

Forward Plan of Significant Decisions 2025-2026

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 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, significant decisions must be made by a Committee, Full Council or delegated to an officer by a Committee or Full Council, no decision previously approved by the Finance Sub-Committee, and no treasury management decision, shall constitute a Significant Decision.

Committee	Committee date	Title	Purpose of Report	Lead Officer	Exempt Item	Consultation	Equality Impact Assessment	Part of Budget and Policy Framework
Children & Families Committee	09/06/25	Proposal to formally increase the number of places at Park Lane School, Macclesfield	To report on the outcome of the consultation related to the proposal to increase the number of places at Park Lane School, Macclesfield	Director of Education, Strong Start and Integration	No	Yes	Yes	TBC
Children & Families Committee	09/06/25	Domestic abuse strategy and associated commissioning review	Approve the draft Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy as outlined for the basis of consultation.	Executive Director Children's Services	TBC	Yes	Yes	TBC
Economy and Growth	03/06/25	South Macclesfield Development Area	To provide an update on South Macclesfield Development Area	Executive Director Place	Yes	No	No	TBC
Corporate Policy Committee	12/06/25	Connect to Work Programme	To provide oversight on the Connect to Work programme and request authority to proceed with the programme, this will include supplementary revenue estimates from October 2025 of around £1.3m a year to the Council for 3 years to deliver an effective employment support service for economically inactive people and disadvantaged groups	Executive Director Adults, Health, and Integration	No	N/A	TBC	No

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Highways & Transport Committee	19/06/25	Draft Active Travel Strategy and Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs)	To approve the draft Active Travel Strategy and the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) as a basis for public consultation, including a Consultation and Engagement Plan and Communications Plan.	Executive Director Place	No	Yes	Yes	No
Highways & Transport Committee	19/06/25	Bus Service Improvement Plan - 2025/26 Delivery Programme	To approve the Council's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) delivery programme for 2025/26 and associated Department for Transport (DfT) grant funding allocations	Executive Director Place	No	No	Yes	No
Corporate Policy Committee	06/08/25	Knutsford BID Proposal	<p>To obtain authority to hold a ballot and to give delegated authority to Officers to progress the Knutsford BID following a formal notification that has been submitted to the Council, setting out the intention of Groundwork CLM, on behalf of the Knutsford BID Steering Group, to put a proposal for a Knutsford Business Improvement District (BID) to a ballot.</p> <p>The report provides information on BIDs; the emerging draft Knutsford BID proposal; sets out the anticipated implications of the notification; and seeks decisions enabling officers to respond appropriately to the notification.</p>	Executive Director Place	TBC	Yes	No	No
Economy & growth Committee	09/09/25	Crewe Town Centre Regeneration Programme	To update committee on the Crewe Town Centre Regeneration Programme and to seek approvals for any recommendation actions.	Executive Director Place	Yes, in part	TBC	TBC	TBC
Children & Families Committee	15/09/25	Outcome of consultation on Domestic Abuse Strategy and plan to secure required provision	To update Committee on the outcome of the consultation on the draft Domestic Abuse Strategy (see also papers for June 2025 Committee) and how key recommendations will be implemented from Autumn 2025 onwards	Executive Director Children's Services	TBC	Yes	Yes	TBC
Highways & Transport Committee	18/09/25	Delay to Department for Transport decision on Middlewich	To consider the Council's options as a result of the delay to the Department for Transport's (DfT) programmed funding decision on the Middlewich Eastern Bypass.	Executive Director Place	No	No	No	Yes

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		Eastern Bypass*						
Economy & growth Committee	11/11/25	Farms Review	To brief Members on the review and future options for CEC Farms	Executive Director Place	TBC	No	TBC	No
Economy & growth Committee	11/11/25	Knutsford BID Ballot	<p>A formal notification has been submitted to the Council, setting out the intention of Groundwork Cheshire, Lancashire & Merseyside, acting on behalf of the Knutsford Business Improvement District Steering Group requesting that Cheshire East Council put a proposal for a Knutsford Business Improvement District (BID) to a postal ballot.</p> <p>As the Council is responsible for the payment of business rates for thirteen premises within the proposed BID area, it is entitled to thirteen votes in the BID ballot. This report considers whether the Council should vote in the ballot and if so, how it should vote.</p> <p>Additionally, this report seeks to confirm arrangements for Council representation on, and supporting, any BID Board established in the event the BID is successful at ballot.</p>	Executive Director Place	TBC	Yes	No	No
Corporate Policy Committee	05/02/26	Medium term Financial Strategy 2026/27 - 2029/30 (Corporate Policy Committee)	To recommend the Medium-Term Financial Strategy for 2026 to 2030 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 Strategy	Interim Executive Director of Resources, Section 151 Officer	No	No	No	Yes