

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS AND EXEMPT ITEMS
TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CABINET ON
28 APRIL 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 Tuesday 28 April 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)
Investing in Leicestershire Programme Rural Estate Strategy	Yes	Director of Corporate Resources	Consultation on the draft Strategy took place from 7 January to 13 February 2026. This was carried out via a combination of questionnaires, online and in-person meetings with various groups, including farm tenants, the NFU, the Tenant Farmers' Association, Country Land and Business Association, National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, Midland Counties Agricultural Valuers' Association, ACES Rural, Environment Agency, Elected Members, and other Council services. The Scrutiny Commission considered a report at its meeting on 11 March 2026.	Open.	Rural Estate Strategy (to be appended to the report).
Youth Justice Plan 2026/2027.	Yes	Director of Children and Family Services	The Plan must be agreed by the statutory partners of the Youth and Justice Partnership (includes the NHS, local authorities, OPCC, Police, the Probation Service). Engagement with members of the Youth and Justice Management Board began on 5 December 2025 and formal consultation took place from 27 February to 6 March 2026. The draft Plan was considered by the Board on 6 March 2026. The Scrutiny Commission will consider a report at its meeting on 22 April	Open.	Youth Justice Plan (to be appended to the report).

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			2026. The County Council will consider a report at its meeting on 13 May 2026.		
New Plan Making Systems and a Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan with Rutland County Council and Leicester City Council	Yes	Director of Environment and Transport	None (consultation will take place at a later stage).	Open.	None.
Leicestershire School Term Dates, Autumn 2027 to Summer 2032	Yes	Director of Children and Family Services	The report will seek approval for public consultation on the options. A report will be considered by the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 June 2026.	Open.	None.