

CABINET – TUESDAY, 10 JUNE 2025

DECISION NOTICE

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 10 June 2025 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: **Wednesday 11 June 2025**

End of the call-in period is **2.00 p.m. on Monday 16 June 2025**

These decisions will not be implemented until after this date and time.

Present: P Peacock, R Cozens, S Crosby, L Brazier, S Forde, C Penny, P Taylor and J Kellas

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
6.	Careline Service	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <p>a) note the successes to date and the income generated from the Careline Service; and</p> <p>b) approve a proposed budget for marketing of 10% of the income generated in year 24/25.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To support the continued business growth and promotion of the Careline Service aligns with the Community Plan ambition 7 “Be a top performing, modern, accessible Council that get its everyday services right for the residents and businesses that it serves”.</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> Standing still is an option, but continued business growth and external recognition of excellent, consistent service delivery places the Council in a good starting position through the optics of Local Government Reform.</p>	Ian Jackson Careline Team Leader
7.	Good Neighbourhood Management Policy	<p>That Cabinet approve the Good Neighbourhood Management Policy.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> The Regulator for Social Housing and the Housing Ombudsman recommend the introduction of a Good Neighbourhood Management Policy which aligns with the Community Plan ambition 7 “Be a top performing, modern, accessible Council that get its everyday services right for the residents and businesses that it serves.”</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> The Council has the option to rely on the ASB Policy for dealing with noise and nuisance between neighbours, but good practice and alignment with both the Regulator for Social Housing and the Housing Ombudsman is to manage these relationships in a more mediatory way.</p>	Julie Davidson Business Manager – Housing Services

8.	UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund Grants 2025-26 (Key Decision)	<p>That Cabinet approve:</p> <p>a) the addition of £267,369 within the 2025-2026 capital programme, funded by incoming Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) grant, as detailed in paragraph 1.3 of the report; and</p> <p>b) the proposed approach to managing the REPF and UKSPF grant schemes in 2025-2026, including the application, appraisal and award process as detailed in paragraph 1.9 of the report (Table 1), with delegated authority being given to the S151 Officer to approve individual grant allocations.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> The proposed processes set out within the report facilitates prompt and flexible delivery of grants, considering the requirement for any unspent funds after 31 March 2026, to be returned to Government. In addition, the process established is objective, open and transparent, avoiding any conflicts of interest, as set out as a clear requirement within the Governments Grants Functional Standard, demonstrating a best practice approach to managing grants.</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> There is the opportunity not to accept future REPF grant funding allocated to the district and to decline participation in the scheme. This approach has been discounted from the proposals outlined within the report as it would re-present a missed opportunity to invest in local rural communities, supporting the Council's Economic Growth Strategy and Community Plan objectives.</p>	Sarah Husselbee Shared Prosperity Fund Programme Manager
9.	Plan for Neighbourhoods Update (Key Decision)	<p>Agreed that Cabinet:</p> <p>a) note the report, including the announcement of the Plan for Neighbourhoods programme, and the award of up to £19.5m to Newark over a 10-year period, in accordance with paragraph 1.2 of the report, subject to the development of a Local Regeneration Plan, and subsequent Government approvals;</p> <p>b) approve the addition of a £200,000 revenue budget in 2025-26 funded by programme capacity grant, to be allocated by Newark Town Executive Board, in accordance with paragraph 1.10 of the report; and</p>	Sarah Husselbee Shared Prosperity Fund Programme Manager

