MINUTES of a meeting of the CABINET held in the Abbey Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN on TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2026

Present: Councillor R Blunt (Chair)

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

In Attendance: Councillors

Officers: Mrs A Thomas, Mr J Arnold, Mrs A Crouch, Ms B Leonard, Mrs C Hammond, Ms H Panter and Ms E Lant

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor T Gillard and Councillor N Rushton.

19. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

20. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions received.

21. MINUTES

It was noted that the minutes of the 11 June would be considered at the meeting of 28 July 2026.

22. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2025/26

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

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

Reason for decision: Informing Cabinet of the Council's Treasury Management Activity is a statutory requirement.

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

24. CORPORATE BUSINESS CONTINUITY POLICY

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

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

RESOLVED THAT:

1) The adoption of the Council's Business Continuity Policy be approved.

2) It be noted that service-level business continuity plans were already in place, and that the policy provided organisation-wide governance, consistency and best-practice assurance.

3) It be noted that business continuity training for Senior Leadership was being procured to strengthen strategic readiness and response.

4) Authority be delegated to the Head of Paid Service to make any necessary minor, non-material amendments to the policy prior to publication.

Reason for decision: This is a corporate policy which requires Cabinet approval in accordance with the Constitution.

25. FOOD SAFETY SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2026-27

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

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

RESOLVED THAT:

1) The Environmental Health Food Safety Service Delivery Plan 2026/27 be approved.

2) The performance and achievements in 2025/26 be noted.

Reason for decision: To enable the Council to discharge its statutory duties under the Food Safety Act 1990 and comply with the Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement by approving the Food Safety Service Delivery Plan 2026/27.

26. EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT CONTRIBUTIONS SPD

The report was presented by the Planning Portfolio Holder.

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

RESOLVED THAT:

1) The proposed revisions to the draft East Midlands Freeport Strategic Infrastructure and Contributions Supplementary Planning Document be supported.

2) It be recommended that, subject to no material comments being received from the statutory consultation bodies on the screening report for strategic environmental assessment and habitats assessment, the Local Plan Committee adopts the East

Midlands Freeport Strategic Infrastructure and Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (appendix B).

3) Authority be delegated to the Strategic Director of Place to review and recommend any minor modifications to the final draft East Midlands Freeport Strategic Infrastructure and Contributions Supplementary Planning Document prior to adoption at Local Plan Committee.

Reason for decision: The Council's Constitution (Part 2, Section D5, paragraph 2.2.1) requires the Local Plan Committee to receive reports from Cabinet on proposed SPDs.

27. CUSTOMER SERVICE PERFORMANCE UPDATE 2025/26

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.

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

Reason for decision: To ensure Cabinet Members are aware of Customer Services activity and transactions during the last financial year given the Service's cross-cutting delivery.

28. CORPORATE COMPENSATION AND REMEDIES

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.

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

RESOLVED THAT:

1) The Compensation and Remedies policy be approved.

2) Authority be Delegated to the Director of Resources to make minor amendments to the policies as required to address changes in national policy and local priorities.

Reason for decision:
To agree amendments to the Council's Compensation Policy as set out above.

29. ANNUAL CORPORATE COMPLAINTS 2025/26

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.

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

RESOLVED THAT:

1) The comments made by Corporate Scrutiny Committee on 18 June 2026 be noted.

2) The details of the Annual report 2025/26 be noted.

3) The self-assessment at Appendix 1 be reviewed and confirmed that the Council is compliant.

Reason for decision: The Housing Ombudsman's Complaints Code requires the Council to report on complaints annually to the governing body.

30. HOUSING SERVICE PERMISSION TO CONSULT – COMPLIANCE POLICIES

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

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The public consultations on the policies listed in paragraph 2.1 be approved.

Reason for decision: Approval of the scope and content of public consultations where deemed necessary by the Head of Paid Service is reserved to Cabinet.

31. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

32. PROPERTY SERVICES RESPONSIVE REPAIRS AND MINOR WORKS CONTRACT

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

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The recommendations in the report be approved.

Reason for decision: Cabinet approval is required in line with Part 3, Section G -

Contract Procedure Rules, of the Constitution.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 5.17 pm