

# Forward Plan

for the four-month period commencing on

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

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This Forward Plan gives details of decision items to be presented during the forthcoming four months.

Councillors are invited to review the items and to consider whether any of them should be referred for scrutiny or discussed with the appropriate Cabinet Member.

## **Cabinet (9)**

### **Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategic Partnerships, Finance, Digital and Corporate Services - Councillor Mike Bell:**

- Leadership and strategic partnerships: Devolution, West of England Combined Authority, Bristol Airport and Bristol Port, and regional collaboration
- Finance and performance: Budget setting, capital programme, risk management, data insight and performance reporting.
- Digital transformation and customer services: ICT, digital services, customer experience, revenues and benefits, and welfare provision.
- Corporate governance and people services: Legal, democratic, electoral and HR services, equality, diversity and inclusion, and corporate development
- Communications and engagement: Media relations, consultation, and community engagement.

### **Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Families, Skills and Lifelong Learning – Councillor Catherine Gibbons:**

- Children's social care and safeguarding: Family Help, child protection, children in care and care leavers, fostering, and corporate parenting
- Education and early years: School improvement, early years provision, Virtual School, and school admissions and capital projects
- Special educational needs and inclusion: SEND services, inclusion, education welfare, and support for children out of school
- Skills and lifelong learning: Skills strategy, post-16 participation, adult learning, and youth mentoring (including Junction 21)
- Workforce and service quality: Workforce development, Children's Services Academy, quality assurance, and continuous improvement.

- Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment – Councillor Annemieke Waite:**
- Climate and nature emergency: Climate adaptation, renewable energy, carbon reduction, ecological recovery, and flood resilience
- Planning policy and delivery: Local Plan, development control, planning enforcement, and building control
- Environmental services: Waste and recycling, street cleaning, and environmental maintenance.
- Biodiversity and green infrastructure: Strategic oversight of biodiversity and green infrastructure strategy and marine environment management
- Sustainable communities: Working with local groups on community and environmental initiatives.

**Cabinet Member for Homes and Health – Councillor Jenna Ho Marris:** • Housing strategy and supply: Affordable housing, homelessness prevention, and private rented sector regulation • Public health and wellbeing: Health improvement programmes, mental health and wellbeing, healthy lifestyles, and reducing inequalities • Public health protection and resilience: Strategic oversight of local health protection and emergency health response in partnership with the NHS, UKHSA and North Somerset’s environmental health teams • Integrated health and care: Partnerships with NHS, localities and the Integrated Care System • Community resilience: Work with voluntary and community sector partners on health and housing outcomes

**Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport – Councillor Hugh Malyan:** • Transport strategy: Active travel, sustainable transport, Bus Service Improvement Plan, and rail partnerships • Highways maintenance: Road repairs, lighting, drainage, and asset management • Traffic management: Traffic Regulation Orders, safety schemes, and congestion management • Public transport and accessibility: Community transport, home-to-school travel, and inclusive transport planning • Infrastructure delivery: Delivery of transport improvements and support for growth areas.

**Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services – Councillor Roger Whitfield:** • Adult social care and safeguarding: Protection of vulnerable adults, safeguarding partnerships, and quality assurance • Community and locality services: Social work teams, occupational therapy, and hospital discharge coordination • Mental health and wellbeing: Mental health services, commissioning, and partnership working • Reablement and support services: Reablement, technology-enabled care, brokerage, and contracts • Service transformation: Continuous improvement and integration with health partners.

**Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Sport and Pride in Place programme – Councillor James Clayton:** • Regulatory and public protection: Food safety, environmental protection, trading standards, and emergency planning • Environmental health and protection: Delivery of local environmental health services and operational response to health protection incidents in coordination with Public Health • Licensing and compliance: Alcohol, taxi and private hire licensing, entertainment and event licences, animal welfare licensing, and enforcement of related regulations to support safe and fair business practice • Sport and leisure development: Support for sports clubs, leisure facilities, and community sport partnerships; promotion of physical activity and wellbeing through sport • Pride in Place programme: Delivery of the Pride in Place programme, including improvement of public spaces, neighbourhood appearance, and community pride initiatives.

**Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places and Service Transformation – Councillor Mark Canniford:** • Economic growth and regeneration: Placemaking, heritage, and development of council land for housing and employment • Improving Weston-super-Mare programme: Birnbeck Pier and town centre strategy • Property and asset management: Council property, car parks, and technical services • Service transformation and efficiency: Business transformation, digital innovation, and value for money • Commercial and partnership delivery: Driving income generation and partnership working.

**Cabinet Member for Culture, Community Services and Safety – Cllr Mike Solomon:** • Culture and heritage: Cultural strategy, partnerships with Arts Council England and Super Culture, and creative sector support • Community safety: CCTV, community policing liaison, Public Space Protection Orders, and safety of women and girls • Leisure and recreation: Leisure centres, sport facilities, seafront activities, and the Sport and

Leisure Facilities Strategy • Parks and open spaces: Parks management, ranger services, and ecology • Libraries and community hubs: Operation and development of libraries and community buildings.

