



**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**

**30<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**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**

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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).

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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.

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Portfolio Area</b>	<b>Areas of Responsibility</b>
Joe Harris	Leader	Coordination of executive functions, Policy framework including the corporate plan, Publica, Council communications, Democratic services, Housing and homelessness, Clean and green campaign and street cleaning, Town and parish council liaison
Mike Evely (Deputy Leader)	Finance	Financial strategy and management, Property and assets, Waste and recycling, Revenues and benefits, Grants, Public toilets, UBICO
Mike McKeown	Climate Change and Sustainability	Climate and biodiversity emergency response, Community energy, Sustainable transport, Retrofit, Council sustainability
Tony Dale	Economy and Council Transformation	Business transformation, Local Enterprise Partnership and county-wide partnerships, Economic development, Car parking operations and strategy, Tourism and visitor information centres, Chamber of Commerce liaison, Customer experience and channel shift
Juliet Layton	Planning and Regulatory Services	Development management, Forward planning and the local plan, Heritage and design management, Environmental and regulatory services, Cotswold Water Park
Paul Hodgkinson	Health, Leisure and Culture	Public health, Mental health, Leisure centres, Museums, Culture , Young people
Lisa Spivey	Communities and Public Safety	Improving social mobility and social isolation, Flooding and sewage, Safeguarding, Domestic abuse, Police liaison and crime, Refugees, Crowdfund Cotswold, Member Development
Claire Bloomer	Cost of Living and Inclusion	Cost of living support, Liaison with 3 <sup>rd</sup> sector, Diversity and inclusion, Supporting women and minorities

<b>Item for Decision</b>	<b>Key Decision (Yes / No)</b>	<b>Exemption Class</b>	<b>Decision – Maker</b>	<b>Date of Decision</b>	<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Consultation</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
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**19 June 2023 Cabinet**

Business Rates Discretionary Relief (exceeding £10,000)	No	Open	Cabinet	19 Jun 2023	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evey	Mandy Fathers		
Business Rates Discretionary Relief Reconsideration	No	Open	Cabinet	19 Jun 2023	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evey	Mandy Fathers		
Write off in excess of £5,000  To seek approval for writing off business rates debts in excess of £5,000	No	Open	Cabinet	19 Jun 2023	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evey	Mandy Fathers		
Procurement and Contract Management Strategy - Draft for Consultation	Yes	Open	Cabinet	19 Jun 2023	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evey	Phil Martin		
Development Management	No	Open	Cabinet	19 Jun 2023	Cabinet Member for	Jon Dearing		

Improvement Programme					Development Management and Licensing - Cllr Juliet Layton			
Hybrid Mail contract award  Approval to award a new contract for the external print and posting services	Yes	Open	Cabinet	19 Jun 2023	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evemy	Mandy Fathers		
Rural England Prosperity Fund	Yes	Open	Cabinet	19 Jun 2023	Cabinet Member for Economy and Council Transformation - Cllr Tony Dale	Paul James		
Green Economic Growth Strategy Six Monthly Update	No	Open	Cabinet	19 Jun 2023	Cabinet Member for Economy and Council Transformation - Cllr Tony Dale	Paul James		
Electric Vehicle	Yes	Part exempt	Cabinet	19 Jun 2023	Deputy Leader	Claire Locke		

Charging Point update report					- Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evey			
Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Installations on Council Assets	Yes	Part exempt Commercially sensitive information from bidders for the contract	Cabinet Council	19 Jun 2023 5 Jul 2023	Leader of the Council - Cllr Joe Harris	Chris Crookall-Fallon		
Write off in excess of £5,000  To seek approval to write off council tax debts in excess of £5,000	No	Fully exempt	Cabinet	19 Jun 2023	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evey	Mandy Fathers		
<b>17 July 2023 - Cabinet</b>								
2023/24 Revenue and Capital Financial Performance Report - High Risk budgets	No	Open	Cabinet	17 Jul 2023	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evey	Caleb Harris		
Q4 Performance Report	No	Open	Cabinet	17 Jul 2023	Leader of the Council - Cllr	Mary-Ann Forrest		

					Joe Harris			
Outturn Progress Report	Yes		Cabinet	17 Jul 2023	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evely	Deputy Chief Executive (Chief Finance Officer)		
Asset Management Plan	No	Open	Cabinet	17 Jul 2023	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services - Cllr Lisa Spivey	David Stanley		
Procurement of Community Alarm Digital Hardware  To provide Cabinet information about digital switch over of community alarm equipment for Cotswold residents (Cotswold Careline).	No	Open	Cabinet	17 Jul 2023	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Paula Massey		
Outcome of review of grant funding & service level agreements for existing grant maintained Visitor	No	Open	Cabinet	17 Jul 2023	Cabinet Member for Economy and Council Transformatio	Sally Graff		



<p>Information Centres</p> <p>To set out the conclusion of the review in the context of detailing the outcome and conclusion of monitoring of wider business engagement, connecting business with Cotswolds Tourism and content provision by the visitor information centres at Bourton on the Water, Chipping Campden, Stow on the Wold and Tetbury.</p> <p>To consider the future funding priorities, role and function of the district council in supporting the visitor information centres across the district and which ones are best placed to help support the Council's tourism priorities as well as the work of the wider Cotswolds Plus Local Visitor Economy</p>					<p>n - Cllr Tony Dale</p>			
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Partnership (LVEP) & Cotswolds Tourism. Consider the impact of the change in funding provision								
<b>4 September 2023 - Cabinet</b>								
Q1 Financial Performance Report	No	Open	Cabinet	4 Sep 2023	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evely	David Stanley		
Q1 Performance Report	No	Open	Cabinet	4 Sep 2023	Leader of the Council - Cllr Joe Harris	Mary-Ann Forrest		
<b>4 December 2023 - Cabinet</b>								
Q2 Financial Performance Report	No	Open	Cabinet	4 Dec 2023	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evely	David Stanley		

Q2 Performance Report	No	Open	Cabinet	4 Dec 2023	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evemy	Mary-Ann Forrest		
<b>Key decisions delegated to officers</b>								