

DECISION PLANNER (INCORPORATING THE FORWARD PLAN)
COVERING PERIOD: 1st February 2026 – 30th April 2026
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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/2025/84	Local Plan – To approve the Draft Plan ahead of Regulation 18 Consultation		*		Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council	2nd February 2026	Minutes and Reports to the Local Plan Sub-Committee	Cllr G Spray	Sarah Ashton	No
DP/2025/76	Award of Contract for the Haulage of Waste – To award a contract to the successful bidder	*			Cabinet	5th February 2026	Procurement documents	Cllr T Cunningham	Debbie Horrey	No
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	5th February 2026		Cllr K Bowers	Andrew Brewer / Dominic Collins	No
DP/2025/68	Braintree Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order – To seek authority to make amendments to the PSPO for Braintree Town Centre.	*			Cabinet	5th February 2026		Cllr M Cunningham	Colin Cox	No

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DP/2025/75	Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Enforcement Policy – To consider a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Enforcement Policy.			*	Cabinet	5th February 2026		Cllr M Cunningham	Colin Cox	No
DP/2024/45	Gateway to Homechoice Allocations Policy Review – To approve changes to the Allocations Policy	*			Cabinet	5th February 2026	Schedule of amendments	Cllr L Bowers-Flint	Donna Goodchild	No

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DP/2025/64	Council Budget and Council Tax 2026/27 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2026/27 to 2029/30 – To agree proposed revenue and capital budgets for 2026/27; Council Tax for 2026/27; Fees and charges for 2026/27; and the Capital Strategy (including the Treasury Strategy and Investment Policy) for 2026/27		*	*	Cabinet Council	5th February 2026 16th February 2026	Reports and Minutes for Corporate Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet	Cllr G Butland / Cllr K Bowers	Phil Myers	No
DP/2025/65	Employee Recognition – To provide Full Council with the details of winners of the Employee Recognition Scheme		*		Council	16th February 2026		Cllr T Cunningham	Tracey Headford	No

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DP/2025/70	Third Quarter Performance Management Report 2025/26 – To inform Cabinet on the performance of the Council			*	Cabinet	16th March 2026	Full Third Quarter Performance Management Report 2025/26	Cllr K Bowers	Tom Williams	No
DP/2025/71	Two Year Plan 2026 – 2028 – To approve the Plan for the District over the next two years and agree the proposed actions and performance measures up to March 2028			*	Cabinet	16th March 2026		Cllr G Butland	Tracey Headford	No
DP/2025/72	To award a contract for the repair work to footpaths, unadopted highways and car parks owned by the Council – To commit expenditure and award a contract to the successful bidder	*			Cabinet	16th March 2026		Cllr T Cunningham	Debbie Horrey	No

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DP/2025/73	Liquid Fuels Award of Contract – To provide all liquid fuel, (standard road diesel, red diesel and Add Blue additive) for Braintree Fleet Vehicles and Generator for Causeway House - Back up power	*			Cabinet	16 th March 2026		Cllr T Cunningham	Debbie Bezzina	No
DP/2025/74	Award of contract for the refurbishment of four play sites at Spa Road Witham, Rickstone Rec Witham, Beckers Green Braintree and Kings Road Halstead – To award a contract to the successful bidder	*			Cabinet	16 th March 2026	Procurement documents	Cllr T Cunningham	Debbie Horrey	No
DP/2025/41	Award of the Temporary Labour Contract – To award to the successful bidder	*			Cabinet	16th March 2026	Previous contract documents	Cllr T Cunningham	Debbie Horrey	No

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DP/2025/77	To Elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council – To elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council for the Civic Year 2026/27		*		AGM	27th April 2026			Kim Mayo	No
DP/2025/78	Leader of the Council – To note the Leader of the Council		*		AGM	27th April 2026	Report and Minutes of AGM – 25th May 2023 (Councillor Graham Butland appointed the Leader of the Council for a four-year term of Office)	Cllr G Butland	Kim Mayo	No

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DP/2025/79	Leader's Announcements – To receive notice of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The names and Portfolio Areas of Cabinet; Scheme of Delegation for 2026/27; Appointment to Sub-Committees, Working Groups and Member Reference Group of Cabinet 		*		AGM	27th April 2026	Report and Minutes of AGM – 25th May 2023	Cllr G Butland	Kim Mayo	No
DP/2025/80	Appointments to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committees of the Council Outside Bodies for the Civic Year of 2026/27 		*		AGM	27th April 2026	The Council's Constitution	Cllr G Butland	Kim Mayo	No
DP/2025/81	Members Allowance Scheme 2026/27 – Increase in Members' Allowances in accordance with the Constitution		*		AGM	27th April 2026	The Council's Constitution	Cllr G Butland	Kim Mayo	No

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DP/2025/82	Annual Review of the Constitution		*		AGM	27th April 2026	The Council's Constitution	Cllr G Butland	Kim Mayo	No
DP/2025/83	Annual Timetable of Council Meetings 2026/27		*		AGM	27th April 2026		Cllr G Butland	Kim Mayo	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 25/11	Case Management and Document Management Solution (Idox) Contract – approval to award contract	Cllr K Bowers	Delivering and innovating	31st January 2026		Paul Reid
CD/20 25/12	Setting of Section 106 Monitoring Fees for Biodiversity Net Gain Habitat Bank Sites	Cllr G Spray	Enhancing our environment	31st January 2026	The Environment Act 2021 Planning Practice Guidance – Biodiversity net gain – GOV.UK & Planning obligations – GOV.UK	Chris Paggi
CD/20 25/13	To approve funding for Communication resource from the Climate Change Reserve fund	Cllr T Cunningham	Enhancing our environment	31st January 2026	Climate Communication Strategy 2025-26	Josie Falco / Tania Roberge

**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
None			

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