

Isle of Wight Council Forward Plan – February 2024

The Forward Plan is a list of all Key Decisions that are due to be considered no earlier than 28 clear working days from the date of this notice by the appropriate Decision Making Body or individual including those deemed to be key decisions.

A list of all Council Members can be found on the Council's web site from this link

The Leader of the Council (also responsible for Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships) is Cllr Phil Jordan.

Other members of the Cabinet are:

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance - Cllr Ian Stephens

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health – Cllr Debbie Andre

Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions – Cllr Jonathan Bacon

Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure - Cllr Julie Jones-Evans

Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding - Cllr Paul Fuller

Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Biosphere and Waste- Cllr Lora Peacey-Wilcox

Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Community Protection and ICT – Cllr Karen Lucioni

* Any items highlighted in yellow are changes or additions to the previous Forward Plan

**Any decisions that are intended to be made in private with the exclusion of press and public, where for example personal or commercially sensitive information is to be considered, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012, will require the publication of specific notices, including the reason(s) for the meeting to be held in private.

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125 Year Lease of Rew Valley Sports Centre and playing fields, Ventnor to The Island Free School	Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance	Not before 19th Oct 2023	Signed delegation by the Leader		Open
Rew Valley Sports Centre – grant of a new lease to the Island Free School	Councillor Ian Stephens Date 1 st added: 5 September 2023				

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<p>Acquisition of land at Pyle Street, Newport</p> <p>Purchase of land at Pyle Street, Newport</p>	<p>Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance</p> <p>Councillor Ian Stephens Date 1st added: 15 December 2023</p>	<p>19 Jan 2024</p>			<p>Part exempt The report will detail the terms of a property deal that will have not been completed. As such, it would not be appropriate for some of the detail to be in the public domain before the purchase is completed.</p>
<p>District 2 TRO Review - Newport and Carisbrooke</p> <p>TRO Proposals and public feedback</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Leader (with responsibility Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships) Date 1st added: 7 November 2023</p>	<p>8 Feb 2024</p>		<p>Parish and Community Councils Ward Councillors Public</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Determination of School Admission Arrangements for 2025/26</p> <p>To determine the Isle of Wight Council's school admissions arrangements for 2025/2026.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions Date 1st added: 5 July 2023</p>	<p>8 Feb 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>

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Budget and Council Tax Setting 2024-2025 and Future Years' Forecasts	Cabinet	8 Feb 2024			Open
Budget and Council Tax setting	Full Council Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance Date 1 st added: 4 October 2023	28 Feb 2024			
QPMR Q3 - 2023/24	Cabinet	8 Feb 2024			Open
To provide a summary of progress against Corporate Plan activities and measures for the period October 2023 to December 2023. To inform Cabinet of areas of particular success, issues requiring attention and remedial activity in place to deal with these. To provide a report on the financial position of the council for the same period	Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance Date 1 st added: 13 October 2023				
Integration of LEP functions into Upper Tier Local Authorities	Cabinet	8 Feb 2024		Upper Tier local authorities DHLUC Solent Partners	Open
New arrangements following the government arrangements on changes to LEP functions	Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure Date 1 st added: 6 December 2023				

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<p>Council Tax Premiums on Second Homes and Empty Properties</p> <p>New Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 has given local authorities the power to implement a premium of up to 100 per cent council tax charge on any property empty or unfurnished for over 1 year. It also gives the power to implement a premium of up to 100 per cent council tax charge on any second home from the following financial year. Decision to be made as to whether the council wishes to implement such premium.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Full Council</p> <p>Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance Date 1st added: 3 January 2024</p>	<p>8 Feb 2024</p> <p>28 Feb 2024</p>		<p>No consultation is required for this report as it relates to legislative changes.</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Sale of Plot A2, Island Technology Park, Whippingham IOW</p> <p>Sale of the last plot of employment land at this site to Island Distribution Limited</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure</p> <p>Councillor Julie Jones-Evans Date 1st added: 12 January 2024</p>	<p>9 Feb 2024</p>			<p>Part exempt Appendix 2 will contain confidential agreed heads of terms</p>

