



Dear Member

**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024**

Further to the agenda for the above meeting, please find attached the Children, Young People and Families Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme report for which will be considered under Agenda Item No 10.

Yours sincerely

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Anthony Farrar

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## Westmorland and Furness Council

<b>Report Title:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme
<b>Meeting:</b>	Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	18 April 2024
<b>Report Author:</b>	David Stephens
<b>Lead Cabinet Member(s):</b>	Cllr Sue Sanderson, Cabinet Member Children's Services, Education and Skills
<b>Wards Affected?</b>	All
<b>PUBLIC, PART EXEMPT OR FULLY EXEMPT</b>	Public
<b>List of Appendices (if any)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Appendix 1 - Cabinet forward plan</li> <li>ii. Appendix 2 - Work programme</li> </ul>

### 1. Executive Summary

1.1 This report provides the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee with:

1.1.1 the Forward Plan of Key Decisions for consideration

1.1.2 A draft work programme for consideration and discussion

### 2. Recommendation

For the reasons set out in this report, it is recommended that -

2.1 The Committee note the Cabinet Forward Plan.

2.2 The Committee discuss and develop it's work programme to ensure effective, impactful scrutiny activity.

### 3. Information: the Rationale and Evidence

3.1 The Forward Plan of Key Decisions 1 May 2024 to 31 August 2024 is attached at appendix 1.

3.2 Members are asked to consider the Forward Plan and identify any items which may need to be added to the Committee's work programme.

3.3 The draft Work Programme is attached at appendix 2 for consideration. This has been further drafted following the last scrutiny committee meeting.

3.4 The Work Programme continues to align with the published calendar of meetings

**4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (People, Climate, Communities, Economy and Culture, Customers, Workforce)**

- 4.1 Supporting active, healthy happy lives for young and old.
  - 4.2 Supporting people in need and reducing inequality.
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**5. Consultation Outcomes (with services, ward councillors & public consultation where required)**

- 5.1 There are no consultation requirements arising from this report
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**6. Alternative Options Considered**

- 6.1 There is no requirement to consider alternative options

**7. Financial Implications and risk**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications and/or risks arising from this report.
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**8. Legal & Governance Implications**

- 8.1 Westmorland and Furness Constitution sets out the role of Children Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Part 2 section 6
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**9. Human Resources Implications**

- 9.1 There are no human resources implications

**10. Equality & Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty, Armed Forces Families, Care Leavers and Health inequalities implications)**

- 10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications
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**11. Background Information & Sources (used in preparation of this Report)**

- 11.1 No additional background papers



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# **WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL**

## **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS (1 MAY 2024 - 31 AUGUST 2024)**

**PUBLISHED 28 MARCH 2024**

# WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL

## FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

### Explanatory Note

The Council is required to publish a Forward Plan of all key decisions to be taken in the following four months. This Plan begins on 1 May 2024 and replaces the Plan published on (DATE). It will be updated monthly and will be available on the last working day of each month. Previous versions of the Plan can also be found on the Council's website.

<https://westmorlandandfurness.moderngov.co.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=223&RD=0>

The Forward Plan shows details of key decisions to be taken by the Council's Cabinet and by Officers under their delegated powers. It also shows significant decisions to be taken by the Cabinet which are not Key Decisions.

A key decision is:

- (a) an executive decision which is likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates, or
- (b) is likely 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 Council. For these purposes, savings and expenditure are "significant" if they are equal to or greater than £500,000.

For clarification, no treasury management decision shall constitute a Key Decision.

In determining the meaning of "*significant*" for these purposes the Authority will have regard to any guidance for the time being issued by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 9Q of the Local Government Act 2000, and the advice of the Authority's statutory officers

The Plan shows:-

- when these decisions will be made
- who will make the decision
- to whom representations can be made and how
- what documents relating to those decisions will be available and when.

The Plan also shows those non key decisions that are part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework and all items appearing on Cabinet that are non key decisions.

