



BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN

1 JULY TO 30 JUNE 2027

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	Cllr Mike Gilbert	Cllr John Baxter	Cllr Callum Butler	Cllr Sandeep Ghosh
Cllr Chris Mountain	Cllr Claire Rylott	Cllr Sarah Sharpe	Cllr Helen Staples	

Corporate Management Team (CMT) Members:

Rob Barlow	Andy Fisher	Jason King	Pranali Parikh	Russell Stone	Christian Allen
Victoria Burgess	Vikki Cherry	Maria Cotton	James Gilbert	Matthew Hogan	Richard Hodgson
Debbie Holland	John Medler	Phil Norman	Phil Perry	Emily Spicer	

Report Title and Summary of Content	Key / Non-Key	Date Decision to be taken	Rec to Council?	Open or Exempt	Lead Officer	Portfolio Holder
2025/26 Treasury Annual Report To provide Members with the Annual Treasury Report 2025/26 in accordance with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's Code of Practice on Treasury Management to ensure best practice is maintained.	Non Key	Full Council 13 Jul 2026		Open	Sean Howsam, Treasury and Investment Manager (PSPSL) Sean.Howsam@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
Review Of Maximum Hackney Carriage Fare Structure To consider approval of the revised maximum fare structure for hackney carriage journeys.	Non Key	Cabinet 30 Sep 2026		Open	Anna McDowell, Senior Licensing Officer anna.mcdowell@boston.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Infrastructure (Councillor Chris Mountain)
Q1 2026/27 Forecast Outturn To set out the current financial position for the Council at the end of the 1st quarter of 2026/27.	Non Key	Cabinet 30 Sep 2026		Open	Nicole Hayes, Head of Finance Delivery - BBC (PSPSL) nicole.hayes@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
Carbon Footprint Update FY22/23, FY23/24 & FY24/25 To provide annual updates on the Carbon Footprint.	Non Key	Cabinet 30 Sep 2026		Open	Heather Prescott, Climate Change and Environment Officer heather.prescott@boston.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Green Spaces and Travel (Councillor Claire Rylott)
Quarter 1 26/27 Performance and Risk Report To provide an update on performance and risk as at the end of each quarter.	Non Key	Cabinet 30 Sep 2026		Open	Corey Gooch, Business Intelligence and Change Manager Corey.Gooch@sholland.gov.uk, Suzanne Rolfe, Group	Leader (Councillor Dale Broughton)

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					Manager – Insights & Transformation suzanne.rolfe@boston.gov.uk	
Cultural Services Delivery Arrangements To consider proposals for the future delivery of cultural services.	Key	Cabinet 30 Sep 2026		Open	Mark Humphreys, Head of Special Projects (Leisure) mark.humphreys@e-lindsey.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Heritage, Culture and Tourism (Councillor Sarah Sharpe)
Q2 2026/27 Forecast Outturn To set out the current financial position for the Council at the end of the 2nd quarter of 2026/27.	Non Key	Cabinet 25 Nov 2026		Open	Nicole Hayes, Head of Finance Delivery - BBC (PSPSL) nicole.hayes@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2027/28 For Cabinet to agree its recommendation to Full Council for the 2027/28 Council Tax Support Scheme.	Non Key	Cabinet 25 Nov 2026	Full Council 7 Dec 2026	Open	Sharon Hammond, Head of Revenues and Benefits (PSPSL) Sharon.hammond@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
Review of Guildhall Museum Policies To review current policies relating to the Guildhall Museum.	Non Key	Cabinet 25 Nov 2026		Open	Rachel Rowett, Community Development Manager rrowett@sholland.gov.uk	Portfolio Holder - Heritage, Culture and Tourism (Councillor Sarah Sharpe)

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<p>Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) "Alcohol" Review Boston Borough Council's Public Space Protection Order (in relation to Alcohol) commenced on Monday 12th January 2015. It is a statutory requirement that a public space protection order may not have effect for a period of more than 3 years, unless extended by the local authority responsible for granting the original order.</p>	Non Key	Cabinet 25 Nov 2026		Open	Sarah Cocker, Safer Communities Officer sarah.cocker@e-lindsey.gov.uk, Peter Hunn, Safer Communities Manager (Operations) peter.hunn@boston.gov.uk	Leader (Councillor Dale Broughton)
<p>Quarter 2 26/27 Performance and Risk Report To provide an update on performance and risk as at the end of each quarter.</p>	Non Key	Cabinet 25 Nov 2026		Open	Corey Gooch, Business Intelligence and Change Manager Corey.Gooch@sholland.gov.uk, Suzanne Rolfe, Group Manager – Insights & Transformation suzanne.rolfe@boston.gov.uk	Leader (Councillor Dale Broughton)
<p>2026/27 Mid Term Treasury Report To provide Members with an update on Treasury Management performance and activity to ensure best practice is maintained.</p>	Non Key	Full Council 7 Dec 2026		Open	Sean Howsam, Treasury and Investment Manager (PSPSL) Sean.Howsam@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)

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Q3 2026/27 Forecast Outturn To set out the current financial position for the Council at the end of the 3rd quarter of 2026/27.	Non Key	Cabinet 17 Feb 2027		Open	Nicole Hayes, Head of Finance Delivery - BBC (PSPSL) nicole.hayes@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
2027/28 Final Budget To approve: The General Fund Budget for 2027/28, 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 17 Feb 2027	Full Council 1 Mar 2027	Open	Nicole Hayes, Head of Finance Delivery - BBC (PSPSL) nicole.hayes@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
2027/28 CTAX Setting Report To set the amounts of Council Tax applicable for 2027/28 for each valuation band and in each part of the Borough.	Non Key	Full Council 1 Mar 2027		Open	Nicole Hayes, Head of Finance Delivery - BBC (PSPSL) nicole.hayes@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
Quarter 3 26/27 Performance and Risk Report To provide an update on performance and risk as at the end of each quarter.	Non Key	Cabinet 24 Mar 2027		Open	Corey Gooch, Business Intelligence and Change Manager Corey.Gooch@sholland.gov.uk, Suzanne Rolfe, Group Manager – Insights & Transformation suzanne.rolfe@boston.gov.uk	Leader (Councillor Dale Broughton)

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2026/27 Financial Outturn To report on the Council's Finances as at the 31st March 2027.	Non Key	Cabinet To be confirmed		Open	Nicole Hayes, Head of Finance Delivery - BBC (PSPSL) nicole.hayes@pspsl.co.uk	Portfolio Holder - Finance and Economic Growth (Councillor Sandeep Ghosh)
Quarter 4 26/27 Performance and Risk Report To provide an update on performance and risk as at the end of each quarter.	Non Key	Cabinet To be confirmed		Open	Corey Gooch, Business Intelligence and Change Manager Corey.Gooch@sholland.gov.uk	Leader (Councillor Dale Broughton)