South Gloucestershire Council

# Key dates

13 April 2026

To help you plan, we have below set out the timeline and key milestones for the introduction of changes to the Special Expenses policy.

## Phase 1: Consultation and Engagement

13 April 2026 – Consultation opens

20 April 2026 – Key engagement meeting – Clerks Network

28 April 2026 – Key engagement meeting – Town & Parish Forum

19 June 2026 – Consultation closes

**Policy Review and Decision**

13 July 2026 – Policy considered by SGC Cabinet

Week commencing 20 July 2026 – Final decision confirmed

The below milestones and dates have been put together for guidance and planning purposes only. All information is provisional and contingent on the decision made by Cabinet.

## Phase 2: Implementation Support & Budgeting

**September 2026 onwards**

- Support sessions with Town and Parish Councils on implementation
- Discussion of operational changes linked to expressions of intent
- December 2026 - Cabinet will approve the Council Tax Base & CTB figures and S41 form sent out to parish and town councils.
- Deadline for S41 form returns 20th January 2027
- February 2027 - precepts included in the Council Tax report

**Looking Ahead**

2027/28 Budget – New policy implemented, subject to Cabinet approval

Early 2027 further discussions on requests from town and parishes for more control of use of facilities and spaces