Once they are available copies of documents referred to in the Plan may be obtained on the Internet, or by e-mail [Jackie.Currie@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk](mailto:Jackie.Currie@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk)

A report to the decision maker will be available one week before the Meeting. However, in a small number of cases it may not be possible to make available certain documents as they contain confidential information.

The Plan is available free of charge on request from

[Jackie.Currie@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk](mailto:Jackie.Currie@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk).

**Cllr Jonathan Brook**  
**Leader of the Council**

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS 1 MAY 2024 TO 31 AUGUST 2024**

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14 May 2024	Award of Contract - Borderlands 5G Innovation Regions Programme Procurement To seek delegated authority to award a contract valued up to £10m for the procurement of specialist advanced wireless services to support the Borderlands 5G Innovation Regions Programme.	Joint Executive Committee	Cabinet Member for Customer and Waste Services	Angela Jones, Director of Thriving Places angela.jones@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk		Yes	Part exempt	Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
4 Jun 2024	Approval of "Children and Young People's Plan - Ambition for Every Child"	Cabinet	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	Milorad Vasic, Director of Children's Services Milorad.Vasic@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk		No	Public	Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Committee

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4 Jun 2024	Corporate Performance Monitoring Report - Quarter 4 2023/24	Cabinet	Leader of the Council	Alison Hatcher, Assistant Chief Executive alison.hatcher@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk		No	Public	
4 Jun 2024	Strategic Asset Management Strategy 2024-2029 Westmorland and Furness Council adopt a Strategic Asset Management Strategy 2024-2029. The strategy sets out how our land and buildings can support the Council's vision through the way we shape, plan, manage, and maintain our buildings.	Cabinet	Cabinet Member for Highways and Assets	Pam Duke, Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer) pam.duke@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk		Yes	Public	Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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16 Jul 2024	2023/24 Revenue and Capital Provisional Outturn To consider and note the 2023/24 revenue and capital outturn, General Fund balance, HRA balance, treasury management position, transfers to reserves and slippage/accelerated spend on the capital programme.	Cabinet	Cabinet Member for Finance	Pam Duke, Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer) pam.duke@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk		Yes	Public	Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
16 Jul 2024	Community Power Strategy To approve a Community Power strategy for the organisation.	Cabinet	Cabinet Member for Sustainable Communities and Localities	Steph Cordon, Director of Thriving Communities steph.cordon@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk		No	Public	Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee

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16 Jul 2024	<p>Award of Contract - Reactive, Statutory &amp; Planned Maintenance Measured Term Contract</p> <p>To award contract for the provision of Reactive, Statutory &amp; Planned Maintenance Measured Term Contract for the council's corporate estate for an initial three-year term from 1 October 2024 with an option for up to two further two-year extensions to 30 September 2031.</p>	Cabinet	Cabinet Member for Highways and Assets	Pam Duke, Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer) pam.duke@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk		Yes	Public	Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee

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82 Not before 1st May 2024	Award of Contract - Construction of Cavendish Dock Road Junction Improvements This paper seeks approval from the Director to appoint a contractor to provide an upgraded fit for purpose junction to the southwest of the Marina Village site connecting Cavendish Dock Road to Strand/Salthouse. This project will remove a major constraints to further private sector development on the Marina Village site.	Director of Thriving Places	Cabinet Member for Highways and Assets	Angela Jones, Director of Thriving Places angela.jones@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk		Yes	Public	Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee

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Not before 3rd Jun 2024  	Award of Contract for Phase 2 works of the Grange-Over-Sands Flood Alleviation Scheme To award a contract to the bidder selected by the tender evaluation process for the construction of Phase 2 of the Grange scheme.	Director of Thriving Places	Cabinet Member for Highways and Assets	Angela Jones, Director of Thriving Places angela.jones@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk		Yes	Public	Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee

