



BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN

1 NOVEMBER TO 31 OCTOBER 2026

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

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

Cabinet Members:

Cllr Dale Broughton (Leader)
Cllr Mike Gilbert (Deputy Leader)

Cllr John Baxter
Cllr Chris Mountain

Cllr Callum Butler
Cllr Claire Rylott

Cllr Sandeep Ghosh
Cllr Sarah Sharpe

Cllr Helen Staples

Report Title and Summary of Content	Key / Non-Key	Date Decision to be taken	Rec to Council?	Open or Exempt	Lead Officer	Portfolio Holder
Local Government Reorganisation – proposal to Government To consider approving the Partnership's proposal to Government for Local Government Reorganisation in Greater Lincolnshire.	Key	Cabinet 26 Nov 2025		Open	James Gilbert, Assistant Director – Corporate james.gilbert@e-lindsey.gov.uk	Leader (Councillor Dale Broughton)
Q2 2025/26 Forecast Outturn (SEA) To set out the current financial position for BTAC at the end of the 2nd quarter of 2025/26.	Non Key	Boston Town Area Committee (BTAC) 27 Nov 2025		Open	Nicole Hayes, Head of Finance Delivery - BBC (PSPSL) nicole.hayes@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
Counter Fraud, Bribery & Anti-Corruption Policy To review and update the Policy across each of the Councils and have a single aligned Policy across the Partnership.	Non Key	Cabinet 10 Dec 2025		Open	Rebecca James, Scrutiny & Policy Officer rebecca.james@e-lindsey.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
Quarter 2 25/26 Performance and Risk Report To provide an update on performance and risk as at the end of each quarter.	Key	Cabinet 10 Dec 2025		Open	Suzanne Rolfe, Group Manager – Insights & Transformation suzanne.rolfe@boston.gov.uk	Leader (Councillor Dale Broughton)
SELCP Safeguarding Policy Following the creation of the SELCP a review of the Safeguarding Policies has been undertaken. To standardise our approach to Safeguarding children and adults in the work we do, a single policy	Key	Cabinet 27 Jan 2026		Open	Iris Furst, Safeguarding Officer iris.furst@e-lindsey.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Communities (Councillor Helen Staples)

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Contracting of Leisure Facilities with an external operator as agent for service delivery To consider the award of contract under an agency agreement for the operation and lifecycle maintenance of the Council's leisure facilities.	Key	Cabinet 10 Dec 2025		Fully exempt	Mark Humphreys, Head of Special Projects (Leisure) mark.humphreys@e-lindsey.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Heritage, Culture and Tourism (Councillor Sarah Sharpe)
Council / Public Sector Partnership Services Transformation and Service Modernisation Programme To consider the Council / Public Sector Partnership Services Transformation and Service Modernisation Programme.	Key	Cabinet 10 Dec 2025		Part exempt	James Gilbert, Assistant Director – Corporate james.gilbert@e-lindsey.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
Amendments/Updates to the Contract Procedure Rules To seek approval to make the proposed amendments to the Contract Procedure Rules.	Non Key	Cabinet 10 Dec 2025	Full Council 12 Jan 2026	Open	Martin Gibbs, Head of Procurement & Contracts, PSPSL martin.gibbs@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)

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Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2026/27 For Cabinet to agree its recommendation to Full Council for the 2026/27 Council Tax Support Scheme.	Non Key	Cabinet 10 Dec 2025	Full Council 12 Jan 2026	Open	Sharon Hammond, Head of Revenues and Benefits Sharon.hammond@p spsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
2025/26 Mid Term Treasury Report To provide Members with an update on Treasury Management performance and activity to ensure best practice is maintained.	Non Key	Full Council 12 Jan 2026		Open	Sean Howsam, Treasury and Investment Manager (PSPSL) Sean.Howsam@psps l.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
Community Governance Review for Boston To update the Council on the outcome of the Phase 1 consultation undertaken and consider the recommendations from the Community Governance Review Working Group to agree the next steps of the review.	Non Key	Full Council 12 Jan 2026		Open	Amanda Dickinson, Democratic Services Team Leader Tel: 01205 314591 amanda.dickinson@b oston.gov.uk	Leader (Councillor Dale Broughton)
2026/27 Draft Budget - SCRUTINY	Non Key	Overview & Scrutiny Committee 15 Jan 2026		Open	Nicole Hayes, Head of Finance Delivery - BBC (PSPSL) nicole.hayes@pspsl.c o.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
2026/27 TPS, TMSS & MRP +AIS To provide pre-decision scrutiny to the strategy being proposed.	Non Key	Audit & Governance Committee 19 Jan 2026		Open	Sean Howsam, Treasury and Investment Manager (PSPSL) Sean.Howsam@psps l.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)

