



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN
INCORPORATING NOTICE OF DECISIONS PROPOSED TO BE TAKEN IN PRIVATE SESSION AND NOTICE
OF INTENTION TO MAKE A KEY DECISION**

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The Forward Plan

By virtue of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, local authorities are required to publish a notice setting out the key executive decisions that will be taken at least 28 days before such decisions are to be taken. The Regulations also require notice to be given of any matter where it is proposed that the public will be excluded during consideration of the matter.

This Forward Plan incorporates both of these requirements. In the interests of transparency, it also aims to include details of those items to be debated by the Cabinet that relate to either policy/budget formulation, matters which will be subject to a recommendation to the Council, and other matters due to be considered by the Cabinet. This programme covers a period of four months, and will be updated on a monthly basis. The timings of items may be subject to change.

It should be noted that although a date not less than 28 clear days after the date of the notice is given in each case, it is possible that matters may be rescheduled to a date which is different from that given provided, in the cases of key decisions and matters to be considered in private, that the 28 day notice has been given. In this regard, please note that agendas and reports for Meetings of the Cabinet are made available on the [Council's Web Site](#) – five working days in advance of the Meeting in question. Please also note that the agendas for Meetings of the Cabinet will also incorporate a necessary further notice which is required to be given in relation to matters likely to be considered with the public excluded.

There are circumstances where a key decision can be taken, or a matter may be considered in private, even though the 28 clear days' notice has not been given. If that happens, notice of the matter and the reasons will be published on the Council's Web Site, and available from the Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 1PX.

Key Decisions

The Regulations define a key decision as an executive decision which is likely –

- (a) to result in the relevant local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the authority.

In financial terms, the Council has decided that a key decision is any executive decision which requires a budget expenditure of £150,000 or more, or one which generates savings of £150,000 or more.

A key decision may only be made in accordance with the Cabinet Procedure Rules contained within the Council's Constitution.

Matters To Be Considered in Private

The great majority of matters considered by the Council's Cabinet are considered in 'open session' when the public have the right to attend.

However, some matters are considered with the public excluded. The public may only be excluded if a resolution is passed to exclude them. The grounds for exclusion are limited to situations where confidential or exempt information may be disclosed to the public if present and, in most cases involving exempt information, where in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The definitions of these are set out in the Council's Constitution.

Documents and Queries

Formal reports presented relating to any executive decision will be available on the Council's Web Site at least five working days in advance of the Meeting at which the decision is to be made (except insofar as they contain confidential and/or exempt information).

The Decision Notice for each key decision will be published as soon as reasonably practicable after it has been made. We will seek to do this within five working days of the date of the decision. The Decision Notice will be available for public inspection on the Council's Web Site, and at the Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 1PX.

If you have any questions about the Forward Plan, or if you wish to make representations about any of the matters contained within it, please contact the Council's Democratic Services Team. The Democratic Services Team can also, on request, provide copies of, or extracts from, documents listed in the Plan and any which subsequently become available (subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure).

Contact Details:

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The Council's Executive Arrangements

The Council currently operates the Strong Leader and Cabinet form of governance.

By law, the Cabinet can comprise a Leader of the Council, together with up to nine other Members to be appointed by the Leader (one of whom has to be appointed as Deputy Leader). The Leader will be elected by the Council, for a four-year term; and the Deputy Leader appointment is also for a four-year term.

The Cabinet at Cotswold District Council currently comprises a Leader, a Deputy Leader, and seven other Cabinet Members. The structure is as set out in the table below.

Executive decisions are taken either collectively by the Cabinet or individually by Cabinet Members.

The Cabinet generally meets monthly; whereas decision-making by individual Cabinet Members occurs on an 'as and when needed' basis.

