

CABINET – TUESDAY, 8 JULY 2025

DECISION NOTICE

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 8 July 2025 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: **decision publication date** End of the call-in period is 5.00 p.m. on
call in expiry date.

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

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

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
6.	Provisional Financial Outturn Report to 31 March 2025	<p>That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the final outturn of revenue and capital spending for 2024/25 be noted;(b) the capital financing proposals as set out in table 5 at paragraph 1.19 of the report, be noted;(c) the Capital Programme reprofiling of £7.817m carried forward into 2025/26, as per appendices E and F to the report, be noted;(d) the movement in Provisions and Impaired Estimates on Debtors be noted;(e) the creation of the new reserve, as outlined in paragraph 1.28 of the report, be approved; and(f) the individual contributions to, and withdrawals from, the revenue and capital Usable Reserves be noted. <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To consider the provisional 2024/25 financial outturn position on the Council's revenue and capital budgets.</p> <p>To consider performance against actual income and expenditure compared to the revised budget and how any surpluses/deficits have been allocated to/from reserves.</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> None, this report provides information on the Council's financial outturn for 2024/25.</p>	Nick Wilson, Business Manager - Financial Services
7.	Community Plan	That Cabinet:	Carl Burns -

	Performance for Quarter 4 2024/25	<p>(a) review the Community Plan Performance Report attached as Appendix 1 to the report;</p> <p>(b) review the compliance report attached as Appendix 2 to the report; and</p> <p>(c) consider the Council's performance against its objectives highlighting any areas of high performance and identifying areas for improvement.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> Performance management is used to drive improvement by analysing data and progress against key activities as well as building a picture of the context of performance using district statistics, customer feedback and workforce information.</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> Not applicable, this report presents the Council's performance against Community Plan objectives.</p>	Transformation & Service Improvement Manager
8.	Quarter 4 2024/25 - Housing Compliance Assurance Report	<p>That Cabinet note:</p> <p>a) the exceptions to performance of the housing service compliance functions; and</p> <p>b) the new format for performance for Quarter 4 2024.25 onwards.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To enable the Cabinet to monitor performance and compliance relating to the Council's legal and regulatory landlord responsibilities for 27 building safety measures including fire protection, gas, asbestos, electrical and water.</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> Not applicable, this report presents performance of housing compliance services.</p>	Suzanne Shead Director – Housing, Health & Wellbeing
9.	Corporate Annual Budget Strategy for 2026/27	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <p>a) approve the overall General Fund, Capital & HRA Budget Strategy for 2026/27;</p> <p>b) note the consultation process with Members;</p> <p>c) note that Budget Officers continue work on the assessment of various budget proposals affecting services for consideration in setting the Council's budget;</p>	Nick Wilson, Business Manager - Financial Services

		<p>d) note that Budget Managers work with Finance Officers in identifying further efficiency savings, increasing income from fees and charges and in identifying new sources of income; and</p> <p>e) to review the policies and principles on Budgeting, Council Tax, Reserves and Provisions, Charging, Value for Money and make any recommendations to Council.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To enable the Council's budget process to proceed in accordance with assumptions set out in this report.</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> Not applicable, the Budget Strategy is required each year in accordance with the Council's Constitution.</p>	
10.	Performance Framework 2025/26	<p>That Cabinet note:</p> <p>(a) the Corporate Planning, Performance Management and Assurance Framework at Appendix 1 to the report;</p> <p>(b) the refreshed performance indicators at Appendix 2 to the report; and</p> <p>(c) the findings of the recent Assurance Review of Performance Management at Appendix 3 to the report.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> The Performance Framework is refreshed on a regular basis to reflect the priorities of the Council.</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> None considered, a mechanism is required to measure the Council's performance.</p>	Carl Burns - Transformation & Service Improvement Manager
11.	Sale of the Hollies, Barnby Road, Newark (Key Decision)	<p>That the exclusive sale of the Hollies, Barnby Road, Newark, to Hope House School be approved.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> Based on the sites current market value, and the potential for future development, the offer from Hope House School is good.</p> <p>The sale will enable the school to keep providing extremely complex services within the community and continue to improve the school and grow its capacity.</p>	Shanade Bradley - Estates Officer

		<p><u>Options Considered:</u> The Council has the option not to sell and propose a further lease to Hope House School, which maybe declined leaving a void property.</p> <p>A further option would be to sell The Hollies on the open market. This would have a devastating impact on the school residents and employees.</p>	
12.	Management and Maintenance of Public Open Space on new Residential Developments (Key Decision)	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) note that Management Companies are a lawful and legitimate model for the ongoing management and maintenance of Public Open Space which can continue to be promoted by developers; b) endorse the recommendation of the Planning Policy Board to produce guidance on Public Open Space Management Company Best Practice to cover instances where a Management Company is promoted by the developer; c) endorse the recommendation of the Planning Policy Board to continue to promote the Council managing and maintaining Public Open Space on Strategic Urban Extension (SUE) sites in the first instance; and d) endorse the recommendation of the Planning Policy Board to continue to promote for all non-SUE residential housing developments the principle of public ownership of Public Open Space, either via the District Council alongside an appropriate commuted payment to cover 20 years maintenance or via the host Town or Parish Council where they have the appetite, capacity and capability to do so. Should the developer insist on a Management Company, it shall accord with the guidance detailed at b) above. <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> Addressing the appropriate and ongoing management and maintenance of Open Space will ensure ongoing quality and equity for new residential developments, in accordance with Ambitions 2, 3 6 and 7 of the Council's Community Plan.</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> The Council could allow market forces and developer preferences to dictate future approaches to the management of Public Open Space on new</p>	Matt Lamb, Director - Planning & Growth

		<p>development. This is discounted in favour of clear guidance and preference such that the development industry, Town and Parish Council's and future residents are clear on expectations and limitations. Moreover, guidance will ensure appropriate practices are secured as far as reasonably possible.</p>	
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