

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
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	Part exempt	
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-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Newark Town Centre Master	Cabinet	24 Feb 2026	Portfolio Holder -	Matthew Tubb, Senior	Open	

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Plan and Design Code			Sustainable Economic Development	Planning Policy Officer matthew.tubb@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk, Neil Cuttell, Business Manager- Economic Growth & Visitor Economy Neil.Cuttell@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk		
Local Regeneration Fund - Newark Projects Update	Cabinet	24 Feb 2026	Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development	Neil Cuttell, Business Manager- Economic Growth & Visitor Economy Neil.Cuttell@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	Cabinet	24 Feb 2026	Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic	Matthew Norton, Business Manager -	Open	

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Making			Development	Planning Policy and Infrastructure matthew.norton@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk		
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	Part exempt	
UK Town of Culture - Newark and Sherwood Applications	Cabinet	24 Feb 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	
Chatham Court Partnership Hub	Cabinet	24 Mar 2026	Portfolio Holder - Housing	Julie Davidson, Business Manager- Housing and Estates Julie.Davidson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Ollerton and Clipstone Regeneration Scheme Updates	Cabinet	24 Mar 2026	Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development	Matt Lamb, Director - Planning and Growth Matt.Lamb@newark-	Open	

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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	
Introduction of Pilot Food Waste Collections	Cabinet	24 Mar 2026	Portfolio Holder - Climate and the Environment	Ryan Oliff, Waste & Recycling Manager - Environmental Services ryan.oliff@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Part exempt	
Renters Rights Act - Enforcement Policy and Charging Matrix	Cabinet	21 Apr 2026	Portfolio Holder - Housing	Jenny Walker, Business Manager- Public Protection jenny.walker@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	