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<p>Bus Service Improvement Plus Fund (BSIP+) – Local Bus Service Enhancements</p> <p>Decision to approve provide grant funding for enhancements to local bus services, through utilising Department for Transport (DfT) BSIP + funding allocation for the Island.</p>	<p>Leader (with responsibility Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships)</p> <p>Councillor Phil Jordan Date 1st added: 25 January 2024</p>	22 Feb 2024			Open
Pay Policy	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance Date 1st added: 4 October 2023</p>	28 Feb 2024			Open
Appointment of Independent Remuneration Panel Member	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Date 1st added: 25 January 2024</p>	28 Feb 2024			Open
To appoint an independent remuneration panel member					

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<p>Discretionary Rate Relief Policy</p> <p>New legislation enables local authorities to backdate discretionary rate relief where appropriate. The ability to backdate will need to be updated within the policy and then it will be local discretionary decision as to how far the relief can be backdated.</p> <p>The decision to be made is to whether to adopt this ability to backdate within the policy.</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Date 1st added: 6 December 2023</p>	<p>28 Feb 2024</p>		<p>No consultation required as this relates to legislative changes.</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Determine School Academic Year/Term Dates for 2025/2026</p> <p>To seek approval from the Cabinet on the determination of the pattern of school term and holiday dates for the school year 2025/2026.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions</p> <p>Date 1st added: 5 July 2023</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>
<p>Director of Public Health Annual Report - Childhood Obesity - Call to Action</p> <p>To note the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2023/24 and to endorse any recommendations with the report.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health</p> <p>Date 1st added: 5 September 2023</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>		<p>N/A</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>Smokefree Pledge and Smokefree Generation Service</p> <p>The report will outline plans to spend up to a maximum of £2,547,480 on smoking prevention and cessation programmes and services.</p> <p>The plans are in light of recent government announcements to create a Smokefree Generation and make smoking obsolete by 2050. Isle of Wight Council will be allocated an additional £169,296 per year from 06 April 2024 to expand current efforts to reduce smoking rates.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health Date 1st added: 7 February 2024</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>
<p>Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2024-25</p> <p>The purpose of the report is to provide an overview of Early Years childcare sufficiency on the Isle of Wight. The LA has a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient Early Years childcare places that are accessible to parents. This duty is presented through this report to elected council members and is made available to parents.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions Date 1st added: 6 December 2023</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>

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<p>Cowes Medina Crossing</p> <p>Following a number of technical and financial reviews the council is seeking to best understand the options and recommendation for future operating models for the chain ferry crossing at East Cowes / Cowes across the mouth of the River Medina.</p> <p>This report sets out the process of commissioning an options appraisal and a potential Commissioning Strategy for alternative technical and economical solutions to the current vessel operated by the council.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Leader (with responsibility Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships) Date 1st added: 25 January 2024</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>		<p>Cabinet members Corporate Scrutiny Internal Council Services</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Island Planning Strategy</p> <p>As the Draft IPS was not agreed on 5 October, Full Council is to specify its objections and to formally refer the matter back to the Cabinet.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Full Council</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding Date 1st added: 17 March 2022</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>	<p>20 Mar 2024</p>	<p>Internal and External Full public consultation</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>Concessionary Travel Reimbursement 2024-25</p> <p>The report will set out the concessionary travel arrangements on local bus services for year 2024/25, the recommended rate per concessionary journey and the associated implications.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Leader (with responsibility Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships)</p> <p>Date 1st added: 6 December 2023</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>		<p>Negotiations with local bus operator/s via a commissioned consultant.</p>	<p>Part exempt</p> <p>The appended technical report from the commissioned consultant outlining the concessionary travel negotiations, calculations and recommended rate, will be exempt as it will contain financial information which is commercially sensitive to the local bus operator.</p>
<p>Disposal of the former Yarmouth Primary School, Yarmouth</p> <p>The sale of the former Yarmouth Primary School following a marketing campaign in 2023.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance</p> <p>Date 1st added: 12 January 2024</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>			<p>Part exempt</p> <p>Some appendices will be exempt from publication as they will contain information regarding the bids received, including the financial offers. This is due to commercial confidentiality.</p>

