

Cabinet work programme

17 January 2025



What is the Cabinet work programme?

The Cabinet work programme is a list of the key decisions and other planned cabinet and cabinet member decisions to be taken on behalf of the council. The work programme is updated regularly.

What is a key decision?

Key decisions are defined as decisions that are likely:

1. to incur expenditure, make savings or to receive income (except government grant) of more than £75,000 or
2. to award a revenue or capital grant of over £25,000 or
3. to agree an action that, in the view of the chief executive or the relevant head of service, would be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising more than one ward in the area of the council.

Officers may also include other items in this work programme on a voluntary basis that do not fit the above definition.

What does the work programme tell me?

The work programme gives information about:

- what key decisions and other planned cabinet and cabinet member decisions are coming forward in the next few months
- the earliest date those decisions can 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

Who takes key decisions?

Key decisions are taken by the Cabinet, individual Cabinet Members, individual officers or a committee acting under delegated powers.

Exempt or confidential decisions

This work programme gives notice of any cabinet decisions that are likely to be considered in part of a Cabinet meeting when the public are excluded. It may become necessary during the course of a Cabinet meeting to debate an issue or make a decision in the exempt or confidential part of the meeting. However, the Cabinet must first resolve to exclude the public and give a reason for doing so under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Who are the Cabinet members?

Cabinet is made up of the Leader of the Council and up to nine further members. The leader has allocated portfolios to Cabinet members as follows:

- [Councillor Bethia Thomas](#) – Council Leader and Cabinet member for climate action, nature recovery and strategic partnerships
- [Councillor Mark Coleman](#) – Deputy Council Leader and Cabinet member for environmental services and waste
- [Councillor Sue Caul](#) – Cabinet member for housing, leisure facilities and community buildings
- [Councillor Andy Crawford](#) – Cabinet member for finance and property
- [Councillor Lucy Edwards](#) – Cabinet member for communications, customer services, legal and democratic
- [Councillor Neil Fawcett](#) – Cabinet member for economic development, workplace and IT
- [Councillor Andy Foulsham](#) – Cabinet member for policy and programmes
- [Councillor Diana Lugova](#) – Cabinet member for planning
- [Councillor Helen Pighills](#) – Cabinet member for community health and wellbeing

How do I make contact?

Each entry in the work programme indicates the names of the relevant people to contact about that particular item. The contact details for the Cabinet Members are available on the Council's website www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk or by clicking on the Cabinet members' names above.

How do I get copies of agenda papers and other relevant documents?

The agenda papers for Cabinet meetings and other relevant documents are available five working days before the meeting on the Council's website www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk. Alternatively, documents are available at The Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14 3JE.

How to make representations to the Cabinet

Members of the public may make a statement or ask a question at a Cabinet meeting on an issue on the Cabinet agenda. To do so, the public must register their intention to speak by 12 noon on the working day before the meeting. To register please contact Democratic Services by e-mail: democratic.services@southandvale.gov.uk.

In advance of a decision being made, you may also submit documents to the decision-maker.

This work programme is subject to change

The dates listed for each forthcoming decision are the earliest dates for items to come forward.

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2024 DECISIONS							
Section 106 funding - to consider an application by Wantage Town Football Club	KEY	Cabinet member for finance and property 29 Feb 2024	Councillor Andy Crawford	1 Feb 2024	Councillor Sue Caul	Mark Hewer mark.hewer@southandvale.gov.uk	Delegated Individual Cabinet Member Decision
White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre - to award a contract to refurbish the cafe and toilets	KEY	Cabinet member for Housing, leisure facilities and community buildings 16 May 2024	Councillor Sue Caul	17 Apr 2024	Councillor Andy Crawford	Ben Whaymand ben.whaymand@southandvale.gov.uk	Delegated Individual Cabinet Member Decision
Wantage Leisure Centre - to award a contract to refurbish the wet side changing facilities	KEY	Cabinet member for Housing, leisure facilities and community buildings 16 May 2024	Councillor Sue Caul	17 Apr 2024	Councillor Andy Crawford	Ben Whaymand ben.whaymand@southandvale.gov.uk	Delegated Individual Cabinet Member Decision
White Horse Leisure & Tennis Centre and Wantage Leisure Centre Salix Phase 3b Decarbonisation Projects	KEY	Head of finance Not before 14 Aug 2024	Councillor Andy Crawford	15 Jul 2024	Head of Development and Corporate Landlord Councillor Andrew Crawford	Ben Whaymand ben.whaymand@southandvale.gov.uk	Delegated Authority - Officers Decision

