



WEST OXFORDSHIRE  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE WORK PROGRAMME  
INCORPORATING NOTICE OF DECISIONS PROPOSED TO BE TAKEN IN PRIVATE  
SESSION AND NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A KEY DECISION  
1 NOVEMBER 2023 – 29 FEBRUARY 2024**

By virtue of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, local authorities are required to publish a notice setting out the key executive decisions that will be taken at least 28 days before such decisions are to be taken. The Regulations also require notice to be given of any matter where it is proposed that the public will be excluded during consideration of the matter.

This Forward Plan incorporates both of these requirements. In the interests of transparency, it also aims to include details of those items to be debated by the Executive that relate to either policy/budget formulation, matters which will be subject to a recommendation to the Council, and other matters due to be considered by the Executive. This programme covers a period of four months, and will be updated on a monthly basis. The timings of items may be subject to change.

It should be noted that although a date not less than 28 clear days after the date of this notice is given in each case, it is possible that matters may be rescheduled to a date which is different from that given provided, in the cases of key decisions and matters to be considered in private, that the 28 day notice has been given. In this regard, please note that agendas and reports for meetings of the Executive are made available on the Council's website at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/meetings](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/meetings) five working days in advance of the meeting in question. Please also note that the agendas for meetings of the Executive will also incorporate a necessary further notice which is required to be given in relation to matters likely to be considered with the public excluded.

There are circumstances where a key decision can be taken, or a matter may be considered in private, even though the 28 clear days' notice has not been given. If that happens, notice of the matter and the reasons will be published on the council's website, and available from the Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney, Oxon, OX28 1NB.

### **Key Decisions**

The Regulations define a key decision as 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 in the area of the authority'.*

The Council has decided that a cost or saving of an amount greater than £150,000 is necessary to constitute expenditure or savings which are significant for the purposes of this definition.

Please note that if a matter is approved by the Council following a recommendation from the Executive, that decision will not be a key decision.

### **Matters To Be Considered in Private**

The great majority of matters considered by the Council's Executive are considered in 'open session' when the public have the right to attend.

However, some matters are considered with the public excluded. The public may only be excluded if a resolution is passed to exclude them. The grounds for exclusion are limited to situations where confidential or exempt information may be disclosed to the public if present and, in most cases involving exempt information, where in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The definitions of these are set out in the Council's Constitution.

**Documents and Queries**

Copies of, or extracts from, documents listed in the programme and any which subsequently become available are (subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure), obtainable from the following, and this contact information may also be used for any queries.

Democratic Services - Email: [democratic.services@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@westoxon.gov.uk) Tel: 01993 861000.

West Oxfordshire District Council: Executive Members 2023/24

Name of Councillor	Title and Areas of Responsibility
Andy Graham (Leader)	<b>Leader of the Council:</b> Policy Framework; Town and Parish Council engagement, Council Plan; Strategic Partnerships including Pan regional Partnership, Future Oxfordshire, South East Councils and OXLEP; Oxfordshire Leaders; Publica and partnership authorities and Ubico, Democratic Services; Communications; Legal Services; Counter Fraud; Emergency Planning; and Customer Services
Duncan Enright (Deputy Leader)	<b>Economic Development:</b> Business Development; Visitor Economy; Town and Village regeneration; and Customer Services.
Alaric Smith	<b>Finance:</b> Finance & Management; Council Tax and Benefits; Asset Management, South West Audit Partnership; Performance management; Capital Investment strategy; Strategic Housing Investment; and Customer Services
Carl Rylett	<b>Planning and Sustainable Development:</b> Local Plan; Government planning policies and guidance; Conservation and Historic Environment; Landscape and Biodiversity; Development Management; and Ensuring planning policies meet 2030 requirement; and Customer Services
Tim Sumner	<b>Leisure and Major Projects:</b> Leisure provision including swimming pools; Culture and Heritage; Public Art; Agile Working, Car Parking and Customer Services
Joy Aitman	<b>Stronger Healthy Communities:</b> Voluntary sector engagement; Health and Safety; Community and Public Health; Refugee Resettlement Programme; Young People; Equality and diversity; and Customer Services
Geoff Saul	<b>Housing and Social Welfare:</b> Housing Allocations; Homelessness; Provision of affordable homes; Sheltered Housing Accommodation; Safeguarding – Community Safety Partnership; Crime and Disorder; Neighbourhood Policing; Scrutiny of Police and Crime Commissioner; and Assets of Community Value.
Lidia Arciszewska	<b>Environment:</b> Flood alleviation and sewage; Environmental Partnerships – WASP and Evenlode, North East Cotswold Cluster; Waste collection and recycling; Street Scene (cleansing, litter and grounds maintenance); Air Quality; and Land, food, farming and Customer Services Delivery
Andrew Prosser	<b>Climate Change:</b> Energy Advice; Renewable energy and retrofit investment; Biodiversity across the District; Carbon neutral by 2030; Fossil fuel dependence reduction; Local, national and county wide liaison on climate; EV Charging Rollout. and Customer Service

