

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
(covering the period 1 December 2024 to 31 March 2025 at a minimum)

The Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions sets out decisions that the Cabinet, Investment Board or an individual member of the Cabinet intends to take over (at least) the following four months, beginning with the first day of the month following publication of the plan. The plan will be updated and re-published each month and copies can be obtained from Fenland Hall, County Road, March, Cambs, PE15 8NQ - telephone March (01354) 622452.

Members of the public are entitled to obtain copies of the documents that will be relied upon when the decision is taken unless they are exempt within the meaning of the Local Government Acts. These documents will be published, wherever possible, on the Council's website (www.fenland.gov.uk) a number of days before the decision is due to be taken. Paper copies will be made available for inspection and purchase via the address and telephone number set out above

Please note that the decision dates are indicative and occasionally subject to change. Please contact Amy Brown, Head of Legal and Governance, on the above direct line if you wish to check the decision date for a particular item.

What is a Key Decision?

A Key Decision means an Executive decision (i.e. one taken by the Cabinet or an individual member of the Cabinet) which is likely to

- result in the authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, in excess of £100,000 either on its own or in partnership with other organisations; or
- be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area of the District comprising two or more wards.

The full definition of a Key Decision can be found in the Council's Constitution, which can be found on the Council's website.

Part 2 – Notice of Intention to take Decisions in Private

Whilst the majority of the business listed in this Plan will be open to the public to attend, there will be some business to be considered that contains, for example, confidential, commercially sensitive or personal information. In these circumstances, the meeting may be held in private and on the rare occasion this applies, notice will be given within Part 2 of this document.

For further information regarding the content and purpose of the Forward Plan and the associated decision-making process, please contact Amy Brown, Head of Legal and Governance, on 01354 622452 or amybrown@fenland.gov.uk

PART 1 – FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

Decision	Decision Maker	Date of Decision (Approximate)	Wards	Who is to be Consulted and By What Means	Who to Respond to and By When	Background Documents
Purchase of 4 properties in March - KEY/20DEC24/01 as part of implementation of Cabinet decision CAB24/24 (Value £450,000)	Section 151 Officer	Not before 1st Feb 2025	March Wards	Not applicable	Dan Horn, Assistant Director dhorn@fenland.gov.uk	https://moderngov.fenland.gov.uk/documents/s16182/Report.pdf
Purchase of 33 flats and 2 shops in Wisbech - KEY/20DEC24/02 to support meeting our housing duties (Value to be advised but circa £2.5million)	Cabinet	27 Jan 2025	Wisbech Wards	Not applicable	Dan Horn, Assistant Director dhorn@fenland.gov.uk	https://moderngov.fenland.gov.uk/documents/s16182/Report.pdf https://moderngov.fenland.gov.uk/documents/s16182/Report.pdf TO BE ADVISED POSSIBLE CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX

PART 1 - PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED KEY DECISIONS

Decision	Decision Maker	Date of Decision (Approximate)	Wards	Who is to be Consulted and By What Means	Who to Respond to and By When	Background Documents
Sign MRF Contracts for the transport, sorting and onward sale of Mixed Dry Recycling following RECAP joint procurement - KEY/03JUL24/02 (Value £6m)	Section 151 Officer, Portfolio Holder for Refuse & Cleansing, Parks & Open Spaces	Before 31 Aug 2024	All Wards	Not applicable	Carol Pilson, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer, Mark Mathews, Head of Environmental Services cpilson@fenland.gov.uk , mmathews@fenland.gov.uk	Cabinet Report and decision
Sign MRF Contracts for the Bulking of Mixed Dry Recycling following RECAP joint procurement - KEY/03JUL24/03 (Value £600k)	Portfolio Holder for Refuse & Cleansing, Parks & Open Spaces, Section 151 Officer	Before 31 Aug 2024	All Wards	Not applicable		Cabinet report and decision
Purchase of replacement refuse vehicle - KEY/08AUG24/02 (Value £225,000)	Portfolio Holder for Refuse & Cleansing, Parks & Open Spaces	Before 23 Sep 2024	All Wards	Not applicable.	Carol Pilson, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer, Mark Mathews, Head of Environmental Services cpilson@fenland.gov.uk , mmathews@fenland.gov.uk	