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Cost Consultancy service for leisure decarbonisation projects	KEY	Cabinet member for finance and property 16 Oct 2024	Councillor Andrew Crawford	18 Sep 2024		John McLeod john.mcleod@southandvale.gov.uk	Delegated Individual Cabinet Member Decision
Procurement of a network supplier to support the councils' Local and Wide area networks To approve the procurement of a network supplier and maintenance partner to support the councils' local and wide area network installations that are required as a result of the exit from the Capita 5C IT contract.	KEY	Head of corporate services October 2024	Councillor Neil Fawcett	30 Sep 2024		Simon Turner simon.turner@southandvale.gov.uk	Delegated Officer Decision
Request to spend S106 funding under section 106 application reference: P24/V2129/106 To create a budget for £338,071 from S106 contribution (Public Transport) and release the funds to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) towards enhancements to the Route 66 and X15 bus services under 74 of council's financial procedure rules.	KEY	Head of finance Not before 21 Nov 2024	Councillor Andy Crawford	23 Oct 2024		Simon Hewings simon.hewings@southandvale.gov.uk	Delegated Authority - Officers Decision

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<p>Procurement of a Microsoft Solutions Partner To approve the procurement of a Microsoft Gold Partner to support the councils Microsoft 365 and Azure systems.</p>	KEY	Head of corporate services 27 Nov 2024	Councillor Neil Fawcett	23 Oct 2024		Simon Turner simon.turner@southandvale.gov.uk	Delegated Authority - Officers Decision
<p>Waste Transfer Station Contract Award</p>	KEY	Cabinet 29 Nov 2024	Councillor Mark Coleman	18 Oct 2024		William Maxwell Email: william.maxwell@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet decision
<p>Request to spend S106 funding under section 106 application reference: P24/V0721/106 To create a revised budget of £1,835,801 from S106 contributions (Primary and Secondary Education) and release the funds to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) towards the designing, commissioning, procuring and building out the primary school to be erected on the site (Shrivenham CE Primary School) under 74 of council's financial procedure rules. Original budget was £1,984,339 approved 7 June 2024. Difference of £148,538.37 to be allocated for use towards Faringdon Community College.</p>	KEY	Head of finance Not before 14 Dec 2024	Councillor Andy Crawford	15 Nov 2024	Councillor Andrew Crawford	Silke O'Ferrall silke.oferrall@southandvale.gov.uk	Delegated Authority - Officers Decision

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<p>Award of a contract for the an elections and electoral registration printing service. To approve the procurement of a print supplier to provide elections and electoral registration printed materials.</p>		Cabinet member for Communications, customer services, legal and democratic Not before 14 Dec 2024	Councillor Lucy Edwards	15 Nov 2024		Steven Corrigan steven.corrigan@southandvale.gov.uk	Delegated Individual Cabinet Member Decision
JANUARY 2025 DECISIONS							
<p>Request to spend S106 funding under section 106 application reference: P24/V2243/106 To create a budget for £1,352,597 from S106 contributions (Secondary Education) towards replacing temporary buildings with permanent accommodation at Faringdon Community College and release the funds to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) under 74 of council's financial procedure rules.</p>	KEY	Head of finance Not before 4 Jan 2025	Councillor Andy Crawford	7 Dec 2024	Councillor Andy Crawford	Silke O'Ferrall silke.oferrall@southandvale.gov.uk	Delegated Authority - Officers Decision
<p>Housing Landlord Position Statement 2025 To approve the position of the councils' housing landlord service, with a focus on compliance against the various legislative requirements</p>		Cabinet member for Housing, leisure facilities and community buildings Not before 31 Jan 2025	Councillor Sue Caul	7 Dec 2024	Councillor Sue Caul	Simon Price simon.price@southandvale.gov.uk	Delegated Individual Cabinet Member Decision

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<p>Rent setting policy for council provided housing To approve the rent setting policy for council provided housing</p>	KEY	Cabinet 31 Jan 2025	Councillor Sue Caul.	7 Dec 2024		Simon Price simon.price@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet decision
<p>Council Tax long-term empty property premium (LTEPP) duration change To approve the report to reduce the current empty property duration allowed prior to a LTEPP commencing, down from two years to one year. This change is provided for within the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023, taking into account all exceptions laid out within The Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings and Consequential Amendments) (England) Regulations 2024 published on 1 November 2024.</p> <p>If the report is approved the change from two years down to one year will take effect at Vale from 1 April 2026.</p>		Cabinet 31 Jan 2025 Council 12 Feb 2025	Councillor Andrew Crawford	7 Dec 2024		Trevor Gaffney trevor.gaffney@southandvale.gov.uk	Council Decision
<p>Car park fees and charges 2025</p>	KEY	Cabinet 31 Jan 2025	Councillor Mark Coleman	10 Sep 2024	Joint scrutiny Climate Emergency Advisory Committee	John Backley john.backley@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet decision

