



Cabinet Forward Plan of Key and Non-Key Decisions for Cambridge City Council

September 2026

Introduction

This Forward Plan sets out the key and non-key decisions to be taken by the Cabinet. This includes any decisions that are due to be taken in private.

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Executive Forward Plan and Notices required by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

There is a legal requirement for local authorities to publish a notice setting out the key decisions that will be taken by the Cabinet or Individual Cabinet Member at least 28 clear days before such decisions are to be taken. This Forward Plan incorporates the Notice of Intention to make Key Decision and sets out the decisions which are intended to be taken at Cambridge City Council by Cabinet or Individual Cabinet Members. Whilst this document provides details of known decisions for the following month, where details of decisions to be made after this period are known, they are provided for information.

The Plan also sets out where, if at all, it is anticipated that part of a Cabinet meeting will be held in private. This is where confidential or exempt information (as defined in the constitution) is likely to be made known. Notice is hereby given that it may be necessary for part of a Cabinet meeting to be held in private because it becomes apparent at the meeting that confidential or exempt information will otherwise be made known. Should this become apparent at the meeting the relevant part of the meeting will only be held in private upon the passing of a resolution which (where exempt information will be made known) describes the description of exempt information pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Forward Plan will be updated and rolled forward on a monthly basis. As this takes place, the programme will be adjusted and further decisions will be added or anticipated ones may be rescheduled or removed.

If a key decision is not included in the published Forward Plan for 28 clear days before a decision needs to be taken the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must be notified and a supplement to the Forward Plan published at least 5 clear days before the date on which the decision is proposed to be taken. If the date by which the decision has to be made makes compliance with this requirement impracticable the decision can only be made with the consent of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee who must be satisfied that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

If it is necessary to discuss an issue in private and 28 days' notice has not been given the decision may only be taken or the item discussed in private with the agreement of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee who must be satisfied that the need for the item to be taken to the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred

Key Decisions

The Key decision thresholds at Cambridge City Council are:

- The decision is likely to result in the City Council incurring expenditure or making savings in excess of £500,000 (excluding procurement decisions or decisions relating to land acquisition or disposal). Excluded from this definition are all loans to banks or other financial institutions made in accordance with the Treasury Management Policy.
- Procurement decisions involving expenditure of £1,000,000 or more. In relation to letting contracts the key decision is seeking authority to procure (and delegate authority to award).

Or

- An acquisition or disposal of land or an interest in land with a value in excess of £600,000.

Or

- The decision is likely to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards in the City.

Part 1 – Key Decisions						
Decision Title	Decision Description	Decision Maker	Date of Decision	Contact Officer	Documents to be considered	Relevant Scrutiny
Review of a Public Space Protection Order for Dog Control across the City	To approve the renewal of a Public Space Protection Order for Dog Control across the City	Cabinet Lead Cllr Mike Todd-Jones	23 September 2026	Sarah Steggles, Team Manager – Public Safety Sam Scharf, Director of Communities	There has been a PSPO across the City since 2017 to restrict dogs on leads in some open spaces, and for certain times of the year. The PSPO also requires that if a dog defecates the person in charge of the dog must remove the faeces. The PSPO need to be reviewed every 3 years the last review took place in 2023. The next review needs	Services, Climate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

					to be completed by October 2026. Consultation will take place from June and evidence gathering will inform a decision if the current PSPO will no longer be required, need amending, or remain with no changes	
River Cam, Chalk Streams and Tributaries – Strategic Review and Environmental Projects	To consider an officer report reviewing Council activity and partnerships to protect and improve the River Cam, chalk streams and tributaries, including alignment with key Council strategies. The report will also seek approval for environmental projects, including Cambridge Water Pebble Fund and potential AstraZeneca projects, and associated funding and partnership arrangements.	Cabinet Lead Cllr Martin Smart	23 September 2026	Alistair Wilson, Assistant Director for Public Realm and Environment Director, City Services Group (James Elms)	Officer report; Biodiversity Strategy 2022–2030; Climate Change Strategy; Urban Forest Strategy 2026–2036; Greater Cambridge Local Plan and supporting evidence; relevant funding agreements, project proposals and partnership documentation.	Services, Climate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Update on the Civic Quarter	To approve a capital budget for the delivery of	Cabinet	20 October	Ben Binns, Assistant	The Council previously committed to returning to Cabinet with an update on Civic	Performance, Assets & Strategy

Project	the Civic Quarter Project	Lead Cllr Jenny Gawthrop e-Wood and Cllr Antoinette Nestor	2026	Director, Development Director of Economy and Place (Lynne Miles)	Quarter project following submission of planning designs this year. Cabinet is now requested to consider options to approve a capital budget for the delivery of the Civic Quarter project.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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Non-Key Decisions

Non-key decisions are those that do not have a significant impact on the local community or budget but still need to be documented for transparency. These decisions are typically taken by senior officers or delegated decision-makers.