Purchase 8 x 7.5 tonne Waste Collection Vehicles - KEY/06AUG24/01 for Food Waste Service (Value £890,000)	Section 151 Officer, Portfolio Holder for Refuse & Cleansing, Parks & Open Spaces	Before 30 Sep 2024	All Wards	Not applicable	Mark Mathews, Head of Environmental Services, Carol Pilson, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer mmathews@fenland.gov.uk , cpilson@fenland.gov.uk	Cabinet report and decision
Purchase of replacement recycling collection vehicle - KEY/08AUG24/01 (Value £225,000)	Portfolio Holder for Refuse & Cleansing, Parks & Open Spaces	Before 30 Sep 2024	All Wards	Not applicable.	Carol Pilson, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer, Mark Mathews, Head of Environmental Services cpilson@fenland.gov.uk , mmathews@fenland.gov.uk	
Purchase of Replacement Recycling Collection Vehicle - KEY/20SEP23/01	Portfolio Holder for Refuse & Cleansing, Parks & Open Spaces	30 Sep 2023	All Wards	Not applicable	Mark Mathews, Head of Environmental Services mmathews@fenland.gov.uk	None.
Purchase of Replacement Refuse Collection Vehicle - KEY/20SEP23/02	Portfolio Holder for Refuse & Cleansing, Parks & Open Spaces	30 Sep 2023	All Wards	Not applicable	Mark Mathews, Head of Environmental Services mmathews@fenland.gov.uk	None.

<p>CCTV Maintenance Contract - KEY/03JUL24/01</p> <p>To approve the award and appointment of the winning tender for the CCTV maintenance contract to commence with effect from 1st September 2024 and to agree that the management of the contract is delegated to Peterborough City Council (Value circa £210k to £250k)</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Community, Health, Environmental Health, CCTV, Community Safety & Military Covenant</p>	<p>Before 30 Sep 2024</p>		<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>Dan Horn, Assistant Director dhorn@fenland.gov.uk</p>	<p>Procurement documentation</p>
<p>Garden Waste Fee Setting 2025/26 - KEY/24SEP24/01</p>	<p>Section 151 Officer</p>	<p>15 Oct 2024</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>In consultation with Finance and Environment Portfolio Holders</p>	<p>Mark Mathews, Head of Environmental Services mmathews@fenland.gov.uk</p>	

<p>To approve receiving funding to administer a system-wide help hub - KEY/25SEP24/01 (Value circa £181k minimum)</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Community, Health, Environmental Health, CCTV, Community Safety & Military Covenant</p>	<p>Not before 23rd Oct 2024</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Dan Horn, Assistant Director dhorn@fenland.gov.uk</p>	
<p>Hybrid Print and Post Service - KEY/16OCT24/01 Recommendation to approve contract for hybrid print and post service for internal services for a 2 + 2-year period following successful procurement period (value £125k to £200k)</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Communication, Transformation, Climate Change & Strategic Refuse</p>	<p>Before 31 Oct 2024</p>		<p>All relevant internal stakeholders</p>	<p>David Wright, Policy & Communications Manager dwright@fenland.gov.uk</p>	<p>Hybrid post business case</p>

To approve entering into a lease with CCC for 214-218 Ramnoth Road - KEY/25OCT24/01 and invest in the capital expenditure required to refurbish properties to utilise to support the Council's Housing Duties (Value circa £120k)	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Licensing, Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Skills, Leader & Portfolio Holder for Finance	Before 25 Nov 2024	Wisbech South	Not applicable	Dan Horn, Assistant Director dhorn@fenland.gov.uk	
Wisbech High Street Update (a recurring Cabinet item) - KEY/06SEP22/01 Recommendation to consider and approve options in relation to future development.	Cabinet	27 Jan 2025	Wisbech Wards	All relevant internal and external stakeholders	Phil Hughes, Head of Leisure Services/SRO March Future High Street Project phughes@fenland.gov.uk	Previous Council Reports only at this stage.
Consideration of options for the future location of the Wisbech fairs - KEY/17DEC24/02	Cabinet	27 Jan 2025	Wisbech Wards	All relevant internal and external stakeholders	Mark Greenwood, Head of Property, Assets and Major Projects mgreenwood@fenland.gov.uk	Public consultation response
Homelessness and Rough Sleeping strategy and action plan KEY/25NOV24/01	Cabinet	27 Jan 2025	All Wards	All relevant internal and external stakeholders	Sarah Gove, Housing & Communities Manager sgove@fenland.gov.uk	

