



FORWARD PLAN FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2025 TO 30 APRIL 2025

This Forward Plan sets out the details of the executive decisions (key and non-key) which the Cabinet, individual Cabinet Members or Officers expect to take during the next four-month period.

Please note that a key decision is a decision to be taken by the Executive which:

(1) is likely to result in the local authority incurring expenditure or making savings of above £500,000 and/or

(2) is significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more divisions/ county electoral areas.

The current members of the Cabinet are:

Councillor Barry Lewis	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategic Leadership, Culture, Tourism and Climate Change
Councillor Simon Spencer	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Budget
Councillor Charlotte Cupit	Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport
Councillor Alex Dale	Cabinet Member for Education
Councillor Carol Hart	Cabinet Member for Health and Communities
Councillor Natalie Hoy	Cabinet Member for Adult Care
Councillor Tony King	Cabinet Member for Clean Growth and Regeneration
Councillor Julie Patten	Cabinet Member for Children and Families
Councillor Carolyn Renwick	Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment

The information provided for each key decision includes a list of the documents which will be submitted to the decision maker. Further documents relevant to the matter may also be submitted to the decision maker.

Subject to any restriction on their disclosure, copies of, or extracts from, any document listed will be available on the County Council's website or for inspection at County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3AG at least five clear days before the meeting.

If you wish to request details of documents listed or further documents as they become available, please email Democratic Services on democratic.services@derbyshire.gov.uk

January 2025

Subject: Localities Annual Grant

Seek approval from Cabinet Member for the annual localities grant following the 5 year approval.

Is this a key decision?	No
Date decision to be made	6 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet Member for Health and Communities
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Health and Communities
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Director - Public Health
Lead Officer	Luan Wilde Luan.Wilde@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	People

Subject: Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2024 - 2025

To consider and approve the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2024 - 2025

Is this a key decision?	No
Date decision to be made	9 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Education
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Children's Services
Lead Officer	Roberta Foster Roberta.Foster2@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	People

Subject: Children's Services SEND Capital Budget (High Needs Provision Capital) Allocations

To seek approval for allocations from the Children's Services SEND Capital allocation for a project at Stanton Vale School.

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	9 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet

Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Education
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Children's Services
Lead Officer	Nicola Ward Nicola.Ward@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	People

Subject: Approval of Additional Funding - Bramley Vale Primary School

To approve the further allocation from Children's Services School Condition allocation for Bramley Vale Primary School

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	9 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Education
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Children's Services
Lead Officer	Nicola Ward Nicola.Ward@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	People

Subject: Active Travel England Grant Acceptance and Proposed Spend Programme

To seek Cabinet approval to formally accept the 2024-2025 Active Travel Capability Fund grant of £427,056.00 provided under Section 31 of the Local Government Act, 2003 to support the active travel master planning programme.

To seek Cabinet's approval to launch a range of public engagement activity to further develop the Active Travel Master programme.

To seek Cabinet's approval to delegate to the Executive Director - Place, in association with the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment, the authority to amend or modify the Active Travel Masterplan programme as required, if it remains consistent with the Council's objectives.

To seek Cabinet's approval to delegate authority to award future contracts following procurement activities referenced in this report to the Executive Director - Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment.

That Cabinet notes the completion of the DVT feasibility study and approve the forward plan for future development of the trail as detailed in this report.

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	9 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet

Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Place
Lead Officer	Joanna Jackson, Alan Marsden, Daniel McCrory Joanna.Jackson@derbyshire.gov.uk, Alan.Marsden@derbyshire.gov.uk, daniel.mccrory@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Places

Subject: Derbyshire County Council Climate Change Strategy: Annual Review of Progress (2024)

To provide an annual summary of progress against delivery of the Derbyshire County Council Climate Change Strategy: Achieving Net Zero (2021-2025) and the Council's net zero targets.

Is this a key decision?	No
Date decision to be made	9 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Strategic Leadership, Culture, Tourism and Climate Change
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Place
Lead Officer	Joanna Jackson, Caroline Toplis Joanna.Jackson@derbyshire.gov.uk, Caroline.Toplis@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction

Subject: Adoption of Library Strategy

To seek Cabinet approval for the revised Library Strategy following public consultation.

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	9 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Strategic Leadership, Culture, Tourism and Climate Change

Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Place
Lead Officer	Joanna Jackson, Robert Clayton Joanna.Jackson@derbyshire.gov.uk, Robert.Clayton@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Places

Subject: Acceptance of Year 5 Trees for Climate Capital Delivery Grant from Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council

To seek Cabinet approval for the acceptance of the Year 5 Trees for Climate Capital Grant (CDEL) offer of £1,366,563 from Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council and, subject to consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, to enter the respective grant agreement.

To seek Cabinet approval for delegated authority for the Cabinet Member - Corporate Services and Budget and Cabinet Member - Infrastructure and Environment respectively to jointly approve grant offers to private landowners and accept grant in respect of tree planting on Council land.

To seek Cabinet approval for the retention in an earmarked reserve of establishment payments for tree planting schemes on Council owned sites to fund identified work in future years.

