

CABINET – TUESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2025

DECISION NOTICE

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 9 December 2025 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: **Wednesday 10 December** End of the call-in period is 5.00 p.m. on
Monday 15 December.

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>
5.	Budget Performance Report- Quarter 2	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <p>(a) note the General Fund projected favourable outturn variance of £0.062m;</p> <p>(b) note the Housing Revenue Account projected unfavourable outturn variance of £0.201m to the Major Repairs Reserve;</p> <p>(c) approve the variations to the Capital Programme at Appendix E;</p> <p>(d) approve the Capital Programme revised budget and financing of £46.823m; and</p> <p>(e) note the Prudential indicators at Appendix H.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u></p> <p>To consider the forecast outturn position for the 2025/26 financial year for the Council's General Fund and Housing Revenue Account revenue and capital budgets.</p> <p>To show performance against the approved estimates of revenue expenditure and income; report on major variances from planned budget performance; and report on variations to the Capital Programme for approval; all in accordance with the Council's Constitution.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u></p> <p>Not applicable.</p>	Nick Wilson, Business Manager- Financial Services

6.	Community Plan Performance Report - Quarter 2	<p>That cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) review the Community Plan Performance Report attached as Appendix 1; b) review the compliance report attached as Appendix 2; and c) consider the Council's performance against its objectives highlighting any areas of high performance and identifying areas for improvement. <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</p>	Carl Burns, Transformation and Service Improvement Manager
7.	Housing Compliance Assurance Report - Quarter 2	<p>That Cabinet note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the exceptions to performance of the housing service compliance functions; b) interim arrangements for monitoring damp and mould ahead of introduction of Awaab's Law; and c) the ongoing actions to improve and maintain performance. <p>This links to two ambitions in our Community Plan: Ambition 2: Increase the supply of housing, in particular decent homes that residents can afford to buy and rent, as well as improving housing standards and, Ambition 7: Be a top performing, modern and accessible Council that get its everyday services right for the residents and businesses that it serves</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To provide assurance on the work undertaken to ensure the safety of tenants and compliance with the regulatory standards.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u></p>	Suzanne Shead

		None.	
8.	Cost of Living Update	<p>It is recommended that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approves the budget proposed for 2026/27 over the activities as described in Section 3 of the report, to be financed £100,000 added into GF budgets and £30,000 from the HRA unallocated efficiency savings; and b) Agrees that any underspend within a project can be distributed amongst the pre-agreed projects to enhance delivery. <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To support tenants and residents with the ongoing cost of living challenges.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> The alternative option includes not providing an additional budget and programme specially to address issues resulting from the cost-of-living crisis. This has been discounted due to the council's desire to support those residents most in need, with a focus for the coming year of support on meeting basic needs for the most vulnerable.</p>	Cara Clarkson, Business Manager - Healthy Places
9.	14 Market Place, Newark	<p>That Cabinet approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the conversion of the designated community space within 14 Market Place, Newark to a commercial use; and b) delegated authority be given to the Deputy Chief Executive/Director - Resources to enter into a future lease once a tenant has been identified. <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To ensure the continued utilisation of 14 Market Place as a commercial and residential asset, supporting the Council's town centre strategy and maximising the value of a key property within the Council's portfolio.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u></p>	Shanade Bradley, Estates Officer

		Potential tenants such as Lincoln College Group and CVS were considered but ultimately declined due to the space not meeting their operational requirements.	
10.	Neighbourhood Planning Funding (Key Decision)	<p>That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Cabinet agree that the District Council and Locality work with interested NPBs to scope out what they aim to achieve and seek to establish potential costs; and (b) following the appraisal of potential resource implications, the District Council work with Neighbourhood Planning Bodies and Locality to identify potential funding sources. <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To allow officers to consider alternative funding approaches for Neighbourhood Plans.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> None - supporting Town & Parish Council's in Neighbourhood Planning is a statutory responsibility.</p>	Matthew Norton, Business Manager - Planning Policy and Infrastructure
11.	Infrastructure Funding Statement (Key Decision)	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approve the publication of the Infrastructure Funding Statement, which has been produced in accordance with the legislative requirements, before the end of the calendar year; b) approve payment of the CIL meaningful proportion to Town and Parish Councils once per annum. This process to commence for monies collected in the financial year 2025/2026; c) approve the proposed guidance note at Appendix C for Town and Parish Councils, regarding CIL Meaningful proportion including informing them of their legal duty to produce an annual report on CIL receipts, CIL Spend, and CIL monies held in their account; and d) approve the proposed procedures set out at 	Matthew Norton, Business Manager - Planning Policy and Infrastructure

		<p>paragraph 2.13 and 2.14 for the spend of CIL for Parish Meetings and Parishes with no meetings.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To ensure that the District Council is operating in accordance with the requirements of the Community Infrastructure Regulations.</p> <p>To deliver resource efficiencies by reducing the administrative burden for Newark & Sherwood District Council To provide guidance on various aspects of CIL Meaningful Proportion Spend.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> None, there is a statutory requirement to publish the IFS by the end of the calendar year.</p> <p>To not make an amendment to the payment of the CIL meaningful proportion to Town and Parish Councils</p>	
12.	Community Grant Scheme Update	<p>It is recommended that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) notes the delivery of the Community Grant Scheme in 2025-26 to date; b) approves an increase to the current budget of £43,610 up to £150,000 for the 2026-2027 Community Grant Scheme; and c) approves the changes to the Community Grant Scheme eligibility criteria as detailed in section 3.3 of the report, subject to the second bullet point reading as follows: <p>where there are applications from multiple branches of an umbrella organisation, that are not separately constituted, only one allocation will be made in any three-year period.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To ensure that funding can be allocated to community groups – supporting communities to be sustainable and thrive.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> To withdraw the community grant scheme. This</p>	<p>Cara Clarkson, Business Manager - Healthy Places</p>

		alternative has been discounted due to the demonstrable positive impact the scheme has on the local community – empowering local groups and developing community capacity and resilience.	
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