Grounds Maintenance Contract - Future Options - KEY/17MAY24/01 Total value in the region of £6.5m over a 10-year term.	Cabinet	27 Jan 2025	All Wards	All relevant internal and external stakeholders.	Phil Hughes, Head of Leisure Services/SRO March Future High Street Project phughes@fenland.gov.uk	Cabinet Report
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<p>Wisbech Town Board, 10-Year Vision Document and 3-Year Investment Plan - KEY/11JUN24/01 Cabinet to discuss and note documents developed by Wisbech Town Board. As FDC is the accountable body for actioning the spending of funding to deliver both plans, the Council needs to be satisfied that the plans are financially viable and would confirm with Government guidance for Long Term Plan for Towns, and that they reflect sound governance and financial practice.</p> <p>(Value: Government Grant Fund, approx. £2m p.a. from 2025-2035).</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>27 Jan 2025</p>	<p>Wisbech Wards</p>	<p>Community consultation within documents, including local elected Members on the Town Board.</p>	<p>Phil Hughes, Head of Leisure Services/SRO March Future High Street Project phughes@fenland.gov.uk</p>	<p>10-year vision document. 3-year delivery plan. Government guidance regarding Long Term Plan for Towns.</p>
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Article 4 Direction - HMO's in Wisbech - KEY/11DEC24/01	Cabinet	Not before 27th Jan 2025	Wisbech Wards	Not applicable	Dan Horn, Assistant Director dhorn@fenland.gov.uk	Article 4 guidance
Purchase of a property in March - KEY/12DEC24/01 as part of implementation of cabinet decision Cab 17/23 17th July 2023 (circa £165,000)	Section 151 Officer	Not before 1st Feb 2025	March Wards	Not applicable	Dan Horn, Assistant Director dhorn@fenland.gov.uk	https://www.fenland.gov.uk/localgov/documents/s12358/LAHF Cabinet Report - July 2023.pdf https://www.fenland.gov.uk/localgov/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=794
Leisure Facility Strategy - Initial Assessment Phase - KEY/24AUG23/02 To consider the initial assessment phase.	Cabinet	24 Feb 2025	All Wards	All relevant internal and external stakeholders.	Phil Hughes, Head of Leisure Services/SRO March Future High Street Project phughes@fenland.gov.uk	Report to Cabinet
Fenland Transport Strategy - KEY/06JAN23/01 Ask Cabinet to note the public consultation feedback, the changes to the draft strategy and to adopt the latest version.	Cabinet	24 Feb 2025	All Wards	All relevant internal and external stakeholders.	Wendy Otter, Transport Development Manager wotter@fenland.gov.uk	Cabinet report for 16 May 2023 including the draft final Fenland Transport Strategy document. Cabinet Report of May 2022 supporting the draft strategy for public consultation

Tender for and agree Contract(s) for the Bulking of Mixed Dry Recycling following procurement - KEY/27NOV24/01 (Value £600,000)	Portfolio Holder for Refuse & Cleansing, Parks & Open Spaces, Section 151 Officer	Before 28 Feb 2025	All Wards	Not applicable	Carol Pilson, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer, Mark Mathews, Head of Environmental Services cpilson@fenland.gov.uk , mmathews@fenland.gov.uk	Cabinet report and decision
Review of 2 air quality management areas for Wisbech - KEY/19NOV24/01	Cabinet	24 Mar 2025	Wisbech Wards	All relevant internal and external stakeholders including Defra	Annabel Tighe, Head of Environmental Health and Compliance Manager atighe@fenland.gov.uk	Recent air quality screening assessment report

PART 2 - NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE DECISIONS IN PRIVATE

Decision	Decision Maker	Date of Decision (Approximate)	Wards	Who is to be Consulted and By What Means	Who to Respond to and By When	Background Documents
Engagement of company to undertake Void cleaning of the council's temporary housing stock of 49 houses, Flats and bungalows across the Fenland District - KEY/25OCT24/02 (Value more than £100k)	Cabinet	27 Jan 2025	All Wards	All relevant internal and external stakeholders	Mark Greenwood, Head of Property, Assets and Major Projects mgreenwood@fenland.gov.uk	Returned Tender Submission Schedule of Prices should be EXEMPT by virtue of Paragraph 3.
Approval of award of legal services contract - KEY/17DEC24/01	Cabinet	24 Mar 2025	Wisbech Wards	All relevant internal stakeholders	Amy Brown, Assistant Director amybrown@fenland.gov.uk	EXEMPT Paragraph 3 Financial information relating to third parties (bids).

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