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<p>Sale of the former Weston Academy, Weston Road, Totland, Isle of Wight</p> <p>The terms of the sale and approval to sell the freehold, and approval to enter into a grant agreement with the purchaser.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance</p> <p>Date 1st added: 12 January 2024</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>			<p>Part exempt</p> <p>Appendix 2 will contain confidential agreed heads of terms</p>
<p>Future Governance Report</p> <p>To consider moving to a Committee system for Council decision-making from May 2024</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Date 1st added: 7 November 2023</p>	<p>20 Mar 2024</p>		<p>Internal External Public</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Approval of the Members' Allowance Scheme 2024 - 2025</p> <p>To approve the Members' Allowance Scheme for 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025– a legal requirement [under reg. 10 (1) of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 as amended] for annual approval on or before 31 March. The Scheme was adopted on 19 January 2022 following the council's acceptance in full of the statutory recommendations made in the IRP's sixteenth report, and has rolled forwards each year subject to any annual adjustments required under the agreed indexation provision.</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Date 1st added: 25 January 2024</p>	<p>20 Mar 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>

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<p>Adoption of three LCWIPs (East Cowes & Whippingham; Cowes, Gurnard & Northwood; Brading, Bembridge & St Helens) as a Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)</p> <p>Following a period of public consultation, Cabinet to be asked to adopt three separate Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP) for East Cowes & Whippingham; Cowes, Gurnard & Northwood; and Brading, Bembridge & St Helens as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) that post adoption can be used as a material consideration in planning decisions.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding Date 1st added: 1 March 2023</p>	<p>9 May 2024</p>		<p>Prior to the cabinet decision, a formal 6 week public consultation in the LCWIPs will have taken place in line with Planning legislation for the adoption of SPDs, including consultation with a number of statutory consultees</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>The adoption of the Newport Harbour Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document</p> <p>Whether to adopt the draft Newport Harbour Masterplan as a supplementary planning document</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure Date 1st added: 7 September 2022</p>	<p>9 May 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>

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<p>District 4 TRO review - Alverstone, Arreton, Lake, Newchurch, Sandown and Shanklin</p> <p>TRO proposals and public feedback</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Leader (with responsibility Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships)</p> <p>Date 1st added: 7 November 2023</p>	<p>9 May 2024</p>		<p>Town and Parish Councils Ward Councillors Public</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2024</p> <p>To seek Cabinet approval for the Post 16 Transport Policy Statement which applies to the 2024 academic year. The Post 16 policy statement must be published annually by 31 May each year.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions</p> <p>Date 1st added: 5 July 2023</p>	<p>9 May 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>

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<p>Better Care Fund (BCF) 2023 – 2025 Midway Update</p> <p>The Better Care Fund (BCF) programme supports the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) and Integrated Care Board (ICB) to successfully deliver integrated working that best supports Island residents. The requirements of the BCF are set by NHS England (NHSE), including details on financial and contractual arrangements. The BCF has historically been a 1 year plan but the DHSC changed the BCF to a 2 year plan for 2023 to 2025. The Cabinet is asked to note the 2023/25 BCF midway Update</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health Date 1st added: 13 October 2023</p>	<p>9 May 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>
<p>Draft Health Contributions SPD</p> <p>Following a period of public consultation, Cabinet to be asked to adopt an SPD, prepared in partnership with the NHS Hampshire & IOW Integrated Care Board, that seeks financial contributions from qualifying new development towards new or extended primary care infrastructure in areas where there are existing capacity issues.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding Date 1st added: 12 January 2024</p>	<p>9 May 2024</p>		<p>Prior to the cabinet decision, a formal 6-week public consultation on the Draft SPD will have taken place in line with Planning legislation for the adoption of SPDs, including consultation with a number of statutory consultees and the general public</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>Draft Sustainable Drainage Systems SPD</p> <p>Following a period of public consultation, Cabinet to be asked to adopt an SPD that sets out the sustainable drainage principles and design solutions required from new development of all scales that will reduce the amount of surface water entering the combined sewer and help mitigate flooding.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding Date 1st added: 12 January 2024</p>	<p>9 May 2024</p>		<p>Prior to the cabinet decision, a formal 6-week public consultation on the Draft SPD will have taken place in line with Planning legislation for the adoption of SPDs, including consultation with a number of statutory consultees and the general public</p>	<p>Open</p>
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