The items and the final decision taker are indicative. Decision making is subject to the Constitution.

Copies of documents listed can be obtained by contacting the officer named in the attached schedules. Other relevant documents may be submitted to the decision maker and can be requested from the named officer as they become available or may be available on the Council's website [www.n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk)

**March 2026**

**1. No Cabinet or Council meeting scheduled**

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## 2. Cabinet Member Items and Director Key Decisions

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April 2026

1. Council and Cabinet

Meeting Date	Item/Issue requiring decision	Background Documents for Consideration	Decision Taker	Exempt Item? Yes/No/Part	Policy & Scrutiny Panel Activity & Engagement / Timeline	Ward Member Engagement	Contact Officer for Further Details
21/04	Corporate Parenting Report		Council	No	Information only item – for completeness	Not applicable – covers all ward areas	Lynn Fields <a href="mailto:lynn.fields@n-somerset.gov.uk">lynn.fields@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>
21/04	Approval of the Commissioning Plan for the design and construction of a new Voyage Learning Campus Secondary Pupil Referral Unit on land at Locking Head Drove (originally listed in November 2025 and February 2026)	CY086 2023/24 – Approval to commission a review of sites to deliver this new provision CY098 2024/25 – Approval to undertake an RFQ to appoint a multi-disciplinary team to oversee RIBA stages 0-2 for the VLC at Locking Head Drove CY173 2024/25 - Contract Award for the RIBA 0-2 design of the Voyage Learning Campus (11-16 year old provision) development at Locking Head Drove, Weston super Mare	Council	No	Regular quarterly updates to the CYPS Policy and Scrutiny Committee	Terry Porter and Mike Solomon (Ward Members for Hutton and Locking)  Monthly updates with Cllr Gibbons and Cllr Waite	David Peacock, Senior Project Manager  Email: <a href="mailto:david.peacock@n-somerset.gov.uk">david.peacock@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>
21/04	Scrutiny annual report to Council	<a href="https://n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-08/NSC%20Constitution%20-%20Part%20of%20the%20Constitution.pdf">https://n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-08/NSC%20Constitution%20-%20Part%20of%20the%20Constitution.pdf</a>	Council	No	P&S Chairs engaged at 27NOV25 Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-chairs meeting and will be updated at 29 January 2026 meeting	N/A – affects all wards	Brent Cross, Policy and Scrutiny Senior Officer <a href="mailto:Brent.cross@n-somerset.gov.uk">Brent.cross@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>

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21/04	Adoption of North Somerset and Mendip Bat SAC Supplementary Planning Document (previously listed November 2025 and February 2026)	<a href="#">current SPD</a> .  Decision to consult (EAT61)	Council	No	Chair of CATE would like option of informal briefing post-consultation. Informal PESC Scrutiny Committee meeting on 8 December.	Affects all wards	Esther Coffin-Smith <a href="mailto:Esther.coffin-smith@n-somerset.gov.uk">Esther.coffin-smith@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>
21/04	Approval to submit A38 Major Road Network improvements scheme Full Business Case to Department for Transport (DfT) (relisted – previously listed for December 2025 Cabinet and February 2026 Council)	23/24 DP 436: Acceptance of Department for Transport Full Business Case funding grant for the A38 Major Road Networks improvement scheme   <a href="#">DP436 FBC DfT funding v6 signed.pdf</a>	Council	No	Scheme update given to CATES Committee in March 2025 and engagement held in July 2025 following A38 MRN DfT funding announcement.  Discussion ongoing with committee lead around further engagement during development of scheme detailed design.	Ward Member engagement held in July 2025 following A38 MRN DfT funding announcement.  Further ward member engagement held in December 2025 to update on development of scheme detailed design.	Contact: Rebecca Kinnersley-Fowler  <a href="mailto:Rebecca.kinnersley@n-somerset.gov.uk">Rebecca.kinnersley@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>  07385 963931
21/04	Approval and commitment to the North Somerset Ocean and Rivers Action Plan. In addition, approval for officers to update it annually and re-publish following minor updates and changes (new entry)	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2023: <a href="#">Minutes of Previous Meeting.pdf</a>  North Somerset Ocean and Rivers Action Plan: <a href="#">North Somerset Ocean and Rivers Action Plan.docx</a>	Council	No	Engaged with chair of CATE Committee in January 2026 by email.	N/A - affects most wards.	Simon Bunn, Flood Risk Manager  <a href="mailto:Simon.Bunn@n-somerset.gov.uk">Simon.Bunn@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>