		<p>c) note that a future update report will be presented to Cabinet regarding local programme plans, prior to submission of the Regeneration Plan in 2025, in accordance with paragraph 1.11 of the report.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> The recommendations are provided on the basis of the next steps in the delivery of the Plan for Neighbourhoods Programme with Newark Town Board. The opportunity provided through this programme will assist in achieving shared objectives over the next 10 years for Newark.</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> There is an option to choose to inform Government that Newark does not wish to retain the offer of the Plan for Neighbourhoods Programme. This option has been discounted as the resource would achieve shared goals identified by the Community Plan and the Newark Town Board.</p>	
10.	Solar Energy Supplementary Planning Document (Key Decision)	<p>That Cabinet approve:</p> <p>a) the Council's responses within the Consultation responses document at Appendix A to the report; and</p> <p>b) the adoption of the Solar Energy SPD as attached at Appendix B to the report.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To allow the District Council to adopt the Solar Energy SPD.</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> Cabinet has already approved the production of the Solar Energy SPD therefore no alternative options have been considered.</p>	Matthew Norton, Business Manager - Planning Policy & Infrastructure
11.	Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment	<p>That Cabinet approve:</p> <p>a) the proposed consultation responses as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;</p> <p>b) the proposed final Methodology Document as set out at Appendix 2 to the report; and</p> <p>c) a 'Call of Sites' exercise to be undertaken in the Summer 2025.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To allow the District Council to approve the SHELAA Methodology and undertake a 'Call for Sites' exercise.</p>	Matthew Norton, Business Manager - Planning Policy and Infrastructure

		<p><u>Options Considered:</u> Cabinet has already approved the production of a new SHELAA Methodology therefore no alternative options have been considered.</p>	
12.	Procurement of Vehicles for the Rollout of Domestic Kerbside Food Collection Service (Key Decision)	<p>That Cabinet approve:</p> <p>a) a Capital budget of £1,304,750 financed by the £1,093,049 Capital Grant received in 2024/25 and the remaining £211,701 Revenue Contribution to Capital from the Revenue Grant received for the purchase of 8 food waste collection vehicles and 55,071 bins;</p> <p>b) the allocation of the remaining Revenue Grant of £1,215,299 (of the £1,427,000) to the Residential Food Waste Reserve in the event of additional costs; and</p> <p>c) the Revenue Budget increase from 2027/28 where possible, funded from Food Waste Reserve, in anticipation of an increase in the establishment by 18 new employees from 2027/28.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> The proposal aligns to Objective 5 of the Community Plan as we develop plans for a weekly food waste collection. There is a statutory requirement to provide a kerbside food waste collection service from October 2027.</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> Consideration was given to collect food waste using alternative collection methodology. Collection modelling was carried out to assess the viability of collecting using an entirely new fleet of split bodied vehicles or collecting alongside source separated recycling materials from the kerbside each week in a new fleet of recycling vehicles.</p> <p>These options were both discounted due to the significant capital expenditure required (estimated to be around £3m and £4m respectively) and the issue of needing to re-establish the 7-year fleet replacement schedule as an entire new fleet that is the same age would otherwise need replacing at the same time.</p>	Ryan Oliff Waste & Recycling Manager
13.	Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation (Key Decision)	<p>That:</p> <p>a) the proposed consultation response at Appendix B be approved; and</p>	Matthew Norton, Business Manager - Planning Policy & Infrastructure

		<p>b) the Portfolio Holder for Climate and the Environment, in consultation with the Planning Policy Board, be given delegated authority to comment at the next stage as set out in paragraph 2.7 of the report.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To allow the District Council as a supporting authority to respond to consultations on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> None, as a supporting authority it is considered important to respond to the consultation to assist the County Council in preparing the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.</p>	
14.	Review of the Council's Carbon Net Neutral Target (Key Decision)	<p>That:</p> <p>a) the 2035 carbon net neutral target within the current scope is retained; and</p> <p>b) Members note the potential to set a 2050 target for housing, but that this is not progressed pending a review by the new local authority entity covering Newark & Sherwood following Local Government Reorganisation in 2028.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> This work aligns with the Council’s Community Plan ambition to “reduce the impact of climate change and protect and enhance green spaces”.</p> <p>There is a specific activity under this ambition to ‘Further develop and deliver a Council-wide decarbonisation plan for our built assets/deliver a programme of prioritised decarbonisation actions, in response to the Carbon Trust report 2025, following engagement with stakeholders.’</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> To maintain the 2035 target but include housing; and to advance the Council’s net zero target to 2030 (corporate emissions only).</p>	Carl Burns, Transformation & Service Improvement Manager