

CABINET – TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2026

DECISION NOTICE

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 24 March 2026 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: **Wednesday 25 March**  
End of the call-in period is 2.00 p.m. on **Monday 30 March**.

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

Present: P Peacock, S Crosby, 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.	Housing Compliance Assurance Report - Quarter 3	<p>That Cabinet note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) the exceptions to performance of the housing service compliance functions;</li><li>b) interim arrangements for monitoring damp and mould ahead of introduction of Awaab’s Law; and</li><li>c) the ongoing actions to improve and maintain performance.</li></ul> <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>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>Options considered:</u> None, this report sets out performance data for Quarter 3.</p>	Wayne Fox, Business Manager - Building Safety & Asset Investment
7.	Budget Performance Report - Quarter 3	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) note the General Fund projected outturn variance of £0m;</li><li>(b) note the Housing Revenue Account projected</li></ul>	Nick Wilson, Business Manager - Financial Services

		<p>favourable outturn variance of £0.117m to the Major Repairs Reserve;</p> <p>(c) approve the variations to the Capital Programme at Appendix E to the report;</p> <p>(d) approve the Capital Programme revised budget and financing of £53.759m; and</p> <p>(e) note the Prudential indicators at Appendix H to the report.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> 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> Not applicable, this report presents budget performance information.</p>	
8.	Community Plan Performance Report - Quarter 3	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <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> To ensure that Cabinet are aware of all relevant performance updates in line with the Community Plan.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> None, this report provides an update on the Council's performance.</p>	Rowan Bosworth-Brown, Senior Transformation and Service Improvement Officer
9.	Biodiversity Strategy and Biodiversity	That Cabinet:	Matthew Norton,

	Report (Key Decision)	<p>(a) approve the proposed amended First Consideration Proposed Future Actions and Monitoring as the Council’s Biodiversity Strategy;</p> <p>(b) approve publication of the proposed Biodiversity Report 2024-2025; and</p> <p>(c) approve that future Biodiversity Reports will be published annually.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> As set out in the summary for Alternative Options Considered, some of the proposed actions align with Ambition 6 of the Community Plan, particularly ‘Play an active role in biodiversity net gain for the district, including the potential to own our own biodiversity offset sites, as well as looking at how our own developments can contribute.’</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> None, as there is a statutory requirement to have agreed actions within a First Consideration report and the proposed Biodiversity Strategy provides a mechanism for that.</p> <p>The statutory requirement can be no more than 5-year reporting intervals but given imminent changes to mandatory BNG and impending Local Government Reform, and a Council fully engaged with biodiversity matters, annual reporting was considered appropriate.</p>	Business Manager - Planning Policy and Infrastructure
10.	Introduction of a Pilot Food Waste Collection for Domestic Properties Ahead of the Statutory Rollout in 2027 (Key Decision)	<p>That Cabinet approve:</p> <p>a) the implementation of a six-month food waste collection pilot across two rounds of approximately 1,500 properties each;</p> <p>b) the comparative testing of provision versus non-provision of compostable liner bags;</p> <p>c) a further report being brought to the Cabinet in spring 2027, detailing the pilot outcomes and recommendations prior to the District wide rollout;</p> <p>d) a Capital budget of £27,500 for the purchase and delivery of 3,300 external food waste caddies, 3,200 internal food waste caddies, to be funded from the Food Waste Reserve; and</p> <p>e) a revenue budget of £9,500 for the six-month</p>	Ryan Oliff, Waste & Recycling Manager - Environmental Services

		<p>supply of caddy liners for 1,500 properties, communication material and hiring a van to deliver the caddies, to be funded from the same ring-fenced reserve.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> The proposal aligns with the Community Plan to enhance the climate and the environment and provide value for money, whilst there is also a statutory requirement to provide a kerbside food waste collection service from October 2027.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> Consideration was given to not running a pilot food waste round and base future round sizes and expected yields on general benchmark data that is available. However, the Council wishes to maximise use of the service to benefit residents, provide value for money and increase recycling, rather than simply deliver the service. A pilot is deemed a positive development in order to achieve this ambition.</p>	
11.	Supplementary Planning Documents (Key Decision)	<p>That Cabinet approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the proposed SPDs at Appendices A &amp; B to the report; and</li> <li>b) public consultation be undertaken for 6-weeks on the proposed amendments for referral back to Cabinet for adoption.</li> </ul> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To allow the District Council to consult on the Draft SPDs.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> Cabinet has already agreed to produce SPDs on Affordable Housing and Developer Contributions &amp; Planning Obligations therefore no alternative options have been considered at this point.</p>	Matthew Norton, Business Manager - Planning Policy and Infrastructure