



## FORWARD PLAN

### OF KEY DECISIONS OF NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL COVERING THE PERIOD JANUARY 2026 TO APRIL 2026

This Forward Plan gives notice as required by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, of key decisions proposed to be made by the Council's Cabinet and Portfolio Holders over the next four months.

<b>Councillor Philip Jackson</b>	<b>Councillor Stanley Shreeve</b>	<b>Councillor Stewart Swinburn</b>	<b>Councillor Stephen Harness</b>	<b>Councillor Henry Hudson</b>	<b>Councillor Hayden Dawkins</b>	<b>Councillor Margaret Cracknell</b>	<b>Councillor Ron Shepherd</b>
Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care	Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport	Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero	Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage, and the Visitor Economy	Portfolio Holder for Children and Education	Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities

The Council's written Constitution defines key decisions. This plan is revised on a monthly basis. The Forward Plan is available on-line at [North East Lincolnshire Council \(https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/\)](https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/). Copies of the current Forward Plan can be obtained from Democratic Services by e-mail [democracy@nelincs.co.uk](mailto:democracy@nelincs.co.uk).

Matters to be considered in private are clearly marked, together with reason that each item is to be considered in private. Representations as to why any of these items should be open to the public should be made to Democratic Services, North East Lincolnshire Council, Municipal Offices, Town Hall Square, Grimsby, North East Lincolnshire, DN31 1HU or by email to [democracy@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@nelincs.gov.uk). The response of Cabinet or the relevant Portfolio Holder to any such representations will be published within the agenda for that meeting.

Documents submitted to the decision-maker will be made available on the Council's website ([www.nelincs.gov.uk](http://www.nelincs.gov.uk)), five clear working days prior to the meeting, subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure. The Council's written Constitution defines key decisions. Where other documents relevant to the decision are submitted to the decision-maker prior to the decision being taken, they will be placed on the Council's website as they are made available.

These documents will also be made available for inspection at the following Council offices:

**Municipal Offices**

Town Hall Square,  
Grimsby

**Grimsby Central Library**

Town Hall Square  
Grimsby

**Grimsby Town Hall**

Town Hall Square  
Grimsby

**CABINET DECISIONS AT THE MEETING ON 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026**

Forward Plan Ref.	Description of the Proposed Decision	Reasons to be stated if item is to be considered in private	Who will be consulted?	How will we consult and how can persons make representations	Contact Officer (for further information and making representations)	List of Relevant Documents submitted to Decision Maker	Relevant Scrutiny Panel
<b>SLIPPED FROM DECMEBER</b>  <b>CB 12/25/06</b>	<u><b>Director of Public Health Annual Report 2025</b></u>  The approve the Director of Public Health Annual report 2025	Open	Leadership Team  PfH Health & Wellbeing  Informal Cabinet  Cabinet  Health and Wellbeing Board  Assistant Directors	DPHAR will be presented at the respective meetings of the listed consultees	Mike Hardy, Public Health Principal  Mike.hardy@nelin.cs.gov.uk	Director of Public Health Annual Report 2025	Health and Adult Social Care
<b>CB 01/26/01</b>	<u><b>New Framework for School Transport.</b></u>  To seek approval to go out to procurement for a new open framework for providers of school transport	Open	In consultation with Director of Children's Services and Portfolio Holder	Current and potential suppliers will be consulted through market engagement	Mary Ryan  Head of Commissioning – Children's Services  <a href="mailto:mary.ryan@nelincs.gov.uk">mary.ryan@nelincs.gov.uk</a>	Cabinet Report	Children and Lifelong Learning
<b>CB 01/26/02</b>	<u><b>Outcomes of Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services</b></u>  To update Cabinet on the outcomes of improvement and	N/A For information only - no formal consultation is required	information only - no formal consultation is required N/A	N/A	Julie Poole Assistant Director Children's Assurance Partnerships and Evaluation	Ofsted inspection letter (link to published version)	Children and Lifelong Learning

