

Forward Plan

For the Period February 2026 - May 2026



What is the Plan?

This Forward Plan sets out all of the Key Decisions that are expected to be taken during the period referred to above.

The Council has a statutory duty to prepare this document, in accordance, with the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended). The Plan is published monthly and will be available on the [Council's Website](#).

What is a Key Decision?

The decisions listed in this plan are 'Key Decisions'. A Key Decision is one that is likely to:

- (a) Result in the Council spending or making savings of over £150,000 revenue or £300,000 in capital, or;
- (b) Where the impact of the decision would be significant in terms of its impact on communities living or working in two or more Wards.

Under the Council's Constitution, Key Decisions are made by the Cabinet, Portfolio Holders, or officers acting under delegated powers.

Exempt Information

The plan also lists those 'Exempt' Key Decisions which are going to be taken over the next four months. Exempt Key Decisions are those decisions which have to be taken in private. This is because they involve confidential or exempt information which cannot be shared with the public.

Agenda papers for Cabinet meetings are published on the Council's website 5 working days before the meeting [here](#). Any items marked confidential or exempt will not be available for public inspection.

Any background paper listed can be obtained by contacting the Responsible Officer. Responsible officers can be contacted on 01636 650000 or customerservices@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk

Decision to be taken / Report title and Summary	Decision maker	Date Decision to be taken	Responsible Portfolio Holder	Responsible Officer	Exempt y/n and Grounds for exemption	Date decision can be implemented
Arkwood Developments Facility Agreement	Cabinet	20 Jan 2026	Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance	Nick Wilson, Business Manager- Financial Services Nick.Wilson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Part exempt	
Active4Today Agency Model	Cabinet	20 Jan 2026	Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance, Portfolio Holder - Health, Wellbeing & Leisure	Jenna Norton, Accountant Jenna.Norton@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
2026/27 Housing Revenue Account Budget and Rent Setting	Cabinet	20 Jan 2026	Portfolio Holder - Housing	Suzanne Shead suzanne.shead@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Parks and Open Spaces Development Plans	Cabinet	20 Jan 2026	Portfolio Holder - Climate and the Environment	Matt Finch, Director- Communities & Environment Matthew.Finch@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Bilsthorpe Hub Proposal	Cabinet	20 Jan 2026	Portfolio Holder - Public Protection and	Cara Clarkson, Business Manager - Healthy	Open	

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			Community Relations	Places cara.clarkson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk		
2026/27 Proposed General Fund Revenue Budget	Cabinet	24 Feb 2026	Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance	Nick Wilson, Business Manager- Financial Services Nick.Wilson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
General Fund Capital Programme 2026/27 to 2029/30	Cabinet	24 Feb 2026	Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance	Nick Wilson, Business Manager- Financial Services Nick.Wilson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
2026/27 to 2029/30 Medium Term Financial Plan	Cabinet	24 Feb 2026	Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance	Nick Wilson, Business Manager- Financial Services Nick.Wilson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Pay Policy Statement 2026/27	Cabinet	24 Feb 2026	Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance	Sarah Lawrie, Business Manager - HR and Training sarah.lawrie@newark-	Open	

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Development Plot Adjacent to Newark Lorry Park	Cabinet	24 Feb 2026	Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance	Steven Chitty, Major Capital Projects Delivery Manager steven.chitty@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Part exempt	
Newark Town Centre Master Plan and Design Code	Cabinet	24 Feb 2026	Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development	Matthew Norton, Business Manager - Planning Policy and Infrastructure matthew.norton@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Planning Reforms	Cabinet	24 Feb 2026	Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development	Matthew Norton, Business Manager - Planning Policy and Infrastructure matthew.norton@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Newark & Sherwood Local Plan - Commencement of Plan Making	Cabinet	24 Feb 2026	Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development	Matthew Norton, Business Manager - Planning Policy and Infrastructure	Open	

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Adoption of Public Open Space Fernwood	Cabinet	24 Feb 2026	Portfolio Holder - Climate and the Environment	Matt Lamb, Director - Planning and Growth Matt.Lamb@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Chatham Court Partnership Hub	Cabinet	24 Feb 2026	Portfolio Holder - Housing	Julie Davidson, Business Manager- Housing and Estates Julie.Davidson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Local Regeneration Fund - Newark Projects Update	Cabinet	24 Feb 2026	Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development	Lisa Chaney, Senior Regeneration Officer Lisa.Chaney@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Part exempt	
Biodiversity Strategy and Report	Cabinet	24 Mar 2026	Portfolio Holder - Climate and the Environment	Matthew Norton, Business Manager - Planning Policy and Infrastructure matthew.norton@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	

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Clipstone Regeneration Scheme Update	Cabinet	24 Mar 2026	Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development	Lisa Chaney, Senior Regeneration Officer Lisa.Chaney@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
UK Town of Culture	Cabinet	21 Apr 2026	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder - Heritage, Culture & the Arts	Carys Coulton-Jones, Business Manager- Heritage, Culture and Visitors Carys.Coulton-Jones@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	