

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS AND EXEMPT ITEMS  
TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CABINET ON  
21 JULY 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 21 July 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 ten members of the County Council:-

Mr. D. Harrison CC (Chairman)  
Mr. C. Abbott CC  
Dr. J. Bloxham CC  
Mr. K. Crook CC  
Mr. H. Fowler CC  
Mr. A. Hamilton-Gray CC  
Mr. P. Harrison CC  
Mr. C. Pugsley 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	Full consultation has taken place from 22 April to 3 June 2026. Targeted comms went to all school leaders via a Headteacher briefing, the SENCO networks for SEND leaders, all Early Years providers and post-16 providers, through the parent carer forum and through the Local Offer SEND pages. Internal comms has also taken place. The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report on 2 June 2026.	Open	Belonging in Education Strategy (to be appended to the report)
Domestic Abuse Reduction Strategy	Yes	Director of Children and Family Services and Director of Public Health, Communities, Law and Governance	Consultation took place between 2 April and 17 May 2026 through an external CFS newsletter, Viva Engage, social media, emails to providers and stakeholders, Linked In networks, a press release and coffee mornings with survivors. This included staff, BAME groups, survivors (young people and adults), stakeholders and voluntary sector providers. The Scrutiny Commission considered a report at its meeting on 15 April 2026.	Open	Domestic Abuse Reduction Strategy (to be appended to the report)
Local Government Reorganisation	Yes	Chief Executive	None.	Open	None

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Tree Management Strategy	Yes	Director of Growth, Environment and Transport	The Environment, Flooding and Climate Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the draft Strategy at its meeting on 11 November 2025.	Open	Tree Management Strategy (to be appended to the report)
Leicestershire County Council Strategic Plan 2027-31	Yes	Director of Public Health, Communities, Law and Governance	None (the report will seek approval to consult). It is intended that a report will be considered by the Scrutiny Commission on 2 September 2026.	Open	Draft County Council Strategic Plan (to be appended to the report)