



# **BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **FORWARD PLAN**

### **1 NOVEMBER TO 31 OCTOBER 2025**

The Forward Plan is a forecast of decisions which are expected to be taken by the Cabinet in the next twelve months.

This Plan constitutes 28 day notice as required by virtue of Regulations 5(2) and 9(2) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information (England) Regulations 2012.

The Boston Borough Council definition of a key decision is:

- A decision which results in the authority incurring expenditure which is, or involves the making of savings which are significant having regard to the authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- Be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards of the Borough.

Decisions set out in this Plan will be taken by the Cabinet unless otherwise specified. All decisions included in this Plan will be taken on the basis of a written report and will be published on the Council's website before the meeting.

Please note that the decision dates are indicative and occasionally subject to change.

The Council invites members of the public to attend any of the meetings at which decisions will be discussed and the papers listed on the Plan can be viewed free of charge at the Customer Services Desk, Municipal Building, West Street, Boston, or on the Council's website, [www.boston.gov.uk](http://www.boston.gov.uk)

If you wish to make comments or representations regarding the decisions outlined in the Plan, please submit them in writing to the contact officer identified against each decision in the Plan, at least 2 working days before the date of the meeting at which the decision is to be taken.

Agendas, decisions and minutes are published on the Council's website [www.boston.gov.uk](http://www.boston.gov.uk)

#### **Cabinet Members:**

Cllr Anne Dorrian (Leader)  
Cllr Dale Broughton (Deputy Leader)

Cllr John Baxter  
Cllr Sandeep Ghosh

Cllr Callum Butler  
Cllr Sarah Sharpe

Cllr Emma Cresswell

Report Title and Summary of Content	Key / Non-Key	Date Decision to be taken	Rec to Council?	Open or Exempt	Lead Officer	Portfolio Holder
<b>Levelling Up Fund - Land Acquisition</b> Acquisition of a strategically important site required to support the delivery of the Levelling Up Fund requirements, as set out by Government, and within the Council's capital programme.	Key	Not before 19 Oct 2024		Fully Exempt	Richard Hodgson, Assistant Director - Strategic Projects Richard.Hodgson@s holland.gov.uk	Leader (Councillor Anne Dorrian)
<b>Use of Affordable Housing Commuted Sum Funding</b> To transfer Affordable Housing Commuted Sum funding from reserves into the current year's Budget to gap fund an affordable housing scheme which will deliver 200 new Affordable Homes (subject to validation of viability information)	Non Key	11 Nov 2024		Fully exempt	Stuart Horton, Service Manager – Affordable and Accessible Homes stuart.horton@boston.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Housing (Councillor John Baxter)
<b>Street Naming and Numbering Policy</b> Approval for a Partnership Street Naming and Numbering Policy	Non Key	12 Dec 2024		Open	Pauline Lyon, Group Manager Building Control Pauline.lyon@sholland.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Housing (Councillor John Baxter)
<b>Review of the Boston Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan 2023-2027</b> To present to the Cabinet the Boston Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan 2023-2027 Draft Annual Review for Discussion.	Key	12 Dec 2024		Open	John Leach, Deputy Chief Executive - Communities john.leach@boston.gov.uk	Deputy Leader (Councillor Dale Broughton)
<b>Debt Write Off</b> To seek approval for the write off of uncollectable debt	Non Key	12 Dec 2024		Part exempt	Sharon Hammond, Head of Revenues and Benefits PSPSL Sharon.hammond@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)

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<b>Quarter 2 report - Performance and Risk</b>	Non Key	12 Dec 2024		Open	Suzanne Rolfe, Group Manager - Insights & Transformation suzanne.rolfe@boston.gov.uk	Leader (Councillor Anne Dorrian)
<b>South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Artificial Intelligence Policy</b> To approve the implementation of the South and East Lincolnshire Councils partnership artificial intelligence policy	Non Key	12 Dec 2024		Open	Corey Gooch, Business Intelligence and Change Manager Corey.Gooch@sholland.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
<b>Customer Feedback Policy</b>	Non Key	12 Dec 2024		Open	Rebecca James, Scrutiny & Policy Officer rebecca.james@e-lindsey.gov.uk	Leader (Councillor Anne Dorrian)
<b>Council/PSPS service modernisation programme</b>	Key	7 Jan 2025		Fully exempt	James Gilbert, Assistant Director – Corporate james.gilbert@e-lindsey.gov.uk	Leader (Councillor Anne Dorrian)
<b>Joint Annual Scrutiny of the South &amp; East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership</b> To receive the final report of the Joint Scrutiny Task Group on the ‘Annual Scrutiny of the Partnership’	Non Key	7 Jan 2025		Open	James Gilbert, Assistant Director – Corporate <a href="mailto:james.gilbert@e-lindsey.gov.uk">james.gilbert@e-lindsey.gov.uk</a>	Leader (Councillor Anne Dorrian)

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<b>Waste services delivery model</b> To approve changes to the waste service to meet the Simpler Recycling requirements of the Environment Act 2021	Key	20 Jan 2025		Open	Victoria Burgess, Assistant Director – Neighbourhoods Tel: 01507 613214 <a href="mailto:victoria.burgess@e-lindsey.gov.uk">victoria.burgess@e-lindsey.gov.uk</a>	Portfolio Holder – Environmental (Councillor Callum Butler)
<b>Scrutiny Review of the Partnership Enviro Crime Enforcement Contract</b> To receive the Task Group's final report and recommendations following scrutiny of the Partnership Enviro Crime Enforcement Contract	Non Key	11 Feb 2025		Open	Rebecca James, Scrutiny & Policy Officer <a href="mailto:rebecca.james@e-lindsey.gov.uk">rebecca.james@e-lindsey.gov.uk</a>	Portfolio Holder – Environmental (Councillor Callum Butler)
<b>Quarter 3 report – Performance and Risk</b>	Non Key	19 Feb 2025		Open	Suzanne Rolfe, Group Manager – Insights & Transformation <a href="mailto:suzanne.rolfe@boston.gov.uk">suzanne.rolfe@boston.gov.uk</a>	Leader (Councillor Anne Dorrian)
<b>SELCP Private Sector Housing Strategy</b> The strategy sets out the strategic direction for Housing Standards within the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership sub region. Its purpose is to set the context as to how the Council's intend to meet the challenges and opportunities confronting the service and to set out the key priorities for action and delivery.	Non Key	19 Feb 2025		Open	Jonathan Challen, Safer Communities Service Manager <a href="mailto:jonathan.challen@e-lindsey.gov.uk">jonathan.challen@e-lindsey.gov.uk</a>	Portfolio Holder - Housing (Councillor John Baxter)

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<b>South &amp; East Councils Partnership Performance Report</b>	Non Key	19 May 2025		Open	Suzanne Rolfe, Group Manager - Insights & Transformation suzanne.rolfe@boston.gov.uk	Leader (Councillor Anne Dorrian)
<b>To make multiple decision to purchase homes in the district</b>	Key	To be confirmed		Open	Matthew Hogan, Assistant Director – Strategic Growth and Development Matthew.Hogan@sholland.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Housing (Councillor John Baxter)