

Statutory Forward Plan

Key Decisions

1 January 2026 - 31 July 2026

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<p>Medium Term Financial Plan Update and Strategy</p> <p>The report to Council to set the Council's budget and Council tax for 2026/27 and approve the Medium Term Financial Plan.</p> <p>Key</p> <p>Para No</p>	Director of Finance, Transformation & Performance	Cabinet Member for Resources and Transport	Council	18 Feb 2026	Members briefings and meetings will be held with Councillors.	Members briefings and meetings will be held with Councillors	clare.harper@stokton.gov.uk		

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Re-procurement of the Stockton drug and alcohol treatment and recovery service Local authorities have a statutory responsibility to commission drug and alcohol treatment and recovery services as part of their public health duties. The current Stockton service has been delivered by Change, Grow, Live (CGL) since 2020 under a five-year contract originally ending on 31st March 2025. To enable appropriate planning and alignment	Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing	Cabinet Member for Adults Social Care	Cabinet	15 Jan 2026			sarah.bowman-abouna@stockton.gov.uk sarah.bowman-abouna@stockton.gov.uk		A separate community impact assessment was not undertaken. However, the potential impact on communities has been considered through the completion of a health needs assessment, service reviews, and stakeholder engagement, including staff, people with lived experience, residents, and partner organisations. The findings from this work have informed the development of the financial options for re-procurement and the assessment of the minimum viable service model.

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<p>Proposed & revised Public Spaces Protection Orders 2026-2029 in Norton and Stockton town centres.</p> <p>Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) are designed to prevent individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour (ASB) in public spaces.</p> <p>PSPOs are very common across England & Wales, especially in town centre areas.</p> <p>Stockton-on-Tees has had one in place since 2023, covering the town centre areas of Stockton and Norton.</p>	<p>Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>12 Mar 2026</p>	<p>As part of the consultation process into the PSPO revisions, SBC Community Safety has spoken to many internal departments and external organisations. Consultees were then asked to provide a letter of support or acknowledgement regarding the proposals for which they were consulted on. They do not need to attend Cabinet to provide in-person support. The contents of their letters also need not be publicised, however they may be name dropped. Those that were consulted are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The public – a public consultation was held between 08/12/25 to 09/01/26 - SBC Community Safety - The Greatham Foundation (Trinity Gardens Care Home) - Matrix Team at Cleveland Police - SBC Environmental Health - SBC Trading Standards - Stockton BID - Wellington 		<p>adam.bateman@stockton.gov.uk</p> <p>Adam.Bateman@Stockton.gov.uk</p>		

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Article 4 Direction Small Houses of Multiple Occupation (Use class C4) To seek approval for implementing an Article 4 Direction to control the proliferation of small Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs). The Planning system categorises HMOs as either use class C4 (small houses in multiple occupation) consisting of between three and six persons with basic shared facilities, or for HMO's over six residents fall into the Sui Generis	Director of Regeneration & Inclusive Growth	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing	Council	15 Jan 2026	Councillors	Meeting with full Council.	chris.renahan@stockton.gov.uk		

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<p>Housing Strategy 2026-2036</p> <p>Updated and refreshed Housing Strategy to ensure it remains relevant to the local Housing environment, provides a clear market position statement, and evidence to support future funding initiatives / opportunities.</p> <p>Key</p> <p>Para No</p>	Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing	Cabinet	11 Dec 2025	Cabinet	Meetings and emails	<p>jane.edmends@stockton.gov.uk</p> <p>jane.edmends@stockton.gov.uk</p>		EPIA will be completed.