

DECISION PLANNER (INCORPORATING THE FORWARD PLAN)
COVERING PERIOD: 1st August 2026 – 31st October 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/2026/13	Local Plan - to approve for Regulation 19 consultation and submission of the Local Plan		*		Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council	21st September 2026	Minutes and Reports to the Local Plan Sub-Committee	Cllr G Spray	Sarah Ashton	No
DP/2026/14	First Quarter Performance Management Report 2026/27 – To inform Cabinet on the performance of the Council			*	Cabinet	28th September 2026		Cllr K Bowers	Tom Williams	No
DP/2026/15	Planning Enforcement Plan – To approve a new Planning Enforcement Plan for the Council			*	Cabinet	28th September 2026	Development Management Enforcement Plan	Cllr G Spray	Chris Paggi	No
DP/2026/16	Climate Strategy Annual Report 2025/2026 – To update Cabinet on the progress of the Climate Action Plan 2025/26	*			Cabinet	28th September 2026	Climate Change Strategy 2021	Cllr P Schwier	Josie Falco / Mark Wilson	No

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DP/2026/17	Proposed implementation of a Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order – To consider the proposal	*			Cabinet	28th September 2026	Evidence base (Dangerous dog incidents recorded by Essex Police and the Council)	Cllr C Dervish	Colin Cox	No
DP/2026/18	Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 to 2029-30 – To agree the budget process for 2026/27 and receive an initial update on the Medium-term Financial Strategy			*	Cabinet	28th September 2026		Cllr K Bowers	Phil Myers	No
DP/2026/23	Supported and Temporary Accommodation Funding – To seek authorisation of additional funding to ensure continuity of service delivery			*	Cabinet	28th September 2026		Cllr L Bowers-Flint	Caroline Elias-Stephenson	No
DP/2026/24	Finance System – To agree a preferred option for the provision of the Council’s core finance system	*			Cabinet	28th September 2026		Cllr K Bowers	Phil Myers	Yes

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DP/2026/25	S106 Affordable Housing Commuted Payments Proposal – To agree an award of funding for investment in an affordable housing proposal planned by CHP	*			Cabinet	28th September 2026		Cllr G Spray	David Steel/ Sarah Ashton	Yes
DP/2023/72	To approve the Bures and Bures St Mary Neighbourhood Plan as part of the development plan for the District		*		Council	26th October 2026	Bures Neighbourhood Plan Examiners Report	Cllr G Spray	Alan Massow	No
DP/2026/19	Treasury Management Annual Report 2025-26 – To receive the Treasury Management Annual Report 2025/26		*		Council	26th October 2026	Reports and minutes for Governance and Audit Committee – 1st July 2026	Cllr K Bowers	Mark Jarvis	No
DP/2026/20	Employee Recognition – To provide Full Council with the details of winners of the Employee Recognition Scheme		*		Council	26th October 2026		Cllr F Ricci	Tracey Headford	No

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DP/2026/21	Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report 2025/26 – To note the Governance and Audit Committee 2025/26 Annual Report		*		Council	26th October 2026	Reports and Minutes of the Governance and Audit Committee	Cllr G Butland	Angie Mitchell	No
DP/2026/22	Cost of Living Annual Report 2025-2026 – To note the Cost of Living Annual Report 2025-26		*		Council	26th October 2026		Cllr C Dervish	Tracey Parry	No
DP/2026/26	Planning Delegation		*		Council	26th October 2026		Cllr G Spray	Kim Mayo / Sarah Ashton	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 25/12	Setting of Section 106 Monitoring Fees for Biodiversity Net Gain Habitat Bank Sites	Cllr G Spray	Enhancing our environment	31st July 2026	The Environment Act 2021 Planning Practice Guidance – Biodiversity net gain – GOV.UK & Planning obligations – GOV.UK	Chris Paggi

**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
<p>Finance System – To agree a preferred option for the provision of the Council's core finance system</p> <p>(DP/2026/24)</p>	<p>Cabinet – 28th September 2026</p>	<p>3rd July 2026</p>	<p>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).</p>
<p>S106 Affordable Housing Commuted Payments Proposal – To agree an award of funding for investment in an affordable housing proposal planned by CHP</p> <p>(DP/2026/25)</p>	<p>Cabinet – 28th September 2026</p>	<p>3rd July 2026</p>	<p>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).</p>

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