Decisions of the Cabinet and individual Cabinet Members are subject to scrutiny by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor	Portfolio Area	Areas of Responsibility
Joe Harris	Leader	Policy framework including the corporate plan, Coordination of executive functions, Democratic Services, Publica, Communications, Customer experience, Town and Parish Council Liaison, Democratic Renewal and Consultation, Cotswold Clean and Green Campaign
Mike Evely (Deputy Leader)	Finance	Financial strategy and management, Revenue and benefits, Property and asset management, Car parking operations and Grants
Rachel Coxcoon	Climate Change and Forward Planning	Climate Change and energy planning, Sustainable transport, Strategic forward planning, Local plan, Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 and Allowable solutions
Tony Dale	Economy and Council Transformation	Internal service transformation and improvement, Local Enterprise Partnership and county-wide partnerships, Economic Development and COVID-19 Economic Recovery, Council commercialisation, Internal council transformation, Tourism and Visitor Information Centres and Chamber of Commerce liaison
Andrew Doherty	Environment, Waste and Recycling	Waste and recycling, UBICO, Flooding, Public protection, Food safety, Cemeteries, Noise and public nuisance and Public toilets
Jenny Forde	Health and Wellbeing	COVID-19 response, Public health, wellbeing and mental health, Improving social mobility, Tackling social isolation, Crime, disorder and safety, Supporting and safeguarding people, Leisure, museums and culture, Support for community events (Stow Fair, Phoenix Festival, Fleece Fair, Moreton Show) and Young people
Juliet Layton	Development Management and Licensing	Development management, Heritage and design management, Landscape conservation, Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Neighbourhood Development Plans, Licensing, Building Control and Cotswold Water Park
Lisa Spivey	Housing and Homelessness	Tackling homelessness and improving housing security, Delivery of social rented homes, Support for small housing developers and community land trusts, Promotion of self-build and system build housing, Strategic oversight of tenure and housing needs assessment, Liaison with housing developers and Housing Benefit and Universal Credit.

Item for Decision	Key Decision (Yes / No)	Likely to be Considered in Private (Yes / No)	Decision – Maker	Date of Decision	Cabinet Member	Lead Officer	Consultation	Background Documents
Financial, Council Priority and Service Performance Report – 2021-22 Quarter Three	No	No	Cabinet	7 March 2022	Mike Evey, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance	Mary-Ann Forrest		
Agile Working Update	Yes	No	Cabinet	7 March 2022	Mike Evey, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance	Claire Locke	Councillors, Chief Executive, Local Management Team, Group Managers, Business Managers	None
Funding for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	Yes	No	Cabinet	7 March 2022	Rachel Coxcoon, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Forward Planning	Claire Locke		None
Glover Review of Protected Landscapes	No	No	Cabinet	7 March 2022	Juliet Layton, Cabinet Member for Development Management and Licensing	Sophia Price	A range of Officers across Publica have been consulted on this report. No public consultation has taken place, however members of the public can respond directly to the government.	

Consideration of Licensing Fees for 1 April 2022 implementation	No	No	Council	16 March 2022	Alison Gardner/ Kevin Dunford			
Corporate Plan Refresh	No	No	Cabinet Council	4 April 2022 25 May 2022	Jacqueline Wright/ Joseph Walker	Robert Weaver		
Publica Business Plan 2022-2024	No	No	Cabinet	4 April 2022	Joe Harris, Leader of the Council	Robert Weaver		
Leisure and Culture Management Options Appraisal	Yes	Yes	Cabinet	4 April 2022	Jenny Forde, Cabinet Member	Scott Williams		
Refined Investment Strategy	Yes	No	Cabinet	4 April	Mike Evey, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance	Jenny Poole		
First Homes	No	No	Cabinet	4 April 2022	Lisa Spivey, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness	Anwen Hughes		
Legal Services Review	No	No	Cabinet Council	9 May 2022 25 May 2022	Joe Harris, Leader of the Council	Robert Weaver		

Strengthening Local Communities-Grant Funding	No	No	Cabinet	9 May March 2022	Jenny Forde, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Jacqueline Wright/ Joseph Walker	Integrated Locality Partnership (ongoing during meetings since January 2022) Strengthening Local Communities Partnership- countywide (ongoing during meetings since January 2022) Active Cotswolds Board (Board meetings)	
Independent Remuneration Panel	Yes	No	Council	25 May 2022	Joe Harris, Leader of the Council	Angela Claridge		
Draft Budget, Q4 Performance Report	No	No	Cabinet	June 2022	Mike Evey, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance	Mary-Ann Forrest		
Legal and Estates Standard Fees	Yes	No	Cabinet	June 2022	Mike Evey, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance	Jasmine McWilliams		
Whistleblowing Policy Approval	No	No	Cabinet	June 2022	Joe Harris, Leader of the Council	Emma Cathcart	Legal Services Team – draft approval JMT/CMT – briefed Governance Group –	None

							briefed CDC - Audit Committee – April 2022	
Draft Budget, Q1 Performance Report	No	No	Cabinet	Sept 2022	Mike Evey, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance	Jenny Poole		
Draft Budget, Q2 Performance Report	No	No	Cabinet	Dec 2022	Mike Evey, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance	Jenny Poole		