For further information about the above and all members of the Council please see [www.westoxon.gov.uk/councillors](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/councillors)

Item for Decision	Key Decision (Yes / No)	Open or Exempt	Decision – Maker	Date of Decision	Executive Member	Lead Officer
Proactive Delivery of Affordable Housing	No	Open	Executive	15 Nov 2023	Executive Member for Housing and Social Welfare - Cllr Geoff Saul	Charlie Jackson, Assistant Director - Planning and Sustainability <a href="mailto:charlie.jackson@publicagroup.uk">charlie.jackson@publicagroup.uk</a>
Oxfordshire Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (OxLEVI) Programme	Yes	Open	Executive	15 Nov 2023	Executive Member for Climate Change - Cllr Andrew Prosser	Hannah Kenyon, Climate Change Manager <a href="mailto:hannah.kenyon@westoxon.gov.uk">hannah.kenyon@westoxon.gov.uk</a>
UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund	No	Open	Executive	15 Nov 2023	Deputy Leader - Economic Development - Cllr Duncan Enright	Will Barton, Business Development Officer <a href="mailto:william.barton@westoxon.gov.uk">william.barton@westoxon.gov.uk</a>
Council Tax, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support Penalty and Prosecution Policy	No	Open	Executive	15 Nov 2023	Executive Member for Finance - Cllr Alaric Smith	Emma Cathcart, Head of Service, Counter Fraud and Enforcement Unit <a href="mailto:emma.cathcart@cotswold.gov.uk">emma.cathcart@cotswold.gov.uk</a>
Financial Performance Report 2023/24 Quarter Two	Yes	Open	Executive	15 Nov 2023	Executive Member for Finance - Cllr Alaric Smith	Madhu Richards, Director of Finance <a href="mailto:madhu.richards@westoxon.gov.uk">madhu.richards@westoxon.gov.uk</a>
Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) 2022/23	No	Open	Executive	15 Nov 2023	Executive Member for Planning and Sustainable Development - Carl Rylett	Chris Hargraves, Planning Policy Manager <a href="mailto:chris.hargraves@publicagroup.uk">chris.hargraves@publicagroup.uk</a>

