

**Statutory Forward Plan**

**Key Decisions**

**1 January 2026 - 31 July 2026**

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<p>Annual Procurement Plan/ Higher Value Contracts</p> <p>The report seeks approval from Cabinet for the procurement of higher value contracts. The report includes all known contract awards scheduled for 2026/27.</p> <p>Key</p> <p>Para No</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Services</p>	<p>Cllr Paul Rowling</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>12 Mar 2026</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Meetings and email</p>	<p>julie.marsden@stockton.gov.uk</p> <p>Martin.skipsey@stockton.gov.uk</p>		<p>EPIA not required.</p>

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<p>A Children's Integrated Front Door</p> <p>The Children's Hub is the first point of contact for anyone who has a concern about the safety or wellbeing of a child or young person who lives in Stockton-on-Tees. The Children's Hub is delivered in partnership with, and managed by, Hartlepool Borough Council.</p> <p>The Families First nationally mandated reforms for children's services and the strategic direction of both</p>	<p>Director of Children's Services</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Children and Young People</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>9 Feb 2026</p>	<p>The Children and Young People's Partnership Hartlepool Borough Council Cleveland Police Integrated Care Board (ICB) Tees Esk Wear Valley Trust Harrogate District Foundation Trust Education Partners Commissioned Domestic Abuse Services</p>	<p>Meetings with partners involved in the current Children's Hub arrangements Partnership meetings supported by the Department of Education The Families First Partnership Board</p>	<p>aishah.waithe@stockton.gov.uk</p>		<p>An EPIA has been completed and quality assured for the process, details of which are included in the Cabinet report.</p>

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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>	<p>Director of Finance, Transformation &amp; Performance</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources and Transport</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>18 Feb 2026</p>	<p>Members briefings and meetings will be held with Councillors.</p>	<p>Members briefings and meetings will be held with Councillors</p>	<p>clare.harper@stokton.gov.uk</p>		

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<p>Re-procurement of the Stockton drug and alcohol treatment and recovery service</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Adults Social Care</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>15 Jan 2026</p>			<p>sarah.bowman-abouna@stockton.gov.uk</p> <p>sarah.bowman-abouna@stockton.gov.uk</p>		<p>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.</p>

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<p>Proposed &amp; revised Public Spaces Protection Orders 2026-2029 in Norton and Stockton town centres.</p> <p><b>Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)</b> are designed to prevent individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour (ASB) in public spaces. PSPOs are very common across England &amp; 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>	Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing	Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety	Cabinet	12 Mar 2026	Countless national & regional PSPO examples were reviewed in the initial first design phases of the revised drafts – and as part of the evaluation into the 2023 Order – 9 local authorities were directly contacted by the Council's Community Safety Dept. in 2025 (a further regional local authority was contacted in 2026), where in-depth discussions took place over the principles and enforcement of PSPOs, in an exercise in learning, development, and best practice sharing. SBC Community Safety has kept in contact with four of those other LAs throughout this process, as to continue sharing best practice and aid in SBC's development of the revised Order and accompanying implementation strategy/enforcement policy. Once the design of the drafts was completed following discussions between SBC Community Safety		adam.bateman@stockton.gov.uk  Adam.Bateman@Stockton.gov.uk		

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<p>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).</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Director of Regeneration &amp; Inclusive Growth</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>15 Jan 2026</p>	<p>Councillors</p>	<p>Meeting with full Council.</p>	<p>chris.renahan@stockton.gov.uk</p>		

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<p>Housing Strategy 2026-2036 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>	<p>Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>11 Dec 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Meetings and emails</p>	<p>jane.edmends@st ockton.gov.uk</p> <p>jane.edmends@st ockton.gov.uk</p>		<p>EPIA will be completed.</p>