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2026/27 Budget Proposal To consider the draft BTAC budget for 2026/27.	Non Key	Boston Town Area Committee (BTAC) 22 Jan 2026		Open	Nicole Hayes, Head of Finance Delivery - BBC (PSPSL) nicole.hayes@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
Destination Management Plan for SELCP and the associated action plan for Boston Destination Lincolnshire are the defined Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP) for the Lincolnshire and Rutland areas. As part of this they have created a Plan to 2033 to promote and co-ordinate the Visitor Economy.	Key	Cabinet 27 Jan 2026		Open	Pranali Parikh, Director of Economic Development pranali.parikh@boston.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Heritage, Culture and Tourism (Councillor Sarah Sharpe)
BBC/ELDC Housing Allocations Policy 2025 An update to the 2021 Allocation Policy jointly adopted by Boston Borough Council and East Lindsey District Council outlines a comprehensive framework for managing access to social housing across both districts.	Key	Cabinet 27 Jan 2026		Open	Kerry James, Senior Housing Officer Kerry.James@east-lindsey.gov.uk, Tom Marsters, Housing and Homelessness Manager tmarsters@sholland.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Housing (Councillor John Baxter)
Trees & Hedgerows Strategy Action Plan To gain member input into the draft action plan to underpin delivery of the Trees & Hedgerows Strategy.	Key	Cabinet 27 Jan 2026		Open	Heather Prescott, Climate Change and Environment Officer heather.prescott@boston.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Green Spaces and Travel (Councillor Claire Rylott)

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South & East Lincolnshire Community Safety Strategy To recommend adoption of the 2025-2028 Community Safety Strategy and associated action plan.	Non Key	Cabinet 27 Jan 2026		Open	Sarah Cocker, Safer Communities Officer sarah.cocker@e-lindsey.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Communities (Councillor Helen Staples)
Housing Standards Policies To consider the review and update of Housing Standards Policies prior to alignment of respective Policies across the Partnership.	Non Key	Cabinet 27 Jan 2026		Open	Jonathan Challen, Safer Communities Service Manager jonathan.challen@e-lindsey.gov.uk, Luke Settle, Housing Standards Team Leader luke.settle@boston.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Housing (Councillor John Baxter)
Social Media Policy To consider and approve the adoption of a consistent approach to the Partnership's social media channels and tactics when using social media to communicate to residents across the sub-region.	Non Key	Cabinet 27 Jan 2026		Open	Shaun Gibbons, Communications Manager shaungibbons@sholland.gov.uk	Leader (Councillor Dale Broughton)
Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO) Policy To review and update the Policy across each of the Councils and have a single aligned Policy across the Partnership.	Non Key	Cabinet 27 Jan 2026		Open	Jonathan Challen, Safer Communities Service Manager jonathan.challen@e-lindsey.gov.uk, Luke Settle, Housing Standards Team Leader luke.settle@boston.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Housing (Councillor John Baxter)

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2026/27 Budget Report To approve: The General Fund Budget for 2026/27, including the use of reserves, Medium Term Financial Strategy, Capital Programmes and Strategy, Treasury Management Policy/Strategy and the Annual Delivery Plan including the approval of Council Tax levels.	Non Key	Cabinet 18 Feb 2026	Full Council 2 Mar 2026	Open	Nicole Hayes, Head of Finance Delivery - BBC (PSPSL) nicole.hayes@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
2026/27 CTAX Setting Report To set the amounts of Council Tax applicable for 2026/27 for each valuation band and in each part of the Borough.	Non Key	Full Council 2 Mar 2026		Open	Nicole Hayes, Head of Finance Delivery - BBC (PSPSL) nicole.hayes@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
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Q3 2025/26 Forecast Outturn (SEA) To set out the current financial position for BTAC at the end of the 3rd quarter of 2025/26.	Non Key	Boston Town Area Committee (BTAC) 26 Mar 2026		Open	Nicole Hayes, Head of Finance Delivery - BBC (PSPSL) nicole.hayes@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)

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2025/26 Accounting Policies To review and agree the Accounting Policies for inclusion in the Financial Statements 2025/26.	Non Key	Audit & Governance Committee 21 Apr 2026		Open	Ellie Stacey, Head of Finance Delivery - Technical and Corporate, PSPSL Ellie.Stacey@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
2025/26 Q3 Treasury Update To provide Members with an update on Treasury Management performance and activity to ensure best practice is maintained.	Non Key	Audit & Governance Committee 21 Apr 2026		Open	Sean Howsam, Treasury and Investment Manager (PSPSL) Sean.Howsam@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)