

FORWARD PLAN AND NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEETINGS

**The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)
(Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012**

1st October 2024 to 31st January 2025

What is the Forward Plan?

Under the Regulations referred to above, the Borough Council is required to publish a notice setting out the key decisions to be taken by the Council at least 28 clear days before the decision is made. In addition, the regulations require the Council to publish details of any decisions to be taken in private at a meeting of the Executive at least 28 clear days before the meeting. It is intended that, by publishing this Plan, people will be able to find out the expected timing of key decisions, who will take them and also the consultation mechanisms available. Notices of forthcoming decisions are also published on the Council's website.

What is an Executive Decision?

Executive Decisions are defined (in Part 4A of the Council's Constitution) as any decision made or to be made in connection with the discharge of a function which is the responsibility of the executive of the Council but does not include purely administrative decisions (such as purchasing stationery for use in connection with the discharge of an executive function).

What is a Key Decision?

Key Decisions are defined in Part 4A of the Council's Constitution. In short they are Executive Decisions, which are likely to:

- result in revenue expenditure or income with an annual cost, saving or increase in income estimated to be over £100,000;
- result in any capital project with an estimated value of over £150,000; or
- be significant in terms of their effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more Council wards.

What does the forward plan tell me?

The plan gives information about:

- What important decisions are coming forward in the next four months
- When those decisions are likely to be made
- Who will make those decisions
- What consultation will be undertaken
- Who you can make representations to, and how
- What documents you can ask for
- Who you can contact for further information
- Whether or not a decision will be taken in private

Officers may also include other items in the forward plan on a voluntary basis.

Who takes Executive Decisions?

Executive Decisions are taken by the Cabinet, individual Cabinet Members or individual Officers acting under delegated powers.

Who can I contact?

Each entry in the plan indicates the names of all the relevant people to contact about the particular item.

How do I make contact?

The telephone numbers of the relevant officers are listed in the individual entries in the forward plan. The contact details of the Cabinet Members are available on the Council's website or by telephoning the Council Offices on 01283 508000.

How do I get copies of Agenda papers?

The Agenda papers for Cabinet meetings are available five working days before the meeting on the Council's Website www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk. Alternatively you can contact Democratic Services at Democratic Services, East Staffordshire Borough Council, PO Box 8045, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 9JG
Telephone: 01283 508306/508608 e-mail: democratic.services@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk

On occasions, the papers you request may contain exempt or confidential information. If this is the case, it will be explained why it will not be possible to make copies available. The reasons set out under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 can be found at Appendix 1 – a copy of which is provided at the end of this document.

FORWARD PLAN

VERSION 2024/10

Issued: 1st October 2024

Effective for the Period:

1st October 2024 to 31st January 2025

Representations in respect of all the matters shown should be sent in writing to:

Monitoring Officer, East Staffordshire Borough Council, PO Box 8045,

Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 9JG

No later than one week before the decision is due to be made

Facsimile: 01283 508388 e-mail: monitoring.officer@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk Telephone: 01283 508267

Key?	Subject	Expected Decision	Expected Date for Decision	Consultation	Documents Available	Decision Owner	Contact Officer	Private Decision (Refer to Appendix 1 for further information)
No	Local Government Ombudsman Annual Review Letter 2024	To note the contents of the report	October 2024	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet	Report	Cabinet	Andrea Davies Principal Democratic Services Officer 01283 508306	No
No	Review of the Statement Of Licensing Policy 2025-2030	To approve consultation on a revised scheme, in line with the statutory Legislation	October 2024	CMT, Licensing Committee, Full Council, members of the trade, consumers and service providers/contractors	Report	Full Council	Margaret Woolley Enforcement Team Leader 01283 508479	No
No	Review of the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles 2025-2028	To approve consultation on a revised scheme, in line with the statutory Legislation	October 2024	CMT, Licensing Committee, Full Council, members of the trade, consumers and service providers/contractors	Report	Full Council	Margaret Woolley Enforcement Team Leader 01283 508479	No
No	Quarter 1: Report on the performance of the Leisure Services Contractor	To consider the performance of the Leisure Services Contract	October 2024	None	Report	Scrutiny (Value for Money Council) Committee	James Abbott Corporate & Commercial Manager 01283 508244	Yes (3)

