

DECISION PLANNER (INCORPORATING THE FORWARD PLAN)
COVERING PERIOD: 1st September 2025 – 30th November 2025
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This Decision Planner shows the decisions that Braintree District Council expects to take in the next THREE months.

Braintree District Council are only required to publish Key Decisions to be taken in accordance Regulation 9 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 but have included other types of decision that may be made as the Council is committed to being open and transparent about the business it conducts. The Decision Planner also gives Notices pursuant to Regulation 5 where a decision may be taken in private.

The decisions are listed in date order and relates to decisions expected to be taken by Council, Cabinet, Cabinet Members and Committees. It is important to note that the Planner is continually updated so there may be changes made between publication dates. Further information about these decisions can be found in the Agenda for the meeting or by contacting Governance and Members Team at governance@braintree.gov.uk

Key Decisions:

A key decision is a decision made or to be made by a decision maker in connection with the discharge of a function which is the responsibility of the Cabinet and which is likely to either:-

1. Result in the Council incurring **expenditure** or making a **saving** which are in excess of £250,000 (Financial Test) or
2. To be significant in its effect on Communities living or working in an area comprising of **two or more Wards** (Communities Test)

Key decisions are open to scrutiny by other Members of the Council using a process known as “call-in”. The rules for “call-in” can be found in the Council’s Constitution which is published on braintree.gov.uk

Ref No.	Title & Description of Decision	Type of Decision			Decision Maker	Proposed Date of Decision	Consultation & Background Papers	Member Sponsor	Contact Officer	Decision Expected to be Taken in Private?
		Key	Council	Non-Key						
DP/2025/31	Greater Essex Local Government Reorganisation - Final Submission – to consider the final submission to Government for Local Government reorganisation		*		Council	15th September 2025		Cllr G Butland	Dan Gascoyne	No
DP/2025/35	Treasury Management Annual Report 2024/25 – to receive the Treasury Management Annual Report 2024/25		*		Council	15th September 2025	Reports and minutes for Governance and Audit Committee – 9th July 2025	Cllr K Bowers	Mark Jarvis	No
DP/2025/28	First Quarter Performance Management Report 2025/26 – to inform Cabinet on the performance of the Council			*	Cabinet	22nd September 2025	Full First Quarter Performance Management Report 2025/26	Cllr K Bowers	Tom Williams	No
DP/2024/62	Warm Homes Local Grant	*			Cabinet	22nd September 2025		Cllr T Cunningham	Josie Falco	No

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DP/2025/36	Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 to 2028/29 To agree the budget process for 2026/27 and receive an initial update on the Medium-term Financial Strategy			*	Cabinet	22nd September 2025		Cllr K Bowers	Phil Myers	No
DP/2025/37	Annual Governance Statement for 2024-25 – to approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2024-25			*	Cabinet	22nd September 2025		Cllr K Bowers	Phil Myers	No
DP/2025/38	Scrutiny Review into the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) – Cabinet to receive and respond to the report of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee			*	Cabinet	22nd September 2025	Corporate Scrutiny Committee Report – 11th June 2025	Cllr P Heath	Jessica Mann	No

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DP/2025/39	Scrutiny Review into Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) – Cabinet to receive and respond to the report of the Corporate Policy Development Committee			*	Cabinet	22nd September 2025	Corporate Policy Development Committee Report – 4th June 2025	Cllr G Courtauld	Jessica Mann	No
DP/2025/25	Revised Fit for the Future Transformation Programme – to agree changes to the Fit for the Future Transformation Programme	*			Cabinet	22nd September 2025	Report and minutes for Cabinet - 4th March 2024	Cllr T Cunningham	Cherie Root	No
DP/2025/42	Climate Change Strategy Annual Performance Report 2024/25 - to provide an update on the progress of the Strategy			*	Cabinet	22nd September 2025		Cllr T Cunningham	Mark Wilson	No

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DP/2024/25	Grant of Lease - Unit 1 Victoria Square, Manor Street, Braintree – to consider granting a lease of Unit 1 Victoria Square	*			Cabinet	22nd September 2025		Cllr K Bowers	Charleen Ranson / Dominic Collins	Yes
DP/2025/46	Greater Essex Local Government Reorganisation - Final Submission - to consider the feedback from Council on the final submission to Government for Local Government reorganisation	*			Cabinet	22nd September 2025		Cllr G Butland	Dan Gascoyne	No
DP/2025/47	Insurance Award of Contract Extensions – to approve the award of insurance contract extensions commencing 1st October 2025	*			Cabinet	22nd September 2025		Cllr K Bowers	Phil Myers / Angie Mitchell	Yes

