in Decisions or Scrutiny Reports

Standard Information	Information Specific to this Decision
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Key Decision	Potentially
Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member
Date Added	Originally on Forward Plan (uploaded onto formal notice 10/09/12)

Notices of Motion

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Decision Making Body	Cabinet
Report to be considered in public or private (if private give reason as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Public
Documents to be submitted to the decision-making body and any consultation proposed	Report of the Cabinet Member
Date Added	Originally on Forward Plan (uploaded onto formal notice 10/09/12)