



BARNLSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

BARNLSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

**DATE PUBLISHED:
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**COVERING DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN:
2 April 2025 to 13 August 2025**

The Council is required to give 28 days' notice of any Key Decisions it proposes to take. This document lists the Key Decisions which Barnsley's Cabinet is likely to take over the next three months.

The Council has approved the following definition of a Key Decision:-

- Any decision which would be made by Full Council on recommendations from Cabinet to approve or change the Council's budget or Council Policy.

Or

- Any decision which would mean an income, spending or savings of £500,000 or more within one financial year. This does not include:
 - A decision which is a result of implementing a previous Key Decision;
 - A speculative bid for funding where a report would be made on the detail of a scheme if the bid was successful;
 - Spending on day to day services – for example supplies or energy bills.

Or

- Any decision which would have a significant impact, either positive or negative on people living or working in more than two Wards.

Barnsley MBC's Constitution requires all Key Decisions to be taken by the Cabinet, or by the Full Council following submission of a Cabinet recommendation.

These reports will generally be available to the public on the Council's website at www.barnsley.gov.uk five clear days in advance of the meeting. In a limited number of circumstances, reports may contain confidential information, but a public summary may be provided on request.

The Council is also required to give at least 28 days' notice of any private meetings of the Cabinet or its sub-committees and details of any such item are included within this document. This is to allow any interested party to make representations that the meeting should be held in public. Representations as to why these matters should be considered in public should be made in writing to the Executive Director at governance@barnsley.gov.uk no later than 5 clear working days before the meeting date indicated in the Forward Plan.

Cabinet is comprised of the following Elected Members:-

| Councillor | Portfolio | Directorate |
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| Councillor Sir Steve Houghton | Chairman/Leader | |
| Councillor Caroline Makinson | Deputy Leader | |
| Councillor Sharon Howard | Without Portfolio | |
| Councillor Trevor Cave | Children's | Children's Services |
| Councillor Robert Frost | Core Services | Core Services |
| Councillor James Higginbottom | Environment and Highways | Growth and Sustainability |
| Councillor Robin Franklin | Regeneration and Culture | Growth and Sustainability |
| Councillor Jo Newing | Place Health and Adult Social Care | Place Health and Adult Social Care |
| Councillor Wendy Cain | Public Health and Communities | Public Health and Communities |

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| 02 April 2025 | Love Where you Live - Community Enhancement Programme | Approval of proposals and spend for relaunch of Love Where you Live – Community Enhancement programme. | | | Public Health and Communities Directorate |
| 02 April 2025 | City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement – Tranche 2 Allocation Revenue Funding | <p>Approves acceptance of additional revenue funding from the South Yorkshire Combined Authority (SYMCA) of £897,654 making a total of £2,417,523 from Tranche 1 and 2.</p> <p>Authorises the continued development and progression of the individual Work Packages identified to ensure that all external revenue funding is secured.</p> | | This is for additional revenue funding to develop a pipeline of schemes so only internal consultation has been undertaken to date. | Growth and Sustainability Directorate |

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| 02 April 2025 | Acceptance of Shared Prosperity Fund 2025/26 | The report seeks cabinets permission to accept 25/26 SPF funding from the South Yorkshire Combined Authority. | | Extensive consultation and engagement has taken place with service affected, finance and SYMCA. | Growth and Sustainability Directorate |
| 02 April 2025 | Supporting our Town Centres – Business Rate and Rent Relief and Business Support Provision | The report is seeking approval to implement a set of interventions aimed at supporting our high streets and town centres, which include targeted business rate relief, rent reductions to qualifying businesses and a comprehensive business support package. The aim is to ensure our high streets and town centres remain vibrant places that people want to visit and spend time in. | | Engagement with the RHL sector has taken place regards the impending impacts on the sector, the proposed interventions were devised after consultation with the Leader. | Growth and Sustainability Directorate |

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| 16 April 2025 | Microsoft Optimisation Programme | Approval of funding to develop improvements to the Children's Social Care IT System (Mosaic) and associated operational reporting. | | <p>Internal consultation with Executive Director and Service Directors from Core Services and Children Services.</p> <p>External consultation taken place with sector led improvement partner, Essex Council. Perform Partners Ltd & PwC LLC to provide guidance on best practice and suggestions for improvement.</p> | Core Services Directorate |

