

Forward Plan of Significant Decisions 2024-2025

This Plan sets out the significant decisions which the Council expects to take over the period indicated above. The Plan is rolled forward every month. A significant decision is defined in the Council's Constitution as: A decision which is likely to result in the Council incurring non-routine expenditure which is, or the making of non-routine savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates, and/or is likely to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the Council. For these purposes, savings and expenditure are "significant" if they are equal to or greater than £1 million, unless the context requires otherwise. For clarification, no decision previously approved by the Finance Sub- Committee, and no treasury management decision, shall constitute a Significant Decision

Committee Date	Directorate	Title	Purpose of Report	Corporate Plan Priority	Lead Officer	Exempt Item	Consultation	Equality Impact Assessment	Part of Budget and Policy Framework
03/06/24	Children & Families	Academisation of Gainsborough Primary and Nursery School, Belgrave Road, Crewe	The report sets out the arrangements in place to support the intended academy conversion of Gainsborough Primary and Nursery School to become part of the Alexandra Academy Trust. The report provides the necessary assurances to enable the Committee to consider their support for the conversion.	Open	Executive Director Childrens Services	No	TBC	No	No

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03/06/24	Children & Families	Academisation of Cledford Primary School, George VI Avenue, Middlewich	This report sets out the arrangements in place to support the intended academy conversion of Cledford Primary School to become part of the Alexandra Academy Trust. The report provides the necessary assurances to enable the Committee to consider their support for the conversion.	Open	Executive Director Childrens Services	TBC	No	No	No
13/06/24	Corporate Policy	Sub Regional Working - Next steps	To update members on the status of Devolution nationally , and to seek authority to participate in exploratory discussions with Government , and to report back to a future committee on any proposals	Open	Executive Director of Place	No	No	No	No
19/07/24	Highways & Transport Committee	Highway Service Contract Peer Review & Contract Break Clause	Further to the paper that was presented to the Highways & Transport Committee on 25 January 2024 regarding the	Open;#Fair	Director of Highways and Infrastructure	Yes	N/A	Yes	TBC

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			Highway Service Contract Break Clause and the proposed Peer Review, this paper will provide details of the outcome of the Peer Review and will help to inform Council's decision with regards to Highway Service Contract Break Clause which allows the Council to shorten the contract period to 8 years in specific circumstances.						
25/07/24	Environment & Communities	Street Trading Policy	To receive and approve the adoption of the updated Policy	Open	Executive Director of Place	No	Yes	TBC	No
25/07/24	Environment & Communities	Libraries Strategy - Initial Proposals	To set out initial strategy proposals and seek approval to consult, prior to development of and seeking approval to a final strategy later in 2024.	Open	Executive Director of Place	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
25/07/24	Environment & Communities	Waste Collection - weekly food waste collections	To update committee on the recent legislation changes related to mandatory weekly food waste collections,	Open	Executive Director of Place	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

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			set out the recommended approach to provide the most cost effective solution and seek approval to move forward with implementation including public engagement.						
16/09/24	Children & Families	Substance Misuse Service	To provide information about the proposed substance misuse service model and for a decision to re-commission the substance misuse service	Fair	Executive Director Adults, Health & Integration	No	Yes	Yes	No
23/09/24	Adults & Health								
19/09/24	Highways & Transport Committee	Flowerpot Junction Improvement Scheme	<p>Authorise to make Compulsory Purchase Orders and Side Roads Orders for the delivery of the Flowerpot Junction Improvement Scheme.</p> <p>Approve the forward funding of the additional developer contributions in accordance with the capital programme</p>	Green	Executive Director of Place	Yes	No	No	Yes

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19/09/24	Highways & Transport Committee	A500 Dualling – Approval to submit Full Business Case	To approve the full business for the scheme for submission to DfT	Green	Director of Highways and Infrastructure	No	No	No	No
26/09/24	Environment & Communities	HWRC Review - Final Recommendations	To seek approval to final review recommendations relating to the long term future of Household Waste Recycling Centre provision in Cheshire East, whilst also seeking delegated approval to officers to award a new operating contract.	Open	Executive Director of Place	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
26/09/24	Environment & Communities	Approval of Carbon Neutral 2045 Action Plan	To seek approval to adopt the action plan associated with the delivery of the Carbon Neutral 2045 borough target.	Open	Executive Director of Place	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
14/11/24	Environment & Communities	Libraries Strategy - Implementation	To seek approval to implement the final details of the Libraries Strategy.	Open	Executive Director of Place	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
18/11/24	Adults, Health & Integration	Care Provider Consortium	This report seeks approval to commission services for individuals with Complex Needs through a Cheshire East Care Provider	Open	Executive Director Adults, Health & Integration	TBC	Yes	TBC	TBC

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			Collaborative (CPC).						
21/11/24	Highways & Transport Committee	Tree Planting and Verge Maintenance (Nature Based Approach) Policy	To seek approval for highways to adopt a tree planting and verge maintenance policy to allow its implementation from 2023/24 onwards.	Open;#Green	Director of Highways and Infrastructure	No	Yes	No	Yes
14/01/25	Economy & Growth	Farms Review	To brief Members on the review and future options for CEC Farms	Green	Executive Director of Place	TBC	No	TBC	No
06/02/25	Corporate Policy	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26-2028/29 (Corporate Policy Committee)	To recommend the Medium-Term Financial Strategy for 2025 to 2029 to Council for approval. The report will incorporate the Council's Priorities, Budget, Policy Proposals and Capital Programme. The report will also include the Capital, Treasury Management, Investment and Reserves Strategies.	Open	Director of Finance and Customer Services	No	No	No	Yes
27/03/25	Environment & Communities	Cemeteries Investment Programme	To seek committee approval to the proposed investment	Open	Executive Director of Place	No	No	Yes	Yes

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			programme for the Cheshire East Council operated cemeteries						
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