

Forward Plan of Significant Decisions 2024-2026

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 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	Committee date	Title	Purpose of Report	Corporate Plan Priority	Lead Officer	Exempt Item	Consultation	Equality Impact Assessment	Part of Budget and Policy Framework
Finance Sub-Committee	09/01/25	Disposal of a Residential Development Site, Leighton Green, Minshull New Road, Crewe	To dispose of a Residential Development Site, Leighton Green, Minshull New Road, Crewe.	Open	Executive Director Place	Yes	No	TBC	TBC
Adults and Health Committee	20/01/25	Substance Misuse Re-commissioning	To ask permission for the service to be re-commissioned	Fair	Executive Director Adults, Health and Integration	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Highways & Transport Committee	23/01/25	Middlewich Eastern Bypass - Authority to Enter into Construction Contract	To authorise entering into Part 2 (construction) of a SCAPE framework contract for the construction of the Middlewich Eastern Bypass following a positive funding decision from the Department for Transport.	Green	Executive Director Place	Yes	TBC	No	Yes
Environment & Communities Committee	30/01/25	Carbon Neutral Programme Update and Approval of Carbon	To provide an annual update on the progress of the implementation of the carbon neutral programme. To also seek approval to adopt the action plan associated with	Open;#Green	Executive Director Place	Yes	No	No	Yes

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		Neutral 2045 Action Plan	the delivery of the Carbon Neutral 2045 borough target.						
Cheshire & Warrington Joint Committee	31/01/25	Enterprise Zone	Report on a £1m Enterprise Zone Grant.	Open	Executive Director Place	No	No	TBC	TBC
Cheshire & Warrington Joint Committee	31/01/25	Devolution Work Programme	To report details of the proposed Devolution Work Programme for Cheshire & Warrington	Open	Executive Director Place		No	TBC	TBC
Corporate Policy Committee	06/02/25	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	Interim Executive Director of Resources, Section 151 Officer	No	No	No	Yes
Children & Families Committee	10/02/25	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 authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services to use the funds in accordance with the relevant guidance and	Open	Executive Director Children & Families	No	Yes	No	No

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			proposed funding formula methods.						
Children & Families Committee	10/02/25	Academisation of St Benedict's Catholic Primary School	Provide necessary assurances to enable the Committee to consider their support for the conversion.	Open	Executive Director Children & Families	Yes	No	TBC	No
Children & Families Committee	10/02/25	Academisation of Hurdfield Primary School	Provide necessary assurances to enable the Committee to consider their support for the conversion.	Open	Executive Director Children & Families	TBC	No	No	No
Finance Sub-Committee	10/03/25	ASDV Review – approval of changes to operation of ANSA Environmental Services Ltd and Alliance Environmental Services Ltd.	To seek approval from Members to various agreements and detail of new governance processes relating to the Council's wholly owned company interests, following the report to the Committee in November 2024.	Open	Executive Director Place	Yes	No	No	Yes
Environment & Communities Committee	27/03/25	Cemeteries Investment Programme	To seek committee approval to the proposed investment programme for the Cheshire East Council operated cemeteries	Open	Executive Director Place	No	No	Yes	Yes
Children & Families Committee	07/04/25	Academisation of St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Middlewich	Provide necessary assurances to enable the Committee to consider their support for the conversion.	Open	Executive Director Children & Families	TBC	No	No	No

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Economy and Growth	03/06/25	Farms Review	To brief Members on the review and future options for CEC Farms	Green	Executive Director Place	TBC	No	TBC	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	Open	Interim Executive Director of Resources, Section 151 Officer	No	No	No	Yes