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Council Plan	KEY	Cabinet 31 Jan 2025 Council 12 Feb 2025	Councillor Andy Foulsham	30 May 2024	Scrutiny Committee	Tim Oruye tim.oruye@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet decision
Use of S106 funds to purchase housing To approve the spend of S106 funds to purchase new accommodation for singles, couples and small families. To approve the use of S106 funds to retrospectively support the purchase of LAHF properties	KEY	Cabinet 31 Jan 2025 Council 12 Feb 2025	Councillor Andy Crawford	7 Dec 2024	Councillor Sue Caul	Nigel Bower nigel.bower@southandvale.gov.uk	Council Decision
Treasury management mid-year monitoring 2024/25 To consider the report and provide recommendations to Council.	No	Cabinet 31 Jan 2025 Council 12 Feb 2025	Councillor Andy Crawford		Joint Audit and Governance Committee	Simon Hewings simon.hewings@southandvale.gov.uk	Council Decision
Capital Strategy 2025/26 to 2034/35 To recommend to Council to approve the strategy.	No	Cabinet 31 Jan 2025 Council 12 Feb 2025	Councillor Andy Crawford			Simon Hewings simon.hewings@southandvale.gov.uk	Council Decision
Revenue budget 2025/26 and capital programme 2025/26 - 2029/30	No	Cabinet 31 Jan 2025 Council 12 Feb 2025	Councillor Andy Crawford		Scrutiny Committee	Simon Hewings simon.hewings@southandvale.gov.uk	Council Decision

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Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2025-26 To recommend to Council to approve the strategy.	No	Cabinet 31 Jan 2025 Council 12 Feb 2025	Councillor Andy Crawford		Joint Audit and Governance Committee	Simon Hewings simon.hewings@southandvale.gov.uk	Council Decision
SPRING 2025 DECISIONS							
LEVI - Electric Vehicle Chargers	KEY	Cabinet member for environmental services and waste Not before 27 Aug 2024	Councillor Mark Coleman	26 Jul 2024		John Backley john.backley@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet decision
Future Delivery of Leisure Management Contract (This decision is likely to be part exempt under paragraph 3 to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972) To approve the recommended option(s) for the future delivery of the leisure management contract.	KEY	Cabinet	Councillor Sue Caul	23 Oct 2024	Joint Scrutiny	Andrew Busby andrew.busby@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet decision

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Review of taxi tariff To set a revised taxi tariff	KEY	Cabinet member for community health and wellbeing Not before 12 Feb 2025 Cabinet 11 Apr 2025	Councillor Helen Pighills	23 Oct 2024		Laura Driscoll laura.driscoll@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet decision
Procurement Strategy and Tender Evaluation Policy - to approve the strategy and policy	KEY	Cabinet 7 Mar 2025	Councillor Andrew Crawford	26 Jul 2024		Ben Watson ben.watson@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet decision
Future Direction of The Beacon – update on action plan agreed at February 24 Cabinet		Cabinet 7 Mar 2025	Councillor Helen Pighills	18 Sep 2024	Scrutiny Committee 28/01/2025	Daniel Harrison daniel.harrison@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet decision
Update to the Housing Delivery Strategy Action Plan 2025/26 To provide an update on the progress of the Housing Delivery Strategy and its actions plans for 2024/25. To approve a new action plan for 2025/26		Cabinet 7 Mar 2025	Councillor Sue Caul	7 Dec 2024	Councillor Sue Caul	Nigel Bower nigel.bower@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet decision
Joint Nature and Climate Action Plan 2025 - 2029 To approve the action plan	KEY	Cabinet 7 Mar 2025	Councillor Bethia Thomas	7 Dec 2024	CEAC	Dominic Lamb dominic.lamb@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet decision

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Update to the Joint Housing Allocations Policy To approve the updated Joint Housing Allocations Policy	KEY	Cabinet	Councillor Sue Caul	7 Dec 2024	Scrutiny Committee	Melissa Cripps melissa.cripps@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet decision
Oxfordshire Joint Leaders' Committee Terms of Reference To adopt the terms of reference and memorandum of understanding of the joint committee to replace the Future Oxfordshire Partnership.	KEY	Cabinet 7 Mar 2025	Councillor Bethia Thomas			Suzanne Malcolm suzanne.malcolm@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet decision
Annual Delivery Plan To approve the plan	KEY	Cabinet 7 Mar 2025	Councillor Andy Foulsham	20 Jan 2025		Tim Oruye tim.oruye@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet decision
Culture, Creative and Heritage Strategy To approve the development of the strategy	Non-key	Cabinet 11 Apr 2025	Councillor Helen Pighills	30 Sep 2024		Phil Barker Phil.Barker@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet decision