



REDCAR & CLEVELAND FORWARD PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) Meetings and Access to Information (England) Regulations 2012 require the Council to produce a notice of all key and confidential decisions at least 28 clear days in advance of the meeting at which those decisions will be made.

A key decision is defined as:

“Any decision in relation to an executive function which results in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings, which are, significant having regard to the local authority’s budget for the service or functions to which the decision relates”

and/or

“which is likely to have a significant impact on two or more wards.”

The value of a financial key decision is subject to local determination and for the purposes of this Council it shall be £250,000 gross expenditure or income.

A decision taker may only make a key decision in accordance with the requirements of the Cabinet Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of the Council Constitution.

Under the regulations, a notice of any decisions that will be made in private must also be published at least 28 clear days in advance of a meeting. This applies whether they are key decisions or not. Members of the public are entitled to make representations to challenge the decision to hold a meeting in private and the Council will publish details of those representations and its responses.

Please note: the decision is subject to change and Scrutiny & Improvement Committees may request to review any entry in the Forward Plan prior to the expected decision date.

PROCEDURE BEFORE TAKING KEY OR CONFIDENTIAL DECISIONS

A key or confidential decision may not be taken unless:

- (a) a notice (called here a Forward Plan) has been published in connection with the matter in question;
- (b) at least 28 clear days have elapsed since the publication of the forward plan; and
- (c) where the decision is to be taken at a meeting of the Cabinet or its committees, notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with Rule 6 (notice of meetings).

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The forward plan contains matters which the Leader has reason to believe will be subject of a key or confidential decision to be taken by the Cabinet, a committee of the Cabinet, individual members of the Cabinet, officers, area committees or under joint arrangements in the course of the discharge of an executive function during the period covered by the plan.

The plan is arranged in sections according to the directorate of the Council which has responsibility for advising the Cabinet and Council on the relevant topic.

- Section 1 **Adult and Communities directorate (AC)**
- Section 2 **Children and Families directorate (CF)**
- Section 3 **Growth, Enterprise & Environment (GEE)**
- Section 4 **Resources directorate (RD)**

Each entry includes as much information as is available at the time of production of the Forward Plan in respect of the following:

- a) the matter in respect of which a decision is to be made:
- b) where the decision taken is an individual, his/her name and title, if any and where the decision taker is a body, its name and details of membership;
- c) the date on which, or the period within which, the decision will be taken;

- d) the identity of the principal groups whom the decision taker proposes to consult before taking the decision; and the means by which any such consultation is proposed to be undertaken;
- e) the steps any person might take who wishes to make representations to the Cabinet or decision taker about the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made, and the date by which those steps must be taken; and
- f) whether or not the decision is considered to be confidential and the reason for that confidentiality as defined under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
- g) a list of other supporting documents submitted to the decision taker for consideration in relation to the matter.

The forward plan must be published at least 28 days in advance of the meeting where the decision will be taken. Exempt information need not be included in a forward plan and confidential information cannot be included.

The forward plan will be published on the Council's website. Copies of the plan and any of the documents listed, subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, can be inspected at the Council offices by contacting:

Democratic Services
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Redcar and Cleveland Leisure and Community Heart
Ridley Street
Redcar
TS10 1TD
01642 444413

GENERAL EXCEPTION

If a matter which is likely to be a key decision has not been included in the forward plan, then subject to Rule 16 (special urgency), the decision may still be taken if;

- a) the decision must be taken by such a date that it is impracticable to defer the decision until it has been included in the next forward plan and until the start of the first month to which the next forward plan relates;
- b) the proper officer has informed the chair of a relevant overview and scrutiny committee, or if there is no such person, each member of that committee in writing, by notice, of the matter to which the decision is to be made;
- c) the proper officer office has made copies of that notice available to the public at the offices of the Council; and
- d) at least 5 clear days have elapsed since the proper officer complied with (a) and (b).

Where such a decision is taken collectively, it must be taken in public.

SPECIAL URGENCY

If by virtue of the date by which a decision must be taken Rule 3 15 (general exception) cannot be followed, then the decision can only be taken if the decision taker (if an individual) or the chair of the body making the decision, obtains the agreement of the chair of a relevant overview and scrutiny committee that the taking of the decision cannot be reasonably deferred.

