

Notice of Key Decisions to be made by the Cabinet not previously included on the published Key Decision Forward Plan

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, local authorities are required to publish a Forward Plan of Key Decisions to be made by the Cabinet at least 28 clear days before the date of the meeting. In the event that the publication of the intention to make a key decision at least 28 days before the meeting is impractical, the local authority must inform the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee.

The notice given to the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee must be published. The following notice has been given:

"I have been notified of an additional item that will need to go to Cabinet on 12 January 2026. In accordance with the law, as this is within the 28-day period of the advance public notice of key decisions, I am informing you as Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee.

Local Government Reorganisation: Response to Ministerial Letter of 18 December 2025

This item was requested to be added to the forward plan after it was published on 12 December 2025 for the reason stated as below:

On 18 December 2025, the Minister of State for Local Government and Homelessness, Alison McGovern MP has written to the Leader of the Council regarding the local elections May 2026. The Minister has asked councils to set out views on the postponement of local elections and if it is considered that this could release essential capacity to deliver local government reorganisation and allow reorganisation to progress effectively. The Minister has asked for views to be submitted to them by midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026"

A Cabinet decision is needed on 12 January 2026.

Councillor Hicks, as Leader of the Council, has given his consent for the item to be considered by Cabinet on 12 January 2026."

A notice must also be published setting out the reasons why compliance is impractical and the details of any decisions to be made which were not included on the published Forward Plan.

This Notice sets out those key decisions to be made the meeting of the Cabinet on 12 January 2026 which have not previously been included on the published Key Decision Forward Plan. In accordance with the Regulations, the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee has been informed of the item listed below.

Title of Report	Local Government Reorganisation: Response to Ministerial Letter of 18 December 2025
Reason for key decision added after Forward Plan Publication	On 18 December 2025, the Minister of State for Local Government and Homelessness, Alison McGovern MP has written to the Leader of the Council regarding the local elections May 2026. The Minister has asked councils to set out views on the postponement of local elections and if it is considered that this could release essential capacity to deliver local government reorganisation and allow reorganisation to progress effectively. The Minister

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The agenda for the meeting of the Cabinet will be published five clear days before the date of the meeting and will be available on the Council's website (www.suffolk.gov.uk) or at Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX.

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