To seek Cabinet approval to carry forward of any underspend in revenue grant funding from 2024-25 for Derbyshire Heartwood Community Forest into 2025-26 financial year.

Is this a key decision?	No
Date decision to be made	9 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Place
Lead Officer	Richard Bonner, Joanna Jackson richard.bonner@derbyshire.gov.uk, Joanna.Jackson@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Places

Subject: East Midlands Combined County Authority Investment Fund

To update Cabinet on opportunities for Derbyshire projects under the first tranche of the Investment Fund; to seek approval in principle to accept grant, add projects to the capital programme and commercial pipeline and to consult where required; to agree

delegated authority for the acceptance of grant where offers are received and to progress relevant projects.

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	9 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Place
Lead Officer	Joanna Jackson, Jim Seymour Joanna.Jackson@derbyshire.gov.uk, Jim.Seymour@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Places

Subject: Provision of Mortuary Services

To award a contract or the provision of Mortuary Services for the Coroner's Service.

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	9 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Health and Communities
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Corporate Services and Transformation
Lead Officer	Alec Dubberley alec.dubberley@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Resources

Subject: Internal Audit Charter

To inform Members of the review and update to the Internal Audit Charter.

Is this a key decision?	No
Date decision to be made	9 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Budget

Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Director of Finance
Lead Officer	Mark Lunn mark.lunn@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Resources

Subject: Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grants 2025/2026

To agree the award of grants up to a total of £0.200m for a period of one year to 5 organisations for recovery from alcohol and drug dependence and to agree the award of a grant up to £5,000 to fund the Growing Recovery in Derbyshire (GRID) website to ensure the website continues to be hosted and maintained by the designers for a period of two years.

Is this a key decision?	No
Date decision to be made	28 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet Member for Health and Communities
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Health and Communities
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Director - Public Health
Lead Officer	Katie Dennis katie.dennis@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	People

Subject: Budget Savings Proposals 2025/26 to 2029/30

Budget Savings Proposals for 2025/26 Revenue Budget

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	9 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Budget
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Director of Finance
Lead Officer	Heather Green Heather.Green@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Resources

Subject: Capital Bid for the Expansion of the Derbyshire County Council Internal Children Homes

This proposal addresses the critical challenges posed by rising residential placement costs and limited availability of suitable placements. By investing in local provision, the initiative aims to:

- Reduce External Placement Costs: Save approximately £3.1 million annually by reducing reliance on high-cost external providers. This is likely to be higher in the future given the spiralling cost of external placements.
- Enhance Service Quality: Ensure children receive care in settings designed to meet their specific needs, improving outcomes and stability.
- Boost Local Capacity: Create placements within Derbyshire, allowing children to remain close to their communities and family networks.
- Deliver Long-Term Financial Benefits: Generate significant cost avoidance over time by controlling placement costs and reducing the dependency on private providers.

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	30 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Education
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Children's Services
Lead Officer	Luke Impey, Jina Hames luke.impey@derbyshire.gov.uk, Jina.Hames@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	People

Subject: Council Plan and Departmental Service Plans 2025-2029

To consider and approve the new Council Plan and Departmental Service Plans for 2025-2029 including Commercial Pipeline of Procurement

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	30 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Strategic Leadership, Culture, Tourism and Climate Change
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Managing Director
Lead Officer	Laura Howe, Esther Croll, Matthew Walters

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Improvement and Scrutiny Committee

Resources

Subject: Capital Programme Approvals, Treasury Management and Capital Strategies for 2025-26

To obtain approval for proposals for submission to Council relating to the Capital Starts Programme and the Treasury Management, Investment and Capital Strategies.

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	30 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Budget
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Director of Finance
Lead Officer	Samuel Holmes, Wendy Round, Eleanor Scriven, Heather Green Samuel.Holmes@derbyshire.gov.uk, Wendy.Round@derbyshire.gov.uk, Eleanor.Scriven@derbyshire.gov.uk, Heather.Green@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Resources

Subject: Reserves Position and Reserves Policy

To note the current and forecast positions for both General and Earmarked Reserves and to approve the Reserves Policy.

Is this a key decision?	No
Date decision to be made	30 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Budget
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Director of Finance
Lead Officer	Heather Green, Samuel Holmes, Eleanor Scriven

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Improvement and Scrutiny Committee

Resources

Subject: Revenue Budget Report 2025-26

To propose a Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2025-26.

Is this a key decision?

Yes

Date decision to be made

30 January 2025

Decision to be taken by

Cabinet

Relevant Cabinet portfolio

Cabinet Member for Corporate Services
and Budget

Document to be submitted to the decision
maker

Report of the Managing Director, Director
of Finance

Lead Officer

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Improvement and Scrutiny Committee

Resources

Subject: Budget Consultation Results

To enable Cabinet to consider the outcome of the Council's budget consultation
exercises in formulating its budgetary proposals to Full Council regarding the
Revenue Budget for 2025-26.

Is this a key decision?