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DP/2025/33	Revised Statement of Licensing Policy in respect of the Licensing Act 2003 – to agree the Council’s revised Statement of Licensing Policy		*		Council	27th October 2025	Licensing Committee Report – 18th September 2025 Policy document	Cllr George Prime	Daniel Mellini	No
DP/2025/34	Employee Recognition – to provide Full Council with the details of winners of the Employee Recognition Scheme		*		Council	27th October 2025		Cllr T Cunningham	Tracey Headford	No
DP/2024/45	Gateway to Homechoice Allocations Policy – review and amendments 2024 – to approve the adoption of the amended Allocations Policy	*			Cabinet	24th November 2025	Schedule of amendments	Cllr L Bowers-Flint	Donna Goodchild	No

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D/P202 5/40	Braintree District Museum Trust Funding and Management Agreement review – to consider the funding arrangements for the third ‘tranche’ of the 30-year Agreement	*			Cabinet	24th November 2025		Cllr M Cunningham	Tristan Easey	No
DP/202 5/41	Award of the Temporary Labour Contract – to award to the successful bidder	*			Cabinet	24th November 2025	Previous contract documents	Cllr T Cunningham	Debbie Horrey	No
DP/202 5/43	Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2026/27 to 2029/30 – to consider initial Capital and Revenue budget proposals and agree consultation			*	Cabinet	24th November 2025		Cllr K Bowers	Phil Myers	No
DP/202 5/44	Strategic Risk Register – to approve the updated Strategic Risk Register			*	Cabinet	24th November 2025		Cllr K Bowers (Cllr J Coleridge – Lead Member for Risk Management)	Phil Myers / Angie Mitchell	No

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DP/2025/45	Award of M&E Contract for four Commercial Sites – to give authority to the Council to enter into a four year M&E contract	*			Cabinet	24th November 2025		Cllr K Bowers	Andrew Brewer / Dominic Collins	No
DP/2025/21	Adoption of the Essex Air Quality Strategy – to approve the adoption of the Essex Air Quality Strategy	*			Cabinet	24th November 2025		Cllr L Bowers-Flint	Josie Falco	No

DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN BY CABINET MEMBERS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Ref No.	Title and Description of Decision	Cabinet Member	Corporate Priority/Vision/Outcome	Proposed date of decision	Consultation and Background papers	Contact Officer
CD/20 25/09	To approve funding for Climate Change Project Manager Post from the Climate Change Reserve Fund	Cllr T Cunningham	Enhancing our environment	15th August 2025		Mark Wilson

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO HOLD A MEETING IN PRIVATE:
NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 5(2)**

Braintree District Council is required to give 28 clear days' notice of its intention to hold a meeting of an executive decision making body in private. Notice is given that it intends to hold the following Cabinet meeting or part of that meeting in private:

ITEM	DATE OF MEETING (at least 28 clear days after the start of the Notice period)	DATE NOTICE PUBLISHED	REASONS FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD IN PRIVATE
Grant of Lease - Unit 1 Victoria Square, Manor Street, Braintree – to consider granting a lease of Unit 1 Victoria Square (DP/2024/25)	22nd September 2025	1st August 2025	It is proposed that Cabinet will resolve under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended) to exclude the public from the meeting for this item of business as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Para 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (financial/business affairs of a particular person, including the authority holding information).
Insurance Award of Contract Extensions – to approve the award of insurance contract extensions commencing 1st October 2025 (DP/2025/47)	22nd September 2025	1st August 2025	It is proposed that Cabinet will resolve under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended) to exclude the public from the meeting for this item of business as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Para 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (financial/business affairs of a particular person, including the authority holding information).

If a member of the public wishes to make representations about why this meeting(s) should be held in public they should be sent no later than 5 working days before the meeting addressed to: Kim Mayo, Head of Governance, Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB. Email: - kim.mayo@braintree.gov.uk or governance@braintree.gov.uk