Fixed Penalty Notice Level Increases for Fly Tipping and Waste Crime Offences	No	Open	Executive	15 Nov 2023	Executive Member for Environment - Cllr Lidia Arciszewska	Philip Measures, Service Leader <a href="mailto:philip.measures@publicagroup.uk">philip.measures@publicagroup.uk</a>
Publica Review	No	Open	Executive	15 Nov 2023	Leader of the Council - Cllr Andy Graham	Giles Hughes, Chief Executive <a href="mailto:giles.hughes@westoxon.gov.uk">giles.hughes@westoxon.gov.uk</a>
Lease of Council Offices (Elmfield)	No	Fully exempt	Executive	15 Nov 2023	Executive Member for Finance - Cllr Alaric Smith	Jasmine McWilliams, Assets Manager <a href="mailto:jasmine.mcwilliams@publicagroup.uk">jasmine.mcwilliams@publicagroup.uk</a>
Disposal and Development of Land at Walterbush Road, Chipping Norton for Custom Build Zero Carbon Homes	Yes	Fully exempt	Executive	15 Nov 2023	Executive Member for Housing and Social Welfare - Cllr Geoff Saul	Claire Locke, Group Manager - Commissioning <a href="mailto:claire.locke@publicagroup.uk">claire.locke@publicagroup.uk</a>
Review of Weekly Markets	Yes	Open	Executive	13 Dec 2023	Deputy Leader - Economic Development - Cllr Duncan Enright	Will Barton, Business Development Officer <a href="mailto:william.barton@westoxon.gov.uk">william.barton@westoxon.gov.uk</a>
Q2 Service Performance Report	Yes	Open	Executive	13 Dec 2023	Executive Member for Finance - Cllr Alaric Smith	Madhu Richards, Director of Finance <a href="mailto:madhu.richards@westoxon.gov.uk">madhu.richards@westoxon.gov.uk</a>

Review of Legal Services	No	Open	Executive	13 Dec 2023	Leader of the Council - Cllr Andy Graham	Andrea McCaskie, Director of Governance <a href="mailto:andrea.mccaskie@westoxon.gov.uk">andrea.mccaskie@westoxon.gov.uk</a>
Windrush Leisure Centre - PSDS 3c Funding Bid	Yes	Open	Executive	13 Dec 2023	Executive Member for Climate Change - Cllr Andrew Prosser	Hannah Kenyon, Climate Change Manager <a href="mailto:hannah.kenyon@westoxon.gov.uk">hannah.kenyon@westoxon.gov.uk</a>
Update on Improvement Work with Thames Water	No	Open	Executive	13 Dec 2023	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment	Phil Martin, Assistant Director for Business Support <a href="mailto:phil.martin@publicagroup.uk">phil.martin@publicagroup.uk</a>
Annual Monitoring Report (2021 – 2023)	No	Open	Executive	13 Dec 2023	Executive Member for Planning and Sustainable Development - Carl Rylett	Chris Hargraves, Planning Policy Manager <a href="mailto:chris.hargraves@publicagroup.uk">chris.hargraves@publicagroup.uk</a>
Draft Budget 2024/25	Yes	Open	Executive	13 Dec 2023	Executive Member for Finance - Cllr Alaric Smith	Madhu Richards, Director of Finance <a href="mailto:madhu.richards@westoxon.gov.uk">madhu.richards@westoxon.gov.uk</a>
Council Tax Support Scheme 2024-2025	Yes	Open	Executive  Council	13 Dec 2023  31 Jan 2024	Executive Member for Finance - Cllr Alaric Smith	Mandy Fathers, Business Manager - Environmental, Welfare & Revenue Service <a href="mailto:mandy.fathers@publicagroup.uk">mandy.fathers@publicagroup.uk</a>
Employment Policies	No	Open	Executive	17 Jan 2024	Leader of the Council - Cllr Andy Graham	Zoe Campbell, Assistant Director for Organisational Effectiveness <a href="mailto:zoe.campbell@publicagroup.uk">zoe.campbell@publicagroup.uk</a>

