

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS AND EXEMPT ITEMS
TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CABINET ON
22 OCTOBER 2019.**

The County Council is required to publish a document (the Forward Plan) 28 days before a meeting of its Cabinet, setting out:

- Key Decisions to be taken (see definition overleaf).
- Decisions to be taken in private i.e. Exempt Items (see explanation note overleaf)

This Forward Plan lists the Key Decisions and Exempt Items to be considered at the Cabinet meetings to be held on 22 October 2019.

The Cabinet comprises up to ten members of the County Council and is appointed by the leader. At the time of writing, the Cabinet is made up of the following eight members of the County Council:-

Mr. N. J. Rushton CC (Chairman)
Mr. R. Blunt CC
Mr. L. Breckon JP CC
Mr. I. D. Ould OBE CC
Mr. B. L. Pain CC
Mrs L. Richardson CC
Mr. J. B. Rhodes CC
Mr. R. Shepherd CC

A copy of this document will be displayed on the County Hall notice board and on the County Council's website. Further details of items to be considered at the Cabinet meeting will also be published in the agenda for the meeting which will also be displayed on the County Hall notice board and on the County Council's website 5 clear days before the meeting.

Paragraph 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 provides for members of the public to make representations to the County Council on why an exempt item should be considered in public, rather than in private. Persons wishing to make such representations and/or obtain further details in respect of any issues referred to in the Plan should contact the undermentioned officer.

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Key Decisions

In the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 a “key decision” means an executive decision, which is likely -

(a) to result in the relevant local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant local authority’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or .

(b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the relevant local authority.

Categories of Exempt Information

Schedule 12A (Access to Information: Exempt Information) of the Local Government Act 1972 lists the following categories of Exempt Information.

[NOTE – All categories are subject to the application of a public interest test – see paragraph 10.]

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes –
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

Public Interest Test – Paragraph 10

The above information is only exempt information if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Town and Country Planning

Information is not exempt information if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.

Matter for Decision	Key Decision?	Reporting Chief Officer(s)	Consultation Arrangements (Where applicable) Who and How?	Is the matter to be considered in open or exempt session?	Documents to be submitted (where known)
Homelessness and Housing Support.	Yes	Director of Public Health	A consultation exercise took place from 23 May to 15 August 2019 with district councils, the current provider (Nottingham Community Housing Association) and its sub-contracted providers, the wider voluntary and community sector, CCGs, service providers for health and substance misuse services, and existing and former service users. This included group events and an online questionnaire (also available as hard copy). The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on 5 June 2019.	Open	None
Proposals for a Unitary Structure of Local Government for Leicestershire.	Yes	Chief Executive	The Scrutiny Commission has considered the proposals on several occasions, most recently in March 2019, and will receive further reports on 30 October and 6 November 2019. A member working party has met four times and will meet again on 27 September 2019.	Open	Draft Strategic Business Case (to be appended to the report).
Special Educational Needs Funding: High Needs Block.	Yes	Director of Children and Family Services	The Schools Forum will consider the matter on 30 September 2019. A report will be considered by the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 November 2019.	Open	None

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Capital Investment in Social Care Accommodation Based Support Services.	Yes	Director of Adults and Communities and Director of Corporate Resources	Findings of a market engagement exercise have formed part of the research which fed into the strategic business case. The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee has previously received reports on the matter, most recently in June 2019.	Open	None
Equality Strategy 2020-2024.	Yes	Chief Executive	Consultation is planned for later in 2019, to include a briefing for County Councillors, a website survey and engagement with partners (e.g. district councils, health partners, service user groups). The draft Strategy would be considered by the Scrutiny Commission in early 2020.	Open	Draft Equality Strategy 2020-2024 (to be appended to the report).
Outcome of Bids to the Housing Infrastructure Fund.	Yes	Director of Environment and Transport	The Scrutiny Commission considered a report on the proposed bids in December 2018.	Open	None
Quorn Solar Farm and Poole Farm/Barrow Road Industrial Units Scheme.	Yes	Director of Corporate Resources	None.	Open	None

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East of Lutterworth Strategic Development Area, including Early Contractor Involvement and Construction of Spine Road.	Yes	Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Environment and Transport	None.	Open	None.
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