Part 2 – Non-Key Decisions						
Decision Title	Decision Description	Decision Maker	Date of Decision	Contact Officer	Documents to be considered	Relevant Scrutiny
Review of the Public Space Protection Order for Punt Touts	To approve the renewal of a Public Space Protection Order for Punt Touts	Cabinet Lead Cllr Mike Todd-Jones	23 September 2026	Yvonne O'Donnell, Strategic Environment al Health and Public Safety Lead Director,	There has been a PSPO across the City since 2017 for illegal punt touting, only allowing touting to take place in certain parts of the City Centre with a review date for 3 years. The PSPO was reviewed in 2023. It is now up for a review in 2026 to be implemented by October 2026.	Services, Climate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

				Communities Group (Sam Scharf)	Consultation will take place from June, and evidence gathering will inform a decision if the current PSPO will no longer be required, need amending, or remain with no changes	
Q1 Performance Report	To provide Cabinet the Quarter 1 Performance Report	Cabinet Lead Cllr Jenny Gawthrop e-Wood	23 September 2026	Jane Wilson, Chief Operating Officer	Integrated Quarterly Performance Report with high level narrative description of the quarter, and including finance, risk and performance measures.	Performance, Assets & Strategy Overview and Scrutiny Committee
State of the City and Annual report	To note the annual State of the City update report and Annual Report	Cabinet Lead Cllr Katie Thornburrow	23 September 2026	David Kidston, Head of Strategy & Policy Chief Executive (Robert Pollock)	The annual State of the City update report provides a narrative update on key indicators of environmental, social and economic conditions in Cambridge in 2025/26. The original State of the City report was produced in 2023. The Council's Annual Report provides a summary of the key impacts and achievements of the Council during 202/26.	Performance, Assets & Strategy Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Future Provision and Operation of	To update Cabinet on progress in reopening	Cabinet Lead Cllr	23 September	Alistair Wilson,	The Council previously committed to returning to Cabinet with an update on	Services, Climate and Communities

Public Toilets at Parker's Piece and Quayside	toilet facilities at Parker's Piece and to seek approval for the future approach to the operation, management and investment in the public toilet facilities at Parker's Piece and Quayside	Martin Smart	2026	Assistant Director for Public Realm and Environment Director, City Services Group (James Elms)	public toilet provision following changes approved in June 2025. Cabinet is now requested to consider options for the future of the Parker's Piece and Quayside facilities, including operational arrangements, costs and any investment required to support continued public use.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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Exemptions and Confidential Decisions

If any decision is to be taken in private (i.e., exempt from public access), a brief explanation of the grounds for the exemption must be provided. A link to those can be found here [Local Government Act 1972](#)

Part 3 – Decisions That Are Confidential						
Decision Title	Decision Description	Decision Maker	Date of Decision	Contact Officer	Documents to be considered	Relevant Scrutiny

There are none

Cabinet Dates 2026/27:

2026: 23 September, 20 October, 17 November, 15 December

2027: 18 January, 11 February, 23 March

Members of Cabinet

Cllr Thornburrow	Leader of the Council, Planning and Transport
Cllr Moore	Deputy Leader of the Council, Climate Action & Environment
Cllr Smart	Nature, Open Spaces & City Services
Cllr Todd-Jones	Communities
Cllr Bird	Housing
Cllr Gawthrope Wood	Finance and Corporate Operations
Cllr Nestor	Inclusive Economy and Skills

Overview & Scrutiny Committees:

Performance, Assets & Strategy:	Services, Climate & Communities
23 June 2026 15 July 2026 6 October 2026 3 November 2026 27 January 2027 2 March 2027	18 June 2026 21 September 2026 19 November 2026 4 February 2026 11 March 2027

Leader, Planning and Transport	Deputy Leader, Climate & Environment
Housing	Communities
Finance and Corporate Operations	Nature, Open Spaces and City Services
Inclusive Economy and Skills	

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