

Statutory Forward Plan

Key Decisions

1 January 2026 - 31 July 2026

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Admin Accommodation Review To review the Council's administration accommodation. Key Para No	Director of Regeneration & Inclusive Growth	Cabinet Member for Resources and Transport	Cabinet	14 May 2026	Cabinet	Meetings	chris.renahan@stockton.gov.uk chris.renahan@stockton.gov.uk		

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<p>Adult Social Care Fees and Charges</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to seek authority to consult on a proposal to introduce fair and transparent administration fees across several adult social care functions. These include Appointee, Court appointed Deputyship, Deferred Payment Agreements (DPA's), interest on DPA's and Deceased estates. The proposals are intended for public consultation.</p> <p>Key</p> <p>Para No</p>	<p>Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>14 May 2026</p>	<p>Integrated Care Board Service Users Wider public engagement</p>	<p>Letter out to inform people subject to Stockton Borough Council appointee Survey 2 Face to Face meetings Notice on Stockton Borough Council web site.</p>	<p>adam.carabine@stockton.gov.uk</p> <p>Carol.Malham@stockton.gov.uk</p>		<p>EPIA required</p>

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<p>Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document and Article 4 Direction The report will provide an update in relation to the commencement of a new Local Plan, Houses in Multiple Occupation SPD (which is being submitted with a recommendation for adoption) and the Article 4 direction (which has been subject to consultation).</p> <p>Houses in Multiple Occupation SPD The SPD has been produced, following the</p>	<p>Director of Regeneration & Inclusive Growth</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>14 May 2026</p>	<p></p>	<p>Statutory consultation / notification undertaken in accordance with relevant legislation.</p>	<p>simon.grundy@stockton.gov.uk planningpolicy@stockton.gov.uk</p>	<p></p>	<p>An Equality & Poverty Impact Assessment (EPIA) has been undertaken</p>

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<p>Stockton-on-Tees Local Plan Council endorsed a recommendation for a full update of the Stockton on Tees Local Plan in January 2024. Fundamental changes to the planning making system have occurred through the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (“The Act”) and subsequently The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026.</p> <p>Combined ‘The Act’ and ‘Regulations’</p>	<p>Director of Regeneration & Inclusive Growth</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>20 May 2026</p>	<p>The Local Plan process will be subject to statutory consultation at various stages of its preparation in accordance with the associated regulations.</p>	<p>Statutory notices and consultation to be undertaken in accordance with regulations.</p>	<p>simon.grundy@stockton.gov.uk planningpolicy@stockton.gov.uk</p>		<p>Yes EPIA this will be fully considered and undertaken during the development of the Local Plan and associated evidence base, should the relevant authorisation be given to commence the Local Plan.</p>

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Depot Provision Update Depot provision update and key acquisition and disposal decision. Key Para No	Director of Regeneration & Inclusive Growth	Cabinet Member for Resources and Transport	Cabinet	23 Apr 2026	Cabinet	Meetings	tracey.carter@stockton.gov.uk Kieran.Meighan@stockton.gov.uk	Private Meeting Notice -28 Day Notice - acquisition of a depot April 26	EPIA required

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<p>Post-16 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Transport – Approval on statutory consultation</p> <p>Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council currently provides discretionary post-16 SEND transport to approximately 185 learners, including 29 learners aged 19+. This provision is not a statutory requirement.</p> <p>Demand and associated costs for community transport services continue to rise, with overall expenditure projected to exceed £11</p>	<p>Director of Community Services, Environment and Culture</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources and Transport</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>23 Apr 2026</p>	<p>Stockton Parent Carer Forum (SPCF) met with SBC officers on 16 February 2026 for early engagement. This meeting underlined the need for clear timelines, accessible consultation materials, and opportunities to share lived experiences. SPCF also emphasise</p>	<p>A statutory consultation will be undertaken for a minimum of 28 working days during term time. Consultation will include an online survey, targeted engagement with stakeholders, listening events, and collaboration with representative groups including</p>	<p>Representations may be submitted via the Council's online consultation platform and by email to the responsible service. Details of how to respond, including the closing date for representations, will be set out in the consultation materials.</p>	<p>Forward Plan Proforma 2026 - Post-16 Transport</p>	<p>YES – An Equality Impact and Poverty Impact Assessment has been completed and will remain a live document, to be updated in light of consultation responses and to inform any subsequent decision-making.</p>

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<p>Supported & Temporary Accommodation - Adults & Families, Children & Young People The report seeks approval from Cabinet for the procurement of Supported and Temporary accommodation provision for Adults & families and Children & Young People).</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>18 Jun 2026</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Meetings.</p>	<p>jane.edmends@stockton.gov.uk</p> <p>Adults/families = jane.edmends@stockton.gov.uk</p> <p>Children/young people = jane.smith@stockton.gov.uk</p>		<p>EPIA to be completed</p>

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<p>Levelling Up Fund - Yarm Public Realm</p> <p>Update on outcome of consultation undertaken in regard to public realm proposals on Yarm High Street.</p> <p>Consideration of and decision on next steps</p> <p>Key</p> <p>Para No</p>	Director of Regeneration & Inclusive Growth	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing	Cabinet	12 Mar 2026	None specific beyond consultation already undertaken.		<p>iain.robinson@stockton.gov.uk</p> <p>Via email towncentresinvestmentteam@stockton.gov.uk</p>		Community Impact and Equality and Poverty Impact Assessment to be completed

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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 & 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>Revising the Public Spaces Protection Orders in Stockton Town Centre and Norton Town Centre 2026-2029</p> <p>Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) are designed to prevent individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour (ASB) in public spaces. 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>	Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing	Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety	Cabinet	12 Mar 2026	<p>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</p> <p>1 discussions between SBC Community Safety</p>		<p>adam.bateman@stockton.gov.uk</p> <p>Adam.Bateman@Stockton.gov.uk</p>		

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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>	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 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>