	transformation journey, the outcomes of the Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services in 2025, and the next steps						
<b>CB 01/26/03</b>	<p><b><u>Department for Education Free School for Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs Required Council Capital Budget Approval</u></b></p> <p>The DfE have now concluded their feasibility stage and provided an update on the programme and the potential abnormal costs which NELC are required to fund.</p>	Open	Business Development Group Scrutiny Portfolio Holder Key Council Officers Leadership team Parent and Carer forums Headteachers Internal stakeholders	Sharing report Briefings Attendance at relevant meetings	Jenni Steele Service Director Education, Inclusion and Integration  Tel: 01472 313131	DfE Feasibility costings and NELC overall costings for the project	Children and Lifelong Learning
<b>CB 01/26/04</b>	<p><b><u>Procurement of a framework contract for unregistered alternative education provision</u></b></p> <p>To seek approval to procure a framework contract for unregistered alternative education provision.</p>	Open	Cabinet	<p>Cabinet to be consulted.</p> <p>The framework will be co-produced with parents/carers and young people as well as in consultation with LA officers and schools.</p>	Mary Ryan Head of Commissioning	Cabinet report, equality impact assessment	Children and Lifelong Learning

<b>CB 01/26/05</b>	<b><u>Humber Strategy</u></b>  Cabinet to endorse the Humber Economic Strategy 2025-20235.	Open	The strategy has been developed through extensive engagement with key stakeholders including the Humber Freeport, Humber Energy Board, local authorities and the Mayoral Combined Authorities.  Consultation locally with Monitoring Officers, Leadership Team and Scrutiny	Not Applicable	Carolina Borgstrom – Director for Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure  Tel: 01472 326207	Covering report and supporting appendix	Economy, Culture and Tourism
<b>CB 01/26/06</b>	<b><u>Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)</u></b>  This report will seek authorisation to further develop the PSPO through full consultation across all stakeholders  .	OPEN	Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation with residents, businesses and community groups  Initial consultation has been held with Humberside Police through SAFER NEL to ensure that the punitive prohibitions are appropriate and achievable to minimise the risk of these vehicles within North East Lincolnshire	A full public consultation process will be developed by North East Lincolnshire Councils Insights team, this will be disseminated through all social media portals and will remain in place for a 3-month period, as per Home Office guidelines. This consultation includes elected members, all communities within the borough and all partnership key stakeholders.	Paul Caswell Head of Safer Towns and Communities  <a href="mailto:Paul.caswell@nelincs.gov.uk">Paul.caswell@nelincs.gov.uk</a>	Cabinet Report and Consultation Document	Communities

**CABINET DECISIONS AT THE MEETING ON 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

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<b>SLIPPED FROM DECEMBER</b>  <b>CB 12/25/04</b>	<u><b>Grimsby Transport Hub - Progress and Approval for Next Design Stages</b></u>  The report will present progress on the proposed Transport Hub design and business case, and seek approval to move forward with the next stages of development.	Open	Cabinet	Cabinet may wish to refer this report to Scrutiny for consideration.	Paul Evans  Assistant Director – Infrastructure  Paul.evans@nelincs.gov.uk	Cabinet report	Transport, Infrastructure & Strategic Housing
<b>CB 02/26/01</b>	<u><b>Treasury Management Strategy Policy and Statement 2026-27</b></u>  Review and refer the Treasury Management Strategy Policy and Statement 2026-27 to Full Council	Open	N/A	N/A	Guy Lonsdale, S151 Officer  Municipal Offices, Town Hall Square, Grimsby, DN31 1HU  01472 324423	Treasury Management Strategy policy and Statement 2026-27	Audit & Governance Committee are designated as the Scrutiny body for Treasury.
<b>CB 02/26/02</b>	<u><b>2025/26 Q3 Council Plan Resources and Finance Performance Report</b></u>  This report provides information and analysis of the Council's financial performance during the third quarter of 2025/26.	Open	Leadership Team & Monitoring Officers	Meetings  Referral by Cabinet	Sharon Wroot Director of Finance, Resources and Operations  01472 324423	2025/26 Q3 Council Plan Resources and Finance Performance Report	All Scrutiny Panels

