

Cabinet work programme

1 March 2024



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 and the environment, strategic partnerships and place
- [Councillor Mark Coleman](#) – Deputy Council Leader and Cabinet member for environmental services and waste
- [Councillor Sue Caul](#) – Cabinet member for affordable housing, infrastructure, development and governance
- [Councillor Andy Crawford](#) – Cabinet member for finance and property
- [Councillor Lucy Edwards](#) – Cabinet member for communications
- [Councillor Neil Fawcett](#) – Cabinet member for economic development
- [Councillor Andy Foulsham](#) – Cabinet member for corporate services, policy and programmes
- [Councillor Diana Lugova](#) – Cabinet member for planning and development management
- [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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MARCH 2024 DECISIONS							
Sparsholt Sewage Treatment Works - to replace the existing plant	KEY	Head of development and corporate landlord 11 Jul 2019	Councillor Mark Coleman	13 Jun 2019		John Backley john.backley@southandvale.gov.uk	Officer key decision form
Play areas - to provide a maintenance service for existing play areas	KEY	Cabinet member for community health and wellbeing 12 Aug 2022	Councillor Mark Coleman	15 Jul 2022		John Backley john.backley@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet member decision form
Faringdon Leisure Centre - to award a contract to replace the pool filter	KEY	Leader of the Council 16 Dec 2022	Councillor Bethia Thomas	18 Nov 2022		Jan Smith jan.smith@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet member decision form
Car park refurbishment project - to award a contract for refurbishments	KEY	Cabinet member for environmental services and waste 24 Mar 2023	Councillor Mark Coleman	24 Feb 2023		John Backley john.backley@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet member decision form
Custodianship and management of countryside land - to award a contract for three sites	KEY	Cabinet member for finance and property 9 Nov 2023	Councillor Andy Crawford	12 Oct 2023		Tim Sonnex tim.sonnex@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet member decision form

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UK Shared Prosperity Fund - to award UK Shared Prosperity Fund E2: Community and Neighbourhood Infrastructure Projects Funding	KEY	Head of development and corporate landlord 10 Nov 2023	Councillor Neil Fawcett	13 Oct 2023		Nick King nick.king@southandvaley.gov.uk	Officer key decision form
UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Assumption of financial risk for UK Shared Prosperity Fund interventions	KEY	Leader of the Council 10 Nov 2023	Councillor Bethia Thomas	13 Oct 2023		Nick King nick.king@southandvaley.gov.uk	Officer key decision form
Rural England Prosperity Fund - to award round 1 grant funding	KEY	Head of development and corporate landlord 10 Nov 2023	Councillor Neil Fawcett	13 Oct 2023		Nick King nick.king@southandvaley.gov.uk	Cabinet member decision form
Leisure facilities assessment strategy - to approve the draft strategy for public consultation	No	Cabinet member for corporate services, policy and programmes 1 Feb 2024	Councillor Andy Foulsham	1 Feb 2024		Tom Rice tom.rice@southandvaley.gov.uk	Cabinet member decision form
Playing pitch strategy - to approve the draft strategy for public consultation	No	Cabinet member for corporate services, policy and programmes 1 Feb 2024	Councillor Andy Foulsham	1 Feb 2024		Tom Rice tom.rice@southandvaley.gov.uk	Cabinet member decision form
Electoral Management System - to award a contract to procure the system	KEY	Head of legal and democratic 7 Feb 2024	Councillor Sue Caul	10 Jan 2024		Steven Corrigan steven.corrigan@southandvaley.gov.uk	Officer key decision form

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HR and Payroll System - to procure a new system	KEY	Cabinet member for corporate services, policy and programmes 9 Feb 2024	Councillor Andy Foulsham	12 Jan 2024		Abigail Witting abigail.witting@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet member decision form
Section 106 funding - to consider an application by Wantage Town Football Club	KEY	Cabinet member for affordable housing, infrastructure, development and governance 29 Feb 2024	Councillor Sue Caul	1 Feb 2024		Mark Hewer mark.hewer@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet member decision form
Empty Homes Policy - to approve a new policy	KEY	Cabinet 8 Mar 2024	Councillor Helen Pighills	4 Dec 2023		Phil Ealey phil.ealey@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report
Wantage Leisure Centre and White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre decarbonisation	KEY	Cabinet 8 Mar 2024	Councillor Andy Crawford	22 Sep 2023		Ben Whaymand ben.whaymand@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report
Corporate Performance Report and Climate Action Plan Performance Report - Quarter 3, 2023/24	No	Cabinet 8 Mar 2024	Councillor Andy Foulsham	20 Feb 2024		Tim Oruye tim.oruye@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report
Wantage Leisure Centre and White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre - to award contracts to carry out decarbonisation work	KEY	Cabinet member for finance and property Not before 11 Mar 2024	Councillor Andy Crawford	20 Feb 2024		Ben Whaymand ben.whaymand@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet member decision form

