

MINUTES of a meeting of the CABINET held in the Abbey Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN on TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2026

Present: Councillor R Blunt (Chair)

Councillors M B Wyatt, T Gillard, K Merrie MBE, A C Saffell and A C Woodman

In Attendance: Councillors A Barker, T Eynon and P Moulton

Officers: Mrs A Thomas, Mr J Arnold, Mrs A Crouch, Ms B Leonard, Ms R Tapping and Mrs C Hammond

144. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor N Rushton.

145. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

146. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions received.

147. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2026.

It was moved by Councillor A Saffell, seconded by Councillor T Gillard and

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 March be approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record of proceedings.

Reason for Decision: The Cabinet (Executive) Procedure Rules require that the minutes of the previous meeting are considered and confirmed as a correct record.

148. SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, VIREMENTS AND CAPITAL APPROVALS

The report was presented by the Finance and Corporate Portfolio Holder.

It was moved by Councillor K Merrie, seconded by Councillor A Woodman and

RESOLVED THAT:

The movement of the Capital Schemes detailed in paragraph 2.2 from the development pool to the active programme be approved.

Reason for decision: The Council's Financial Procedure Rules, Section 2, paragraphs A24 to A28 stipulate the procedures for virements and supplementary

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estimates, whilst the Council's Capital Strategy sets out the Governance of the Capital Programme.

149. PLAYING PITCHES, BUILT FACILITIES (SPORTS AND COMMUNITY), AND OPEN SPACES STRATEGIES

The report was presented by the Community and Climate Change Portfolio Holder.

Comments from the Community Scrutiny Committee on the report were considered and acknowledged in turn. The Portfolio Holder agreed with all responses from Officers.

The Portfolio Holder noted the recommendation from the Community Scrutiny Committee and moved an amendment to state that 'the Council will progress those projects that it has the resources to deliver within the timeline remaining for this Council'.

It was moved by Councillor M Wyatt, seconded by Councillor K Merrie and

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The North West Leicestershire Playing Pitches and Outdoor Sports, Built Facilities, and Open Spaces Strategies be approved and are provided as an evidence base for the emerging North West Leicestershire Local Plan.
- 2) The Council considers feasibility studies and will progress those projects, that it has the resources to deliver within the timeline remaining for this Council.

Reason for decision: Inclusion within the Local Plan will give a robust evidence base that will allow the Council and Parish/Town councils to potentially secure section 106 contributions from developers, as well as accessing other funding streams, to be able to improve the infrastructure around playing pitches, outdoor sports, built facilities, and open spaces.

150. HOUSING SERVICE PERMISSION TO CONSULT ON THREE HOUSING POLICIES: REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS POLICY, NO ACCESS POLICY AND AIDS AND ADAPTATIONS POLICY

The report was presented by the Housing, Property and Customer Services Portfolio Holder.

It was moved by Councillor A Woodman, seconded by Councillor M Wyatt and

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The Reasonable Adjustments Policy; No Access Policy; Aids and Adaptations Policy as drafts for stakeholder consultation be approved.
- 2) the policies will return to Cabinet once the consultation has concluded seeking approval to adopt be noted.

Reason for decision: The Council's Constitution requires approval from Cabinet ahead of any consultation being undertaken with stakeholders, where deemed necessary by the

Head of Paid Service. The Head of Paid Service has confirmed it will be necessary for these consultations to be approved by Cabinet.

151. PERMISSION TO CONSULT FOR THE REVIEW OF HOUSING STRATEGY

The report was presented by the Housing, Property and Customer Services Portfolio Holder.

It was moved by Councillor A Woodman, seconded by Councillor M Wyatt and

RESOLVED THAT:

1) The approach to the consultation on the Council's Housing Strategy as set out in this report be approved.

2) Authority be delegated to the Head of Housing in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to agree the final version of the public consultation and future consultation themes and materials as necessary.

Reason for decision: Cabinet is responsible for approving the content and scope of public consultations. This report ensures Cabinet is informed of the planned consultation with stakeholders as part of the review of the Council's Housing Strategy.

152. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved by Councillor R Blunt, seconded by Councillor K Merrie and

RESOLVED THAT:

In pursuance of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the business to be transacted involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and that the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Reason for decision: To enable the consideration of exempt information.

153. PROCUREMENT OF LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT CONTRACTOR

The report was presented by the Housing, Property and Customer Services Portfolio Holder.

It was moved by Councillor A Woodman, seconded by Councillor M Wyatt and

RESOLVED THAT:

The recommendations in the report be approved.

Reason for decision:

The Council's constitution requires approval from Cabinet ahead of any procurement of Band C and D contracts.

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154. AWARD OF HOUSING CONTRACTS- GROUNDWORKS FIVE COUNTIES

The report was presented by the Housing, Property and Customer Services Portfolio Holder.

It was moved by Councillor A Woodman, seconded by Councillor M Wyatt and

RESOLVED THAT:

The recommendations in the report be approved.

Reason for decision: Cabinet approval is required because the total potential value of this contract exceeds £100,000 and because a procurement exemption is necessary owing to the lack of competition

155. COALVILLE OLD MARKET HALL REGENERATION PROJECT

The report was presented by the Housing, Property and Customer Services Portfolio Holder.

The Leader invited Councillor T Eynon, Chair of the Community Scrutiny Committee to address Cabinet.

It was moved by Councillor A Woodman, seconded by Councillor R Blunt and

RESOLVED THAT:

The recommendations in the report be approved.

Reason for decision: To enable a planning application to be submitted and to set out for Cabinet how (subject to planning permission being granted) the Old Market Hall project will be progressed (including initial estimates of the level of investment required). This is a matter for Cabinet given the potential future cost.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 5.23 pm