



## Forward Plan January 2026 - December 2026

This Forward Plan contains details of all the key decisions that are planned to be taken by Cabinet and individual Cabinet members over the next four months together with key decisions by officers. It will be updated and published on the Council website [www.cheltenham.gov.uk](http://www.cheltenham.gov.uk) on a monthly basis.

### Key Decision

A Key Decision means any decision in exercise of an Executive Function which:

- requires a budget expenditure or saving of £100,000 or more;
- relates to the acquisition or disposal of land or an interest in land with a value in excess of £500,000;
- is likely to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the Borough.

### Significant Decision

A Significant Decision means any decision in exercise of a non-Executive Function which:

- requires a budget expenditure or budget saving of £100,000 or more;
- is likely to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the Borough.

### Non-key decision

For additional information and completeness the Forward Plan also contains those items to be considered by Cabinet which are outside the definition of a key decision.

### Cabinet Meetings

The Cabinet will normally meet every four weeks. Meetings start at 6pm and are open to the public (with the exception of discussion regarding reports which contain exempt/confidential, commercially sensitive or personal information). This is formal notice under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 that part of the Cabinet meetings listed in this Forward Plan may be held in private because the agenda and reports for the meeting will contain exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

Documents submitted to the Cabinet or Cabinet Member(s) for decision will be a formal report, which if public and non-urgent, will be available on [www.cheltenham.gov.uk](http://www.cheltenham.gov.uk) at least 5 clear working days before the date the decision can be made. If you would like a copy by email please contact [democratic.services@cheltenham.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@cheltenham.gov.uk). Background papers are listed where known in advance.

Documents shown are listed at Cheltenham Borough Council, Municipal Offices, Promenade, Cheltenham, GL50 9SA.

### The members of the Cabinet are:

Leader of the Council

### Portfolio Holders

Climate Emergency  
Economic Development, Wellbeing, Culture and Public Open Space  
Finance and Assets  
Housing and Customer Services  
Major Developments and Housing Delivery  
Planning and Building Control  
Safety and Communities  
Waste, Recycling, Parks, Gardens and Public Green Space

Councillor Richard Pineger  
Councillor Izaak Tailford  
Councillor Peter Jeffries  
Councillor Flo Clucas  
Councillor Alisha Lewis  
Councillor Mike Collins  
Councillor Victoria Atherstone  
Councillor Paul Baker

### Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee aims to promote open and transparent decision-making, support democratic accountability and hold the Cabinet to account for its actions.

### Contacting us.

For further detailed information or to give your views regarding specific issues to be considered by the Cabinet/Individual Cabinet Member please contact the named contact officer.

For more information on attending meetings or asking public questions please contact Democratic Services on 01242 264246 or email [democratic.services@cheltenham.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@cheltenham.gov.uk)

Decision Title and Summary of decision to be made	Type of Decision	Decision Maker and Date	Cabinet Member	Lead Officer
<b>Community Pride Fund 2025 grant allocations</b> To approve the recommendations.	Non Key Decision	Cabinet Member    01/26 Safety and Communities	Cabinet Member Safety and Communities	Team Leader - Participation and Engagement
<b>Revision of the template partnership agreement with green space volunteer groups</b>	Non Key Decision	Cabinet Member    14/01/26 Safety and Communities	Cabinet Member Safety and Communities	Team Leader - Participation and Engagement

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<b>To approve a Land and Golden Brick Agreement and JCT Design and Build contract with Newland Homes Ltd to construct five affordable houses at Cherrington's, Kidnappers Lane</b> To approve the recommendation.	Key Decision	Director of Governance, Housing and Communities and Monitoring Officer - Claire Hughes	Not before 31/01/26		Development Manager
<b>Domestic Abuse Policy</b> To agree a separate domestic abuse policy that covers the council's additional housing considerations. .	Non Key Decision	Cabinet	24/02/26	Cabinet Member Safety and Communities	Partnerships Team Leader
<b>Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report, October-December</b>	Non Key Decision	Cabinet	24/02/26	Cabinet Member Finance and Assets	Interim S151 Officer
<b>Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANGs) Action Plan</b> To consider the recommendations.	Non Key Decision	Cabinet	24/02/26	Cabinet Member Waste, Recycling, Parks, Gardens and Green Open Space	Parks and Public Realm Manager
<b>Cheltenham Tree Strategy</b> To consider the Tree Strategy, which sets out the council's approach to managing, preserving, and expanding tree cover across Cheltenham.	Non Key Decision	Cabinet	24/02/26	Cabinet Member Planning and Building Control	Tree Officer
<b>Discretionary Business Rate Relief</b> To consider the recommendations	Non Key Decision	Cabinet	24/02/26	Cabinet Member Finance and Assets	Head of Revenues and Benefits
<b>To approve National Planning Policy Framework proposed reforms and other changes to the planning system</b>	Non Key Decision	Cabinet	24/02/26	Cabinet Member Planning and Building Control	Interim Planning Policy Team Leader
<b>Leckhampton with Warden Hill (LwWH) Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's Report</b> To determine whether to accept the Examiner's Report in full or in part.	Key Decision	Cabinet	24/02/26	Cabinet Member Planning and Building Control	Interim Planning Policy Team Leader

