

MINUTES of a meeting of the CABINET held in the Abbey Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN on TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2025

Present: Councillor R Blunt (Chair)

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

In Attendance: Councillors

Officers: Mrs A Thomas, Mr J Arnold, Mr A Barton, Mr P Stone, Ms K Hiller, Mrs C Hammond, Ms H Panter and Ms B Leonard

70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor N Rushton.

71. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

72. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions received.

73. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2025.

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2025 be approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record of proceedings.

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

74. COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN - PERFORMANCE REPORT - 2025/26 QUARTER 2

Before considering the report, the comments from Corporate Scrutiny Committee on the Quarter One report were considered in turn.

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

Members of the Cabinet provided updates to areas of their portfolios. This included Economic Regeneration, Tourism, the Vitality Fund, performance of planning applications, performance of local food businesses, the Recycling Container Project, the Disability Grant for Private Landlords and the Tree Management Strategy.

RESOLVED THAT:

The report was noted and members were thanked for their comments.

Reason for decision: To make members aware of the progress of the plan.

Chair's initials

75. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2025 - 2028

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 report was noted

2) Cabinet delegated authority to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate to finalise and publish the draft Budget proposals for consultation.

Reason for decision: Under the Finance Procedure Rules, the Section 151 Officer is responsible for reporting to Cabinet in respect of the Medium Term Financial Plan. This report is to enable Cabinet to consider the risks and challenges in relation to the Medium Term Financial Plan 2025- 2028 as part of the budget setting process.

Under the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules, Cabinet is responsible for finalising and publishing the draft budget proposals for consultation. This report seeks to delegate that responsibility to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance to commence the budget consultation period for the Council's budget 2026/27 earlier.

76. REGULATOR SOCIAL HOUSING INSPECTION

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

Members of the Cabinet commented on the Council being awarded a C2 grading; and expressed keenness to aim higher and tackle key issues. It was added that good effort was made by Officers and Members across all parties to achieve these improvements in Housing.

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

RESOLVED THAT:

1) The outcome of the Social Housing Regulators judgement on the Council's Landlord Services as set out in the report was noted.

2) The creation of an action plan to address the issues set out in the report which once drafted will be brought to Corporate Scrutiny Committee and then to Cabinet, was noted.

3) The Housing Improvement Board will monitor the action plan with Cabinet being updated annually on progress.

Reason for decision: Cabinet is responsible for monitoring the functions of the Council, within their remit, and contributing to any Council aims, objectives and policies. It is also responsible for determining policies and objectives for any Council services, within their remit, reviewing the extent to which they are met, and agreeing any necessary action, as well as ensuring the effective and efficient management of any services and resources, within their remit.

Chair's initials

77. LIST OF LOCAL HERITAGE ASSETS: RAILWAY STRUCTURES

The Infrastructure Portfolio Holder presented the report.

It was moved by Councillor T Saffell, seconded by Councillor R Blunt and

RESOLVED THAT:

The Cabinet adopted the revised list of Railway Structures.

Reason for decision: Adoption of the revised local list of railway structures would support the aims of the Council Delivery Plan 2023-28 relating to planning and regeneration in providing an effective planning service to our communities, including the protection of heritage assets. This decision is the responsibility of the Cabinet, under Part 2, Section E, paragraph 10.3.6 of the constitution (the adoption of “non-development plan documents”).

78. JOINT BUILDING CONTROL SERVICE

The Infrastructure Portfolio Holder presented the report.

It was moved by Councillor T Saffell, seconded by R Blunt and

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The Building Control function continued to be delivered by Charnwood Borough Council;
- 2) Authority be delegated to Charnwood Borough Council to deliver Building Control services on behalf of North West Leicestershire District Council and in accordance with the terms of a delegation agreement which is to be agreed by both authorities;
- 3) Authority be delegated to the Strategic Director of Place, to negotiate and finalise the terms of the delegation agreement with Charnwood Borough Council

Reason for decision: To extend the period for the provision of Building Control service functions from North West Leicestershire District Council to Charnwood Borough Council for a further five years and three months.

To ensure the costs of setting up the Building Safety Levy collection for North West Leicestershire is funded.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 5.26 pm