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| 16 April 2025 | Highway Capital Programme Report 2025/26 | To obtain approval for the Highway Capital Programme for the financial year 2025/26. | | Consultation will take place with the ED G&S, Core Services (Finance & Legal). Communication of the programme will take place with all members following approval. | Place Health and Adult Social Care Directorate |
| 16 April 2025 | Financial Contributions for Educational Provision SPD update: Adoption | Recommend adoption of the updated financial contributions for educational provision SPD. | | | Growth and Sustainability Directorate |
| 16 April 2025 | Future of Strategic Town Centre Asset | Cabinet approval is being sought to grant a long-term lease of a town centre asset. | 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) | | Growth and Sustainability Directorate |

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| 14 May 2025 | Dorothy Hyman Sport Centre Second Artificial Turf Pitch | <p>To gain authorisation to accept a Football Foundation Grant of £764,385 towards the build of a second Artificial Turf Football Pitch at the Dorothy Hyman's Sports Centre.</p> <p>To delegate authority to the Executive Director – Growth & Sustainability to deliver the project.</p> | | Consultation has been undertaken with Legal, Finance, BPL, Procurement. | Growth and Sustainability Directorate |
| 28 May 2025 | Household Waste & Recycling Collections, Safety & Quality Update | Provide an update and overview of next phases for the safety and quality programme to reduce avoidable accidents and improve service delivery in household waste and recycling collections. | | | Growth and Sustainability Directorate |
| 28 May 2025 | SEND & Inclusion - Meeting Need and Demand (Invest to Save) | Proposal to increase capacity within the SEND & Inclusion service to meet increasing demand, invest to save and meet the requirements of the Safety Valve Programme. | | | Children's Services Directorate |

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| 11 June 2025 | Interim Fleet Replacements 2025 | Procure 32 replacement fleet assets with an estimated value of £3,685,000. | | | Growth and Sustainability Directorate |
| 25 June 2025 | Acceptance of Funding – Warm Homes Local Grant and SHDF3 | To accept the 3 year funding allocation of £1.5M to improve energy efficiency in private sector properties and £1.6M to improve energy efficiency in council-owned properties. | | | Growth and Sustainability Directorate |
| 25 June 2025 | Barnsley Rail Strategy - Formal Adoption | To approve the formal adoption of the Rail Strategy and delegate authority to the Executive Director – Growth & Sustainability to deliver the project. | | Consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder to undertake this piece of work. | Growth and Sustainability Directorate |

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| 25 June 2025 | Kinship Care Strategy and Local Offer | For Cabinet to agree to adopt the Strategy and implement the local offer for Kinship Carers. | | A range of consultation events with key stakeholders as well as a range of kinship carers and children has been undertaken, as identified within the report. | |
| 09 July 2025 | Air Quality Action Plan 2025 | Agree the new 5 year Air Quality Action Plan. Full Council – 24 July 2025 | | | Public Health and Communities Directorate |
| 09 July 2025 | Biodiversity Net Gain Monitoring | Seeks authority to collect fees for checking Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) monitoring reports | | | Growth and Sustainability Directorate |
| 09 July 2025 | Securing Third Party Habitat Banks | Seeks authority to secure third party habitat banks and seeks to delegate authority to the Head of Planning. | | | Growth and Sustainability Directorate |

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| 09 July 2025 | Updates to Hot Food Takeaway SPD and PAN | Seeks authority to consult on two revised planning documents relating to Hot Food Takeaways. | | | Growth and Sustainability Directorate |
| 23 July 2025 | Goldthorpe Housing Project Phase II | <p>Approval to allocate £5M from existing BMBC Capital Priorities to the Goldthorpe Housing Project Phase II.</p> <p>Seek delegated authorities to amend details, deliver the project, seek tenders, enter into negotiations and agreements to acquire interests and deliver delegations in this report.</p> | 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) | Consultation undertaken with Council stakeholders and Towns Fund Board Sponsor. | Growth and Sustainability Directorate |
| 13 August 2025 | Berneslai Homes Resident Insight and Engagement Strategy 2025-28 | To seek approval of Berneslai Homes' Customer Insight and Engagement Strategy 2024-27 which aligns with regulatory changes under the Regulator of Social Housing's Consumer Standards. | | Consultation undertaken with Council Tenants, Council and BH housing staff. | Growth and Sustainability Directorate |

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