

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS AND EXEMPT ITEMS  
TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CABINET ON  
24 MARCH 2026**

The County Council is required to publish a document (the Forward Plan) 28 days before a meeting of its Cabinet, setting out:

- Key Decisions to be taken (see definition overleaf).
- Decisions to be taken in private i.e. Exempt Items (see explanation note overleaf)

This Forward Plan lists the Key Decisions and Exempt Items to be considered at the Cabinet meeting to be held on 24 March 2026

The Cabinet comprises up to ten members of the County Council and is appointed by the leader. At the time of writing, the Cabinet is made up of the following eight members of the County Council:-

Mr. D. Harrison CC (Chairman)  
Mr. C. Abbott CC  
Mr. K. Crook CC  
Mr. H. Fowler CC  
Mr. C. Pugsley CC  
Mr. V. Richichi CC  
Mr. M. Squires CC  
Mr. A. Tilbury CC

A copy of this document will be displayed on the County Council's website. Further details of items to be considered at the Cabinet meeting will also be published in the agenda for the meeting which will also be displayed on the County Council's website 5 clear days before the meeting.

Paragraph 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 provides for members of the public to make representations to the County Council on why an exempt item should be considered in public, rather than in private. Persons wishing to make such representations and/or obtain further details in respect of any issues referred to in the Plan should contact the undermentioned officer.

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### Key Decisions

In the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 a “key decision” means an executive decision, which is likely -

(a) to result in the relevant local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant local authority’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or .

(b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the relevant local authority.

### Categories of Exempt Information

Schedule 12A (Access to Information: Exempt Information) of the Local Government Act 1972 lists the following categories of Exempt Information.

*[NOTE – All categories are subject to the application of a public interest test – see paragraph 10.]*

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes –
  - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
  - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

#### Public Interest Test – Paragraph 10

**The above information is only exempt information if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

#### Town and Country Planning

Information is not exempt information if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.

Matter for Decision	Key Decision?	Reporting Chief Officer(s)	Consultation Arrangements (Where applicable) Who and How?	Is the matter to be considered in open or exempt session?	Documents to be submitted (where known)
'Belonging in Education' Strategy.	Yes	Director of Children and Family Services	<p>There has been significant pre-engagement with representation from all key stakeholders. Further consultation with key stakeholders will take place.</p> <p>The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider a report on 2 June 2026.</p>	Open	Draft 'Belonging in Education' Strategy (to be appended to the report)
School Term Dates 2027 to 2032.	Yes	Director of Children and Family Services	The report will propose a period of public consultation. A report will be considered by the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 June 2026.	Open	None
Environment and Transport 2026/27 Highways and Transportation Capital Programme and Works Programme.	Yes	Director of Environment and Transport	The draft Environment and Transport 2026/27 Highways and Transportation Capital Programme and Works Programme will be considered by the Highways, Transport and Waste Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 March 2026.	Open	Environment and Transport 2026/27 Highways and Transportation Capital Programme and Works Programme (to be appended to the report)
A511 Major Road Network Growth Corridor.	Yes	Director of Environment and Transport	None (consultation was undertaken on the development and delivery of the scheme in 2019 and 2021).	<p>Fully exempt</p> <p>The public is likely to be excluded by virtue of</p>	None

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				Paragraph(s) 3, 10 of Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (Exempt Information)	
Response to the Local Government Reorganisation Consultation.	Yes	Chief Executive	The Scrutiny Commission will consider a report at its meeting on 11 March 2026.	Fully exempt  The public is likely to be excluded by virtue of Paragraph(s) 3, 10 of Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (Exempt Information)	Response to the Consultation (to be appended to the report)
Domestic Abuse Reduction Strategy.	Yes	Director of Children and Family Services	The Scrutiny Commission will consider a report at its meeting on 15 April.  Other stakeholders will also be consulted.	Open	None
Expanding Community Based Support for Early Years Children with Additional Needs - Outcome of Consultation.	Yes	Director of Children and Family Services	Following initial engagement with specialist nursery managers and TU representatives, public consultation took place from 12 January to 22 February 2026. This was primarily via an online survey (print versions on request) and was advertised through existing	Open	None

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			<p>channels and promoted to parents/carers and schools including via the Leicestershire SEND Hub Parent Carer Forum, the Early Years SEND Newsletter and the Early Years Provider Newsletter. A report will be submitted to the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3 March 2026.</p>		