

## 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 | Committee            | Title   | Purpose of Report   | Corporate Plan Priority | Lead Officer                              | Exempt Item | Consultation | Equality Impact Assessment | Part of Budget and Policy Framework |
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| 16/09/24       | Children & Families  | Speech, Language and Communication support to Cheshire East schools - proposed new model of provision | This report provides an update for Committee and information on the key elements of the proposed new model of provision. If approved by Members procurement activity to secure the new service via competitive tender will commence immediately in September. | Open;#Fair              | Executive director of Children’s Services | No          | Yes          | Yes                        | TBC                                 |
| 19/09/24       | Highways & Transport | Middlewich Eastern Bypass - Approval of Revised Full Business Case (Provisional Report)               | To approve the submission of a revised Full Business Case for the Middlewich Eastern Bypass   | Green                   | Director of Highways and Infrastructure   | No          | No           | No                         | Yes                                 |

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|          |                           |  | to the Department for Transport for the release of the grant funding.   |      |   |     |     |     |     |
| 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 |
| 26/09/24 | Environment & Communities | Household Waste Recycling Centres Review - Final Recommendations | To provide an update to the committee on the outcome of the review around permanent HWRC provision for Cheshire East and seek approval to implement the preferred option, informed by the recent public consultation. | Open | Executive Director of Place               | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 11/11/24 | Children & Families       | Academisation of St Johns, Sandbach (Directive Order)            | Provide necessary assurances to enable the Committee to consider their support for the transfer (as this is a Directive Order).   | Open | Executive director of Children's Services | TBC | No  | Yes | No  |
| 11/11/24 | Children & Families       | Academisation of Lower Park Primary School                       | Provide necessary assurances to enable the Committee to   | Open | Executive director of Children's Services | TBC | No  | Yes | No  |

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|          |                           |                                     | consider their support for the conversion.  |      |   |     |     |     |     |
| 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 |
| 14/11/24 | Environment & Communities | Waste Collections - residual waste  | To seek approval to recommendations relating to the potential implementation of changes to residual waste collections, including feedback from a planned public consultation exercise (provisional report subject to Govt legislation announcement) | Open | Executive Director of Place                     | Yes | Yes | Yes | TBC |
| 18/11/24 | Adults & Health Committee | 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  |
| 18/11/24 | Adults & Health           | Care Provider Consortium            | This report seeks approval to commission services for individuals with Complex Needs through a  | Open | Executive Director Adults, Health & Integration | TBC | Yes | TBC | TBC |

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|          |                      |  | Cheshire East Care Provider Collaborative (CPC).   |             |   |     |     |     |     |
| 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  |
| 23/01/25 | Highways & Transport | 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 |
| 23/01/25 | Highways & Transport | 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 2024/25 onwards.  | Open;#Green | Director of Highways and Infrastructure | No  | Yes | No  | Yes |

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| 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 & Customer Services   | No | No  | No | Yes |
| 10/02/25 | Children & Families | Schools Funding Formula and Early Years Funding Formula 2025/26             | To provide committee with an update on the Dedicated School Grant (DSG) for 2024/25. To request approval for the allocation of each sub block making up the DSG. To request approval of the schools funding formula and early years funding formula following recommendations from the Schools Forum. To request approval to provide delegated | Open | Executive director of Children's Services | No | Yes | No | No  |

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|          |                           |                                 | authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services to use the funds in accordance with the relevant guidance and proposed funding formula methods. |      |                             |    |    |     |     |
| 27/03/25 | Environment & Communities | Cemeteries Investment Programme | To seek committee approval to the proposed investment programme for the Cheshire East Council operated cemeteries  | Open | Executive Director of Place | No | No | Yes | Yes |