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21/04	Adult Social Services and Housing Annual Commissioning Intentions Plan 2026/27	<p>ASC&amp;H Commissioning Strategy 2024 - 2031</p> <p><a href="https://n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-07/Adult%20Social%20Services%20Commissioning%20Strategy%202024%20-2031_1.pdf">https://n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-07/Adult%20Social%20Services%20Commissioning%20Strategy%202024%20-2031_1.pdf</a></p> <p>ASC&amp;H Commissioning Strategy Action Plan 2025/2026</p> <p><a href="https://n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-12/Commissioning%20Strategy%20Action%20Plan%202025-26%20updated.pdf">https://n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-12/Commissioning%20Strategy%20Action%20Plan%202025-26%20updated.pdf</a></p> <p>ASC&amp;H Commissioning Intentions Plan 2025/26 agreed at Council meeting 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, COU107</p> <p><a href="#">Agenda for Council on Tuesday, 1st April, 2025, 6.00 pm   North Somerset Council</a></p> <p>ASC Market Position Statement 2025/2026</p> <p><a href="https://n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-12/Market%20Position%20Statement%202025-26%20updated.pdf">https://n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-12/Market%20Position%20Statement%202025-26%20updated.pdf</a></p>	Council	No	To be discussed at Adults Services and Housing Policy Panel 12 February 2026	N/A – affects all areas	Teresa Stanley Head of Strategy and Commissioning, Adult Social Care and Housing <a href="mailto:teresa.stanley@n-somerset.gov.uk">teresa.stanley@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>



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21/04	Update to MetroWest Phase 1b (Portishead to Bristol Railway) funding and financial profiling (new entry)	MetroWest Phase 1 Report to the Council 14th January 25 – Final  MetroWest Council Report July 8th 2025 FINAL  EAT139 25/26 To enact delegations for MW Phase 1	Council	No	Cabinet Member Briefings (Monthly) CATE Policy and Scrutiny Committee updates 02/12/2025; 05/02/2026	Through CATES committee  Additional update meetings with ward members held as required	Contact: Natalie Gale-Sides <a href="mailto:Natalie.Gale-Sides@n-somerset.gov.uk">Natalie.Gale-Sides@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>
29/04	Budget Monitor 2025-26 Month 10 Outturn and Q3 Performance Management Update	North Somerset Corporate Plan 2024-2028 (n-somerset.gov.uk)  North Somerset Risk Management Strategy: North Somerset Council Risk Management Strategy, April 2024	Cabinet	No	This is an information item. Quarterly updates to Scrutiny Committees will follow the update to the Cabinet as per the agreed business planning and risk management framework.	Not applicable - covers all ward areas	Melanie Watts <a href="mailto:Melanie.watts@n-somerset.gov.uk">Melanie.watts@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>  Jo Belbin <a href="mailto:Jo.belbin@n-somerset.gov.uk">Jo.belbin@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>
29/04	Council change programme (previously listed for February 26)		Cabinet	No	To be confirmed – will be carried out alongside MTFP CATE panel work	Not applicable – covers all ward areas	Matt Lewis <a href="mailto:Matt.lewis@n-somerset.gov.uk">Matt.lewis@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>
29/04	Change of Place Value of Baytree School to better match its accommodation capacity across its 2 sites (new entry)	Decision CY106 And <a href="https://n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-09/School%20Place%20Planning%20Strategy%20final.pdf">https://n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-09/School%20Place%20Planning%20Strategy%20final.pdf</a>	Cabinet – maybe solely Cabinet Member for Children's Services depending on result of consultation.	No	Updates to the CYPS School Organisation Steering Group – most recently reviewed on 16 December 2025, with further update to be provided on 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Cllr Shopland and Cllrs Crew and Malyan	Georgia Humphrey <a href="mailto:Georgia.Humphrey@n-somerset.gov.uk">Georgia.Humphrey@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>

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May 2026

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12/05	Corporate Parenting Report		Council	No	Information only item – for completeness	Not applicable – covers all ward areas	Lynn Fields <a href="mailto:Lynn.fields@n-somerset.gov.uk">Lynn.fields@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>

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01/05	Change of Place Value of Baytree School to better match its accommodation capacity across its 2 sites	Decision CY106 And <a href="https://n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-09/School%20Place%20Planning%20Strategy%20final.pdf">https://n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-09/School%20Place%20Planning%20Strategy%20final.pdf</a>	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Families and Lifelong Learning – Cllr Gibbons	No	Updates to the CYPS School Organisation Steering Group – most recently reviewed on 16 December 2025	Cllr Shopland and Cllrs Crew and Malyan	Georgia Humphrey <a href="mailto:Georgia.Humphrey@n-somerset.gov.uk">Georgia.Humphrey@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>

June 2026

1. Cabinet (NB no Council Meeting)

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17/06	Council change programme – update		Cabinet	No	CATE Scrutiny activity to be determined	N/A – affects all ward	Matt Lewis – Director of Corporate Services and Transformation <a href="mailto:Matt.lewis@n-somerset.gov.uk">Matt.lewis@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>
17/06	Budget Monitor – Month 12 outturn		Cabinet	No		N/A - affects all wards	Mel Watts <a href="mailto:Melanie.watts@n-somerset.gov.uk">Melanie.watts@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>
17/06	Three yearly review of Public Space Protection Orders – decision as to which ones to renew, revoke or implement (new entry)		Cabinet	No	PESC Committee 13 November 2025	Consultation Spring 2026	Dee Mawn <a href="mailto:Dee.mawn@n-somerset.gov.uk">Dee.mawn@n-somerset.gov.uk</a>

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