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Waste transfer station and reprocessing of mixed dry recycling - to approve the procurement of contracts	KEY	Cabinet member for environmental services and waste 19 Mar 2024	Councillor Mark Coleman	20 Feb 2024		Scott Williams, William Maxwell scott.williams1@southandvale.gov.uk william.maxwell@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet member decision form
APRIL DECISIONS							
UK Shared Prosperity Fund - to award UK Shared Prosperity Fund E3: Creation of/Improvements to Green Spaces	KEY	Head of development and corporate landlord 10 Nov 2023	Councillor Neil Fawcett	13 Oct 2023		Nick King nick.king@southandvale.gov.uk	Officer key decision form
UK Shared Prosperity Fund - to award a contract to deliver UK Shared Prosperity Fund intervention E29: Supporting Decarbonisation	KEY	Head of development and corporate landlord 10 Nov 2023	Councillor Neil Fawcett	13 Oct 2023		Nick King nick.king@southandvale.gov.uk	Officer key decision form
Hackney Carriage Tariff - to approve a new tariff	KEY	Cabinet 19 Apr 2024	Councillor Helen Pighills	20 Feb 2024		Laura Driscoll laura.driscoll@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report
Waste Vehicle Purchasing Strategy - to approve a strategy	KEY	Cabinet 19 Apr 2024	Councillor Mark Coleman	4 Dec 2023	Joint Scrutiny Committee 25 March 2024	Scott Williams scott.williams1@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report
Housing Delivery Strategy Action Plan - to review the action plan	No	Cabinet 19 Apr 2024	Councillor Sue Caul	4 Dec 2023		Nigel Bower nigel.bower@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report

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Private Sector Housing Enforcement - to approve a new policy	KEY	Cabinet 19 Apr 2024	Councillor Helen Pighills	4 Dec 2023		Phil Ealey phil.ealey@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report
Didcot Garden Town update, draft green infrastructure strategy and draft wayfinding strategy	KEY	Cabinet 19 Apr 2024	Councillor Sue Caul	10 Jan 2024		Charlotte Cottingham Charlotte.cottingham@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report
Budget Monitoring - to consider the quarter 3 monitoring report	No	Cabinet 19 Apr 2024	Councillor Andy Crawford	1 Mar 2024		Simon Hewings simon.hewings@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report
JUNE DECISIONS							
Tree planting policy - to review the policy for planting trees on council land	KEY	Cabinet 28 Jun 2024	Councillor Andy Crawford	2 Oct 2023		Karen Lister karen.lister@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report
Oxfordshire Councils Charter - to adopt the charter	KEY	Cabinet 28 Jun 2024	Councillor Bethia Thomas	12 Oct 2023		Tim Oruye tim.oruye@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report
Section 106 funding - to consider a funding application for sports facilities at Milton	KEY	Cabinet 28 Jun 2024	Councillor Sue Caul	10 Jan 2024		David Cookson david.cookson@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report
Didcot Technology Park - to recommend Council to adopt a local development order	No	Cabinet 28 Jun 2024	Councillors Diana Lugova	4 Dec 2023		Adrian Butler adrian.butler@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report

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Five Councils Partnership - to recommend Council to approve contract exit options. (This is likely to be an exempt decision under categories 3 and 5.)	No	Cabinet 28 Jun 2024	Councillor Bethia Thomas	20 Feb 2024		Susan Harbour susan.harbour@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report
New Depot: site, professional services and budget - to approve the preferred site, seek delegation to enter into an Agreement for Lease, award the Professional Services contract and move the required budget into the approved capital programme. (This is likely to be an exempt decision under Category 3.)	KEY	Cabinet 28 Jun 2024	Councillor Andy Crawford	1 Mar 2024	Scrutiny Committee 11 June 2024	Aileen Sparling aileen.sparling@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report
JULY DECISIONS							
Rural England Prosperity Funding - to award round 2 grant funding	KEY	Head of development and corporate landlord 10 Nov 2023	Councillor Neil Fawcett	13 Oct 2023		Nick King nick.king@southandvale.gov.uk	Officer key decision form

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UK Shared Prosperity Fund - to award grant funding under UK Shared Prosperity Fund intervention E22: Enterprise Infrastructure and Employment/Innovation sites	KEY	Head of development and corporate landlord 10 Nov 2023	Councillor Neil Fawcett	13 Oct 2023		Nick King nick.king@southandvale.gov.uk	Officer key decision form
Waste and Street Cleansing Strategy and Service - to approve the strategy	KEY	Cabinet July 2024	Councillor Mark Coleman	4 Dec 2023		Scott Williams scott.williams1@southandvale.gov.uk	Cabinet report