Biodiversity Action Plan	Yes	Open	Executive	14 Feb 2024	Executive Member for Climate Change - Cllr Andrew Prosser	Hannah Kenyon, Climate Change Manager hannah.kenyon@westoxon.gov.uk
Carbon Action Plan	Yes	Open	Executive	14 Feb 2024	Executive Member for Climate Change - Cllr Andrew Prosser	Hannah Kenyon, Climate Change Manager hannah.kenyon@westoxon.gov.uk
Climate Change Strategy	Yes	Open	Executive	14 Feb 2024	Executive Member for Climate Change - Cllr Andrew Prosser	Hannah Kenyon, Climate Change Manager hannah.kenyon@westoxon.gov.uk
Budget 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy	Yes	Open	Executive	14 Feb 2024	Executive Member for Finance - Cllr Alaric Smith	Madhu Richards, Director of Finance madhu.richards@westoxon.gov.uk
Business Case in to Acquiring Emergency Accommodation	No	Open	Executive	14 Feb 2024	Executive Member for Housing and Social Welfare - Cllr Geoff Saul	Jasmine McWilliams, Assets Manager jasmine.mcwilliams@publicagroup.up.uk
Salt Cross Garden Village Area Action Plan (AAP)	No	Open	Executive	14 Feb 2024	Executive Member for Climate Change - Cllr Andrew Prosser	Chris Hargraves, Planning Policy Manager <a href="mailto:chris.hargraves@publicagroup.uk">chris.hargraves@publicagroup.uk</a>
Approval of Upgrade to WODC Public Space CCTV Provision and Monitoring Arrangements	Yes	Open	Executive	6 Mar 2024	Councillor Geoff Saul, Executive Member for Housing and Social Welfare	Astrid Harvey, Strategic Policy and Partnerships Officer <a href="mailto:Astrid.Harvey@westoxon.gov.uk">Astrid.Harvey@westoxon.gov.uk</a>

Endorsement of the Oxfordshire Town and Parish Charter	No	Open	Executive	6 Mar 2024	Leader of the Council - Cllr Andy Graham	Giles Hughes, Chief Executive giles.hughes@westoxon.gov.uk
<b>Key Decisions Delegated to Officers</b>						
Allocate Funding from the Project Contingency Earmarked Reserve	Yes	Open	Finance Director - Madhu Richards	Before 31 Dec 2023	Executive Member for Finance - Cllr Alaric Smith	Madhu Richards, Director of Finance madhu.richards@westoxon.gov.uk
Standing Delegation: Settlement of Legal Claims	Yes	Open	Interim Head of Legal Services - Helen Blundell	Before 31 Dec 2023	Leader of the Council - Cllr Andy Graham, Executive Member for Finance - Cllr Alaric Smith	Helen Blundell, Principal Solicitor, Land, Legal and Property Helen.blundell@fdean.gov.uk
Allocation of New Initiatives Funding	Yes	Open	Chief Executive & Head of Paid Service - Giles Hughes	Before 31 Dec 2023	Leader of the Council - Cllr Andy Graham	Giles Hughes, Chief Executive giles.hughes@westoxon.gov.uk
<b>Other business for Council meetings</b>						
West Oxfordshire District Council Draft Programme of Meetings 2024 – 2025	No	Open	Council	29 Nov 2023	Leader of the Council - Cllr Andy Graham	Max Thompson, Senior Democratic Services Officer max.thompson@westoxon.gov.uk



South Leigh and High Cogges	No	Open	Council	29 Nov 2023	Leader of the Council - Cllr Andy Graham	Sharon Ellison, Electoral Services Manager <a href="mailto:sharon.ellison@publicagroup.uk">sharon.ellison@publicagroup.uk</a>
Recommendations from the Constitution Working Group	No	Open	Council	29 Nov 2023	Leader of the Council - Cllr Andy Graham	Andrew Brown, Democratic Services Business Manager <a href="mailto:andrew.brown@publicagroup.uk">andrew.brown@publicagroup.uk</a>
Appointment of Independent Persons	No	Open	Council	29 Nov 2023	Leader of the Council - Cllr Andy Graham	Andrew Brown, Democratic Services Business Manager <a href="mailto:andrew.brown@publicagroup.uk">andrew.brown@publicagroup.uk</a>