No

Date decision to be made

30 January 2025

Decision to be taken by

Cabinet

Relevant Cabinet portfolio

Cabinet Member for Corporate Services
and Budget

Document to be submitted to the decision
maker

Report of the Managing Director, Director
of Finance

Lead Officer

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Improvement and Scrutiny Committee

Resources

Subject: CTP717 Discretionary Manager for Derbyshire Pension Fund Direct Property Asset Management

Report recommending a two year contract extension in respect of Derbyshire Pension Fund's Direct Property discretionary management

Is this a key decision?	No
Date decision to be made	30 January 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Budget
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Corporate Services and Transformation
Lead Officer	Neil Smith neil.smith2@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Resources

February 2025

Subject: Children's Services Section 106 Allocations

To inform Cabinet of the receipt of recent Section 106 developer contributions and to seek approval for the allocation of those contributions to projects in line with the individual Section 106 agreements.

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	20 February 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Education
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Children's Services
Lead Officer	Nicola Ward Nicola.Ward@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	People

Subject: Implementation of the Corporate Complaints Policy and accompanying Unreasonably Persistent Contact and Unreasonable Behaviour Procedure

To consider the above revised policy and accompanying procedure and approve publication

Is this a key decision?	No
Date decision to be made	20 February 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Budget
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Corporate Services and Transformation
Lead Officer	Emma Steeples Emma.Steeples@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	All Improvement and Scrutiny Committees

Subject: 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service Transformation Project Phase 2

Following the public consultation exercise in Aug/Sept 2024 this report will present the findings from the consultation and seek approval to proceed with Phase 2 proposals in light of the recommendations in the report

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	20 February 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Health and Communities
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Director - Public Health
Lead Officer	Jamie Dix, Ellen Langton Jamie.Dix@derbyshire.gov.uk, Ellen.Langton@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Health

Subject: Public Health Strategic Plan

To inform Cabinet of the Public Health strategy 2024-2027 and to note the publication of the strategy

Is this a key decision?	No
Date decision to be made	20 February 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Health and Communities

Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Director - Public Health
Lead Officer	Hayley Gleeson Hayley.Gleeson@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Health

Subject: Designation of the Northern Part of the Amber Valley as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

To seek Cabinet approval to submit a bid on behalf of the County Council to Natural England seeking designation of the Northern Part of the Amber Valley as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	20 February 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Place
Lead Officer	Joanna Jackson, Steven Buffery Joanna.Jackson@derbyshire.gov.uk, Steven.Buffery@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Places

Subject: Regeneration Programme Pipeline

To update Cabinet on key issues with regard to the existing Regeneration programme and upcoming funding opportunities, and to seek approvals enabling work to progress on projects to be added to the programme.

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	20 February 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Place
Lead Officer	Joanna Jackson, Jim Seymour

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Improvement and Scrutiny Committee

Places

Subject: Progress in Preparing Derbyshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy

To provide Cabinet with an update on the Council's preparation of Derbyshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy to coincide with a public consultation on the draft Strategy.

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	20 February 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Place
Lead Officer	Joanna Jackson, Rupert Casey Joanna.Jackson@derbyshire.gov.uk, Rupert.Casey@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Places

March 2025

Subject: Performance Monitoring and Budget Monitoring/Forecast Outturn 2024-25 as at Quarter 3 (31 December 2024)

To provide Cabinet with an update of Council Plan performance and the Revenue Budget/forecast outturn for 2024-25, as at 31 December 2024 (Quarter 3).

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	13 March 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Budget, Cabinet Member for Strategic Leadership, Culture, Tourism and Climate Change
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Managing Director, Director of Finance
Lead Officer	Heather Green, Eleanor Scriven, Esther Croll, Samuel Holmes, Matthew Walters Heather.Green@derbyshire.gov.uk, Eleanor.Scriven@derbyshire.gov.uk,

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Improvement and Scrutiny Committee

Resources

Subject: Customer Experience Strategy

Framework strategy for the Council on Customer Experience and the way in which feedback on the Customer Promises can be fed back into the organisation to enable improvement.

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	13 March 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Budget
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Executive Director - Corporate Services and Transformation
Lead Officer	Chris Burton Chris.Burton2@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Resources

Subject: Household Support Fund Grant Extension - 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Seek approval for planned use of the UK Government Household Support Grant funding for the period 1.4.2025 - 31.3.2026

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	13 March 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Health and Communities
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Director - Public Health
Lead Officer	Lois Race Lois.Race@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Health

Subject: Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant: Funding in 2025/26

To accept additional funding (the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant) from OHID and delegate authority to the DPH to approve allocation

Is this a key decision?	Yes
Date decision to be made	13 March 2025
Decision to be taken by	Cabinet
Relevant Cabinet portfolio	Cabinet Member for Health and Communities
Document to be submitted to the decision maker	Report of the Director - Public Health
Lead Officer	David Henstock, Victoria Clarke David.Henstock@derbyshire.gov.uk, Victoria.Clarke@derbyshire.gov.uk
Improvement and Scrutiny Committee	Health