

## **Forward Plan**

**For the Period January 2026 - April 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](mailto:customerservices@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk)

| <b>Decision to be taken / Report title and Summary</b>  | <b>Decision maker</b> | <b>Date Decision to be taken</b> | <b>Responsible Portfolio Holder</b>   | <b>Responsible Officer</b>  | <b>Exempt y/n and Grounds for exemption</b> | <b>Date decision can be implemented</b> |
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| Arkwood Developments Facility Agreement                 | Cabinet               | 20 Jan 2026                      | Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance   | Nick Wilson, Business Manager- Financial Services<br>Nick.Wilson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk | Part exempt                                 | 26 Jan 2026                             |
| Active4Today Agency Model                               | Cabinet               | 20 Jan 2026                      | Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance, Portfolio Holder - Health, Wellbeing & Leisure | Jenna Norton, Accountant<br>Jenna.Norton@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk                         | Open  | 26 Jan 2026                             |
| 2026/27 Housing Revenue Account Budget and Rent Setting | Cabinet               | 20 Jan 2026                      | Portfolio Holder - Housing  | Suzanne Shead<br>suzanne.shead@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk                                   | Open  | 26 Jan 2026                             |
| Parks and Open Spaces Development Plans                 | Cabinet               | 20 Jan 2026                      | Portfolio Holder - Climate and the Environment  | Matt Finch, Director- Communities & Environment<br>Matthew.Finch@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk | Open  | 26 Jan 2026                             |
| Bilsthorpe Hub Proposal                                 | Cabinet               | 20 Jan 2026                      | Portfolio Holder - Public Protection and  | Cara Clarkson, Business Manager - Healthy   | Open  | 26 Jan 2026                             |

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|   |                |                           | Community Relations                                       | Places<br>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<br>Nick.Wilson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk | Open                                 | 2 Mar 2026                       |
| 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<br>Nick.Wilson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk | Open                                 | 2 Mar 2026                       |
| 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<br>Nick.Wilson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk | Open                                 | 2 Mar 2026                       |
| Pay Policy Statement 2026/27                      | Cabinet        | 24 Feb 2026               | Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance | Sarah Lawrie, Business Manager - HR and Training<br>sarah.lawrie@newark-                  | Open                                 | 2 Mar 2026                       |

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|  |                |                           |   | sherwooddc.gov.uk  |                                      |                                  |
| Newark Town Centre Master Plan and Design Code             | Cabinet        | 24 Feb 2026               | Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development | Matthew Tubb, Senior Planning Policy Officer<br>matthew.tubb@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk,<br>Neil Cuttell, Business Manager- Economic Growth & Visitor Economy<br>Neil.Cuttell@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk | Open                                 | 2 Mar 2026                       |
| Planning Reforms   | Cabinet        | 24 Feb 2026               | Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development | Matthew Norton, Business Manager - Planning Policy and Infrastructure<br>matthew.norton@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk   | Open                                 | 2 Mar 2026                       |
| 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<br>matthew.norton@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk   | Open                                 | 2 Mar 2026                       |

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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<br>Matt.Lamb@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk   | Open  | 2 Mar 2026                              |
| Chatham Court Partnership Hub                              | Cabinet               | 24 Feb 2026                      | Portfolio Holder - Housing  | Julie Davidson, Business Manager- Housing and Estates<br>Julie.Davidson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk  | Open  | 2 Mar 2026                              |
| Local Regeneration Fund and Newark Capital Projects Update | Cabinet               | 24 Feb 2026                      | Portfolio Holder - Housing, Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development | Matt Lamb, Director - Planning and Growth<br>Matt.Lamb@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk,<br>Suzanne Shead<br>suzanne.shead@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk | Part exempt                                 | 2 Mar 2026                              |
| UK Town of Culture   | Cabinet               | 24 Feb 2026                      | Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder - Heritage, Culture & the Arts               | Carys Coulton-Jones, Business Manager- Heritage, Culture and Visitors<br>Carys.Coulton-Jones@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk                       | Open  | 2 Mar 2026                              |

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| Biodiversity Strategy and Report                   | Cabinet        | 24 Mar 2026               | Portfolio Holder - Climate and the Environment      | Matthew Norton,<br>Business Manager -<br>Planning Policy and<br>Infrastructure<br>matthew.norton@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk | Open                                 | 30 Mar 2026                      |
| Ollerton and Clipstone Regeneration Scheme Updates | Cabinet        | 24 Mar 2026               | Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development | Matt Lamb, Director -<br>Planning and Growth<br>Matt.Lamb@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk  | Open                                 | 30 Mar 2026                      |