<b>CB 02/26/03</b>	<b><u>North East Lincolnshire Council Concessionary Fares Scheme.</u></b>  Approval of the Concessionary Fares Scheme from 1 April 2026.	Main body of report open.  Appendix A (closed item) may include commercially sensitive information.	Bus and rail operators.  Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority	Draft concessionary fares scheme.	Martin Lear, Head of Highways & Transport. Ext 4482  Jonathan Ford, Senior Transport Officer. Ext 4481.	NELC Concessionary Fares Scheme.	Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel
<b>CB 02/26/04</b>	<b><u>Replacement of Cremators at Grimsby Crematorium</u></b>  To seek approval to replace the existing cremators at Grimsby Crematorium.	Open	Leadership Team  Portfolio Holder  Cabinet	Scrutiny  Referral via Cabinet	Kath Jickells – Assistant Director – Environment  Richard Dowson – Head of Project Management	Cabinet Report	Communities
<b>CB 02/26/05</b>	<b><u>Council Plan Refresh</u></b>  Consideration of feedback from Scrutiny Panels	N/A	All Scrutiny panels consulted throughout January 2026.	Representation can be made to all Scrutiny panels	Joanne Robinson Assistant Director Policy Strategy & Resources. Joanne.robinson@nelincs.gov.uk	Report & Council Plan.	All scrutiny panels

### FRESHNEY PLACE CABINET SUB COMMITTEE DECISIONS AT THE MEETING ON 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

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	<b><u>NO ITEMS</u></b>						



**SPECIAL CABINET DECISIONS AT THE MEETING ON 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

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CB 02/26/01	<b><u>Finance and Commissioning Plan 2026– 2029</u></b>  This report provides information and analysis of the Council's Medium Term Financial Position and Financial Strategy.	Open	Leadership Team and Monitoring Officers	Meetings. Referral by Cabinet	Sharon Wroot Director of Finance, Resources and Operations  01472 324423	Finance and Commissioning Plan 2026-2029	All scrutiny panels

**CABINET DECISIONS AT THE MEETING ON 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

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	<b><u>NO ITEMS</u></b>						



**CABINET DECISIONS AT THE MEETING ON 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2026**

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CB 04/26/01	<u><b>Housing Related Support (HRS) Procurement</b></u>  To seek approval to seek support to commence procurement activities to commence the commissioning of the Housing Related Support offer in NEL.		Cabinet  Portfolio Holder  NELC Housing Board  Current HRS Providers  Housing and Housing Support Providers	Collaboration Workshops  Preliminary Market Engagement	Katie Brown – Director of Adult Services  <a href="mailto:Katie.brown@nelincs.gov.uk">Katie.brown@nelincs.gov.uk</a>	HRS Insights Summary  Cabinet Report	Communities

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES DECISIONS TO BE MADE IN JANUARY 2026 (DATE TBC)**

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PHSSC 01/01/26	Following a formal petition received on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025 and further presented to the Portfolio Holder for Safer & Stronger Communities on the 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 with regards to improving safety and lighting to Fuller Street	OPEN	The ward Councillors will be consulted who are representing the petitioners.	Representations have been raised via the Petitioners and ward Councillors acting on their behalf.	Spencer Hunt, Assistant Director Safer & Stronger Place  Paul Evans, Assistant Director Infrastructure	Fuller Street Petition 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Communities  Transport Infrastructure and Strategic Housing

	Bridge and the North Wall in Cleethorpes. It was recommended that further detailed report be presented back to the Portfolio holder for consideration.						
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### PORTFOLIO HOLDER TRANSPORT , INFRASTRUCTURE, AND STRATEGIC HOUSING DECISIONS TO BE MADE IN 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

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PHHIT 02/26/01	<p><b><u>Enhanced Bus Quality Partnership progress report and 2026/2027 Bus Service Improvement Plan Programme</u></b></p> <p>To receive and note the above.</p>	Report may include commercially sensitive information.	<p>Bus service operator.</p> <p>Greater Lincolnshire Combined Authority</p>	<p>Email <a href="mailto:transport@nelincs.gov.uk">transport@nelincs.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Paul Evans Assistant Director for Housing and Infrastructure</p> <p>Martin Lear Head of Highways and Transport</p>	Bus Service Improvement Plan and Enhanced Bus Quality Partnership Progress Report.	Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel

### PORTFOLIO HOLDER TRANSPORT , INFRASTRUCTURE, AND STRATEGIC HOUSING DECISIONS TO BE MADE IN 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026

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	<b><u>NO ITEMS</u></b>						