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<b>Golden Valley Innovation Centre - Management Agreement</b> To consider the recommendations	Key Decision  Part exempt 3, 5 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.	Cabinet  Council	24/02/26  27/02/26	Cabinet Member Major Developments and Housing Delivery	Head of Development - Major Developments & Regeneration
<b>Final Housing Revenue Account (HRA) - Revised Budget</b> To consider the report.	Key Decision	Cabinet  Council	24/02/26  27/02/26	Cabinet Member Finance and Assets	Head of Finance (Deputy S151 Officer)
<b>Final General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals</b> To consider the report.	Key Decision	Cabinet  Council	24/02/26  27/02/26	Cabinet Member Finance and Assets	Head of Finance (Deputy S151 Officer)
<b>Street Scene and Pavement Licensing Policy</b> To adopt the policy, following consultation.	Non Key Decision	Cabinet  Council	24/02/26  27/02/26	Cabinet Member Safety and Communities	Licensing and Public Protection Manager
<b>Council Order of Precedence - Nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elect 2026-27</b> To note the Order of Precedence and approve the nominations for Mayor and Deputy-Mayor for 2026-27	Non Key Decision	Council	27/02/26	Leader	Chief Executive
<b>Council Tax Resolution</b> To consider the report.	Key Decision	Council	27/02/26	Cabinet Member Finance and Assets	Head of Revenues and Benefits
<b>Council Diary 2026-27</b> To approve the recommendations.	Non Key Decision	Council	27/02/26	Leader	Democratic Services Team Leader

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<b>Review of Sexual Entertainment Venue Policy</b>	Non Key Decision	Council Cabinet	Not before 01/03/26  Not before 01/03/26	Cabinet Member Safety and Communities	Head of Public Protection and DEPLO
<b>Biodiversity Report</b> To approve the Biodiversity Report	Non Key Decision	Cabinet	17/03/26	Cabinet Member Planning and Building Control	Interim Planning Policy Team Leader
<b>Discretionary Housing Payments Policy</b> To amend the policy in line with government changes	Non Key Decision	Cabinet	17/03/26	Cabinet Member Finance and Assets	Head of Revenues and Benefits
<b>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy</b> To seek approval of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and Single Equality Scheme	Non Key Decision	Cabinet	17/03/26	Leader	Safeguarding Equality & Diversity Manager
<b>Homeseeker Policy Review</b> To approve the consultation on proposed changes to the Homeseeker Policy	Key Decision	Cabinet	17/03/26	Cabinet Member Housing and Customer Services	Head of Strategic Housing
<b>No Child Left Behind Annual Report</b> To note the report.	Non Key Decision	Cabinet Council	17/03/26 23/03/26	Cabinet Member Safety and Communities	Head of Communities, Wellbeing and Partnerships
<b>Capital Non-Treasury Investment, Treasury Management and MRP Strategies and Statements</b> To consider the report.	Non Key Decision	Council	23/03/26	Cabinet Member Finance and Assets	Interim S151 Officer
<b>Second Confirming Resolution Cheltenham Borough Council (Markets) Bill</b> To consider the recommendation.	Non Key Decision	Council	23/03/26	Cabinet Member Safety and Communities	Head of Public Protection and DEPLO
<b>Street Trading Policy</b>	Non Key Decision	Cabinet	14/04/26	Cabinet Member Safety and	Licensing and Public Protection

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To adopt the policy following consultation			Communities	Manager
<b>To adopt the Nature Recovery Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)</b> Sets out why biodiversity and nature recovery are important, the current planning policies related to nature recovery, what Cheltenham Borough Council expects to be delivered for nature recovery in planning proposals, and how this will be secured long term to deliver for nature. Report will summarise main issues raised through consultation, and how these issues have been addressed in the SPD.	Key Decision	Cabinet 14/04/26	Cabinet Member Planning and Building Control	Interim Planning Policy Team Leader
<b>Election of Mayor 2026-27</b> To elect the Mayor for 2026-27	Non Key Decision	Council 18/05/26	Leader	Chief Executive
<b>Election of Deputy Mayor 2026-27</b> To elect the Deputy Mayor 2026-27	Non Key Decision	Council 18/05/26	Leader	Chief Executive
<b>Election of Honorary Freemen</b>	Non Key Decision	Council 18/05/26	Leader	Chief Executive
<b>Granting the Freedom of the Borough</b> To grant the Freedom of the Borough	Non Key Decision	Council 18/05/26		Chief Executive
<b>First Year Review of the Corporate Plan 2025-28</b> To consider the report.	Non Key Decision	Cabinet 16/06/26	Leader	Organisational Performance Lead, Corporate Services Team

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