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No	Complete a review of ICT requirements across all service areas	To note the contents of the report	October 2024	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet	Report	Cabinet	Guy Thornhill ICT Manager 01283 508351	Yes (3,4)
No	Conclude the feasibility of introducing ANPR into ESBC car parks	To approve the recommendation(s) within the report	October 2024	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet	Report	Cabinet	Michael Hovers Communities & Open Spaces Manager 01283 508776	Yes (3)
No	Update on the first year of the Community Lottery	To note the contents of the report	October 2024	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet	Report	Cabinet	Michael Hovers Communities & Open Spaces Manager 01283 508776	No
No	Complete a review of the Supported Housing Sector	To endorse the approach that is being taken to improve standards	October 2024	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet	Report	Cabinet	Brett Atkinson 01283 508123 Housing Options Manager	Yes (3)

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No	Evaluate the impact of Glyphosate with alternative methods of dealing with weeds	To approve the recommendations within the report	November 2024	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet	Report	Cabinet	Michael Hovers Communities & Open Spaces Manager 01283 508776	Yes(3)
No	Refresh the Housing Allocations Policy	Retain the Housing Allocations Policy with no changes	November 2024	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet	EDR	Cabinet	Brett Atkinson 01283 508123 Housing Options Manager	No
No	Review and report on progress on delivery of cost of living support, including reducing fuel and food poverty and promote further engagement with low-income and vulnerable households	To note the contents of the report	November 2024	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet	Report	Cabinet	Brett Atkinson 01283 508123 Housing Options Manager	No

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No	Quarter 2 Performance Report – Corporate Plan, Leisure and Towns Fund	To approve the recommendation(s) within the report	December 2024	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet Members	Report	Cabinet	James Abbott Corporate & Commercial Manager 01283 508244	(Leisure / Towns Fund appendices private (3))
No	Quarter 2 – Revenue and Capital Budgets Outturn	To approve the recommendation(s) within the report	December 2024	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet Members	Report	Cabinet	Daniel Binks Chief Accountant 01283 508149	No
No	Approve a revised Risk Management Policy	To approve the recommendation(s) within the report	December 2024	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet Members / Audit Committee	Report	Cabinet	Daniel Binks Chief Accountant 01283 508149	No
Yes	Following the outcome of the energy audit, produce an options appraisal for implementation across different Council buildings	To approve the recommendation(s) within the report	December 2024	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet Members	Report	Cabinet	Mark Jeffcote Climate Change and Adaptation Officer 01283 508134	No

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	Conduct a review of Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme to improve lives	To approve the recommendation(s) within the report	December 2024	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet Members	Report	Cabinet	Matthew Steele Revs, Bens and Customer Contact Manager 01283 508716	No
Yes	Agree the award of a new Internal Audit Contract	To approve the recommendation(s) within the report	December 2024	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet Members / Audit Committee	Report	Cabinet	Lloyd Haynes Chief Financial Officer 01283 508399	Yes
Yes	Complete RIBA Stage 2 (Concept Design) for the Maltings Regeneration Project and brief Members, following consultation	To approve the recommendation(s) within the report	January 2025	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet Members	Report	Cabinet	Kelly Kerr-Delworth Enterprise Manager 01283 508625	No
No	Plot and map the development of the mobile CCTV provision over the course of 23/24 and review and report on these results of those deployments	To note the contents of the report	January 2025	Corporate Management Team / Cabinet Members	Briefing Note	Cabinet	Margaret Woolley Enforcement Manager 01283 508479	No

Appendix 1 – Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

The exempt information set out at Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 Act is as follows:

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.

THE QUALIFICATIONS TO THE LIST OF EXEMPT INFORMATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

8. Information falling within number 3 above is not exempt information by virtue of that paragraph if it is required to be registered under:
the Companies Acts as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006;
the Friendly Societies Act 1974;
the Friendly Societies Act 1992;
the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies and Credit Unions Acts 1965 to 1978;
the Building Societies Act 1986; or
[(f) the Charities Act 2011.
9. 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.
10. Information which—

falls within any of numbers 1 to 7 above; and is not prevented from being exempt by virtue of number A or B above, is 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.