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Not before 8th May 2024	Award of Contract: Lakeland House, Barrow - Improvement Project To award a design and build contract to deliver capital improvement works at Lakeland House, Barrow in Furness enabling Drop Zone Youth projects to enhance their youth offer.	Director of Thriving Communities	Cabinet Member for Sustainable Communities and Localities	Steph Cordon, Director of Thriving Communities steph.cordon@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk		Yes	Public	Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee

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Not before 3rd Jun 2024	The Provision of Care and Support Services in Extra Care Housing at Lonsdale Extra Care Housing Scheme in Penrith To award a contract for the Care and Support Service at Lonsdale Court Extra Care Housing Scheme in Penrith.	Director of Adult Social Care	Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Care	Cath Whalley, Director of Adult Social Care Cath.Whalley@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk		Yes	Public	
Not before 1st Jul 2024	Award of Contract for North Walney Active Travel Scheme To award a contract for the build of the North Walney Active Travel Scheme.	Director of Thriving Places	Cabinet Member for Highways and Assets	Angela Jones, Director of Thriving Places angela.jones@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk		Yes	Public	Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee

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**CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>Scrutiny Activity</b>	Agreed topics for Scrutiny Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childrens Mental Health – Review examining what is in place in W&amp;F in terms of preventative support in Schools and the data available on CAMHS waiting lists</li> </ul>	November 2023 – July 2024
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poverty alleviation - Joint work or task and finish: child and family poverty incorporating Educational disadvantage including links with the learning improvement service</li> </ul>	To be scoped for initiation once previous review completed
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health inequalities - Joint work with Health and Adults scrutiny</li> </ul>	
<b>Board Meetings</b>	Draft Education Sufficiency Strategy	To engage the Committee on the development of the Sufficiency Strategy covering School Organisation & Pupil Place Planning	Amy Holliman July 2024
	Early Help Strategy	Review progress with the Strategy	Director of Childrens July 2024
	Mental Health Review	Report providing substantive recommendations to the Committee on co-ordinating and improving the Council's support the Children around their Mental Health	Director of Childrens July 2024
	Home to School Transport	Report to provide current provision of Home to School Transport and plans for future provision	Director of Childrens July 2024
	Portfolio Holder Briefing	To receive an update from the Portfolio Holder	Sue Sanderson July 2024

	Committee Briefing	Committee Work Programme and Cabinet Forward Plan	David Stephens	July 2024
	Children's Social Care Improvement Plan	Report to give the Committee opportunity to provide feedback on the Children's Social Care Improvement Plan. Incorporating an outline the way the £1m extra money for Children's Services as per the Westmorland & Furness budget will be allocated and the plans to improve Children's Social Workers recruitment and retention	Director of Childrens	Oct 2024
	Attendance	Report providing an update to the Committee on measures being put in place to improve attendance across Westmorland & Furness	Director of Childrens	Oct 2024
	Portfolio Holder Briefing	To receive an update from the Portfolio Holder	Sue Sanderson	Oct 2024
	Committee Briefing	Committee Work Programme and Cabinet Forward Plan	David Stephens	Oct 2024
	2024 Attainment Report	Identifying Trends, Improvements and Disparities in Pupil Outcomes, incorporating more granular data on pupil groups and specific localities	Isobel Booler	Feb 2025
	Safeguarding Children Annual Report	To receive and review the Annual Report from the Safeguarding Children's Board	Safeguarding Children Board	Feb 2025

	Portfolio Holder Briefing	To receive an update from the Portfolio Holder	Sue Sanderson	Feb 2025
	Committee Briefing	Committee Work Programme and Cabinet Forward Plan	David Stephens	Feb 2025
	School Admissions	To review Council Policy on School Admissions and Placements	Director of Childrens	April 2025
	Post 16 skills and apprenticeships	NEET and DWP Youth Hubs.	Director of Childrens	April 2025
	Portfolio Holder Briefing	To receive an update from the Portfolio Holder	Sue Sanderson	April 2025
	Committee Briefing	Committee Work Programme and Cabinet Forward Plan	David Stephens	April 2025

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