

MINUTES of a meeting of the CABINET held in the Abbey Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN on TUESDAY, 19 MAY 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 J Legrys

Officers: Mrs A Thomas, Mr J Arnold, Mr A Barton, Ms B Leonard, Ms R Tapping, Mrs C Hammond, Ms H Panter and Gwillim

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor N Rushton.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions received.

4. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meetings held on 28 April 2026.

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

RESOLVED THAT:

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

5. COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN - PERFORMANCE REPORT - 2025/26 QUARTER 4

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

Comments from the Community Scrutiny Committee on the report were considered and acknowledged in turn.

Portfolio Holders all provided positive updates from their respective portfolios.

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

6. HOUSING ACTION PLANS POST INSPECTION

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

Comments from the Community Scrutiny Committee on the report were considered and acknowledged in turn by the Portfolio Holder.

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

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The Scrutiny comments in Annex B be considered.
- 2) The Action Plan set out in Annex A be approved and adopted.
- 3) Authority be delegated to the Strategic Director of Housing and Communities to make any minor changes to the Action Plan.
- 4) A progress report into the delivery of the Action Plan in 12 months' time be noted.

Reason for decision: In line with the Cabinet report of November 2025.
This is a report which affects all wards of the district.

7. MOIRA FURNACE VISITOR EXPERIENCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (PHASE TWO)

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

Comments from the Community Scrutiny Committee on the report were considered and acknowledged in turn by the Portfolio Holder.

The Improvement Programme for Moira Furnace was welcomed, and Moira Furnace described as a 'hidden jewel in the district' by a member. Its regeneration was marked as a chance to improve outcomes for people in the district.

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

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The comments and recommendations of the Community Scrutiny Committee on 23 April 2026 be considered.
- 2) The allocation of £2.455m to the Council's Capital Programme be recommended to Council.
- 3) The use of an appropriate procurement framework to commission the professional design team be approved.
- 4) Authority be delegated to the Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to:
 - a) Negotiate, agree and finalise the terms of the construction contract within the budget.

b) Complete such other agreements as shall be necessary to implement the project, within the approved budget.

Reason for decision: Cabinet approval required to enable the progression of phase two Moira Furnace Visitor Experience Programme in compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and procurement legislation.

8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved by Councillor R Blunt, seconded by Councillor T Gillard 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.

9. DISPOSAL - HOUSING PROPERTIES NORTHFIELD DRIVE COALVILLE

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: Disposal of any land or property with a capital value over £30,000 is reserved to Cabinet.

10. ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS

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

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The recommendations in the report be approved.

Reason for decision: To comply with the constitution of the Council as this acquisition requires Cabinet approval as it is in excess of £100,000.

11. UPDATE ON PROCUREMENT OF VEHICLE FLEET FOR RECYCLING CONTAINERS PROJECT

The report was presented by Community Services and Climate Change Portfolio Holder

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The recommendations in the report be approved.

Reason for decision: Vehicle price increases have left a shortfall as detailed in the report.

12. AWARD OF PAYMENT SOLUTION CONTRACT

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

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The recommendations in the report be approved.

Reason for decision: The level of expenditure on this contract exceeds the authority threshold in the Scheme of Delegation. To ensure the continuity of provision of the bill payment service to the Council.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 5.22 pm