

MINUTES of a meeting of the CABINET held in the Abbey Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN on TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2025

Present: Councillor R Blunt (Chair)

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

In Attendance: Councillors P Moulton and J G Simmons

Officers: Mrs A Thomas, Mr A Barton, Mr P Stone, Mrs C Hammond, Mr B Dooley and Ms E Lant

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

48. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

49. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions received.

50. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 26 August 2025.

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 August 2025 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

In agreement with the Chair, the items were reordered so that items 5, 8 and 9 of the agenda were considered first.

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

51. SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, VIREMENTS AND CAPITAL APPROVALS

The Finance and Corporate Portfolio Holder presented the report.

It was moved by Councillor K Merrie, seconded by Councillor T Saffell and

RESOLVED THAT:

1. The supplementary estimates detailed in Appendix 2 which are below £100,000 and externally funded be noted.
2. The supplementary estimate detailed in Appendix 2 which is below £10,000 and Council funded be noted.
3. The supplementary estimate detailed in Appendix 2 which is over £10,000 and below £250,000 and Council funded be approved.

Chair's initials

Reason for decision: The Council's Financial Procedure Rules, Section 2, paragraphs A24 to A28 stipulate the procedures for virements and supplementary estimates, whilst the Council's Capital Strategy sets out the Governance of the Capital Programme.

52. FAIR FUNDING REVIEW

The Finance and Corporate Portfolio Holder presented the report.

It was moved by Councillor K Merrie, seconded by Councillor T Saffell and

RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council's response to the Fair Funding Review as set out in Appendix 1 is noted.
2. The District Council Network (DCN) response as set out in Appendix 2, and that the Council will continue to work with the DCN to lobby for a fairer funding settlement is noted.

Reason for decision: Cabinet is responsible for monitoring and reviewing issues relating to the implementation of strategy and policy as set out in Section E of the Council's Constitution. Given the potential significant impact on the Council's finances, Cabinet need to be informed as it moves into its budget setting phase for the 2026/27 financial year.

53. REVIEW OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE POLICIES

The Finance and Corporate Portfolio Holder presented the report.

It was moved by Councillor K Merrie, seconded by Councillor N Rushton and

RESOLVED THAT:

The Corporate Governance Policies listed in paragraph 1.2 of the report be approved.

Reason for decision: To ensure that the Council has an up-to-date suite of governance policies in place reflecting the law and best practice.

Councillor K Merrie left the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

54. LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

The Planning Portfolio Holder presented the report.

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

RESOLVED THAT:

Leicestershire County Council's approval of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland, be endorsed.

Reason for decision: Local Nature Recovery Strategies are a new statutory duty placed on local government in England, as part of the Environment Act 2021. It requires local authorities to work together to develop Local Nature Recovery Strategies across 48 areas in England.

Under the Environment Act 2021, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs appointed Leicestershire County Council as the 'responsible authority' for the development of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland.

The development of the final Local Nature Recovery Strategy fulfils part of the duty.

55. COALVILLE REGENERATION FRAMEWORK - 2025 UPDATE

The Leader presented the report.

Councillor M Wyatt said that he would like to see the Market Hall building being used again.

It was moved by Councillor R Blunt, seconded by Councillor M Wyatt and

RESOLVED THAT:

1. The document appended to this report as the 2025 refreshed regeneration framework for Coalville is adopted.
2. Authority be delegated to the Strategic Director (in consultation with the Portfolio Holder) to make any minor changes to the document required prior to publishing.

Reason for decision: The Council Delivery Plan for 2023-2028 identified that a Regeneration Framework Document will deliver during this timeframe.

The Coalville Regeneration Framework refresh constitutes a strategy which under the Council's constitution requires Cabinet approval.

56. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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.

57. AWARD OF CONTRACT - RIVER MEASE PROJECT DELIVERY PARTNER

The Planning Portfolio Holder presented the report.

It was moved by Councillor T Saffell, seconded by Councillor N Rushton and

RESOLVED THAT:

The recommendations in the report be approved.

Reason for decision: Under the Council's Constitution, expenditure of £100,000 or more is considered to be a Key Decision, which requires Cabinet approval.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm

Councillor K Merrie left the meeting at 5:09pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 5.16 pm