If there is no chair of a relevant overview and scrutiny committee, or if the chair of each relevant overview and scrutiny committee is unable to act, then the agreement of the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor will suffice.

Title and nature of the decision	Who will make the decision and when will the decision be taken	Who will be consulted and how	Supporting documentation	How and by when to make representations	Is this a Key Decision	Open / Exempt (and reason if the decision is to be taken in private)
<p>Corporate Plan To approve the Council's refreshed Corporate Plan</p>	<p>Cabinet 5 Dec 2023</p>	<p>Elected Members and Staff. Regular consultation</p>		<p>Representations should be made to: Michael Lyth</p> <p>First published in Forward Plan: November 2023</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Repairs to two former landfill sites Secure funding for works to gas abstraction and monitoring systems for two closed landfill sites in the borough</p>	<p>Cabinet 6 Feb 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet and relevant scrutiny committees discussion at committee</p>		<p>Representations should be made to: Erika Grunert</p> <p>First published in Forward Plan: November 2023</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Open</p>

<p>'As Clean As It Can Be' The South Tees Clean Air Strategy Boroughwide. The Clean Air Strategy (CAS) impacts the whole of the borough cross-cutting with existing key policies such as the Local Plan, Transport and Climate Change.</p>	<p>Cabinet 6 Feb 2024</p>	<p>A 21 day consultation period was undertaken from 1st August to 22nd August 2023.</p> <p>The survey was electronic; published on RCBC website and which Middlesbrough Borough Council (MBC) linked to. RCBC and MBC also consulted with target groups.</p>		<p>Representations should be made to: Erika Grunert</p> <p>First published in Forward Plan: November 2023</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Open</p>
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<p>Loftus Conservation Area Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document To adopt the Loftus Conservation Area Management Plan SPD</p>	<p>Cabinet 6 Feb 2024</p>	<p>A draft of the document underwent a period of public consultation between 13/02/23 and 27/03/23. A notice was placed in the local press, on the Council's website and in Loftus Library. Communications were sent to individuals and organisations on the Strategic Planning Consultation Database and a public meeting was also held in Loftus Town Hall.</p>		<p>Representations should be made to: Andrew Carter</p> <p>First published in Forward Plan: September 2023</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Organisation Plan To approve the Council's refreshed Organisation Plan</p>	<p>Cabinet 6 Feb 2024</p>	<p>Members and Staff. Consultation</p>		<p>Representations should be made to: Michael Lyth</p> <p>First published in Forward Plan: November 2023</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Open</p>

**Medium Term
Financial Strategy
2024/25 to 2028/29**

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- A Medium-Term Financial Strategy for 2024/25 to 2028/29, incorporating the required Driving Change efficiencies programme, and including a 2.99% council tax increase for 2024/25 and a 2.00% adult social care precept for 2024/25.
- Note and approve the estimated National Non-Domestic Business Rates baseline for 2024/25 and the forecast collection fund surplus/deficit for 2023/24 which is to be carried forward for budgeting purposes into 2024/25.
- Approve the setting of a General Reserve position
- The indicative required council tax amounts and revenue allocations, applicable for the Borough of Redcar & Cleveland.
- An affordable medium term Capital Investment Programme, including a revised 2023/24 capital programme.
- A Treasury Management Strategy that sets the authorised limit for external

Cabinet
6 Feb 2024

Consultation with all Directorates and elected members. The report will report on the outcomes of consultations with stakeholders following the Council's Budget Proposals report dated 5 December 2023. This Budget report will then be considered and approved by Full Council on 29 February 2024.

Representations should be made to: Rob Davisworth

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Yes

Open

<p>Local Funding Formula for schools 2024/25 a) Formally 'approve' the local funding formula for schools for 2024/25</p> <p>b) Delegate the approval for political ratification to the Executive Director of Childrens Services (DCS) for future years.</p>	<p>Cabinet 6 Feb 2024</p>	<p>Local schools forum on 22 January 2024 See above</p>		<p>Representations should be made to: Elaine Laird</p> <p>First published in Forward Plan: January 2024</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Biodiversity & Trees Agree Implementation of the Biodiversity Plan.</p>	<p>Cabinet 30 Apr 2024</p>	<p>Ward members Community Group Streetscene Operations Managers Tree Team & Arborist</p>		<p>Representations should be made to: Robert Hoof</p> <p>First published in Forward Plan: February 2023</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Open</p>