

CABINET – TUESDAY, 21 JULY 2026

DECISION NOTICE

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 21 July 2026 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: **Wednesday, 22 July 2026**

End of the call-in period is **10 am on Monday, 27 July 2026**

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

Present: P Peacock, R Cozens, S Crosby, L Brazier, P Harris, 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 4 2025-26	That Cabinet note: 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. <u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To provide assurance on the work undertaken to ensure the safety of tenants and compliance with the regulatory standards. 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 <u>Options Considered:</u> None	Wayne Fox, Business Manager - Building Safety & Asset Investment
7.	Provisional Financial Outturn Report to 31 March 2026	Cabinet AGREED that: a) the final outturn of revenue and capital spending for 2025/26 be noted; b) the capital financing proposals as set out in table 5 at paragraph 1.18 of the report, be noted; c) the Capital Programme reprofiling of £14.289m carried forward into 2026/27, as per appendices E and F to the report, be noted; d) the movement in Provisions and Impaired Estimates on Debtors be noted; and	Nick Wilson, Director - Finance, Revenues & Benefits

		e) the individual contributions to, and withdrawals from, the revenue and capital Usable Reserves, be noted.	
8.	Community Plan Performance Report for Quarter 4 2025/26	That Cabinet: a) review the Community Plan Performance Report attached as Appendix 1; b) review the Annual Performance Report attached as Appendix 2; c) review the compliance report attached as Appendix 3; and d) consider the Council's performance against its objectives highlighting any areas of high performance and identifying areas for improvement. <u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To ensure that Cabinet are aware of all relevant performance updates in line with the Community Plan. <u>Options Considered:</u> None	Rowan Bosworth-Brown, Senior Transformation and Service Improvement Officer
9.	Local Outcomes Framework	That Cabinet note the likely impact of the local government framework outcomes as identified in the report. <u>Reasons for Decision:</u> The Committee receives quarterly reports on progress against the Council's Community Plan, using the key performance indicators set out in the Performance Framework. This report provides Members with the annual update to the Performance Framework and the refreshed set of performance indicators for information and awareness. <u>Options Considered:</u> None Considered	Rowan Bosworth-Brown, Senior Transformation and Service Improvement Officer
10.	Performance Framework 2026-27	That Cabinet: a) consider the comments from the Policy and Performance Improvement Committee in relation to the Corporate Planning, Performance Management and Assurance Framework (appendix 1) and the refreshed performance indicators (appendix 2); and b) after which, note and endorse the Corporate Planning, Performance Management and Assurance Framework (appendix 1) and the refreshed performance indicators (appendix 2).	Rowan Bosworth-Brown, Senior Transformation and Service Improvement Officer

		<u>Reasons for Decision:</u> The Committee receives quarterly reports on progress against the Council's Community Plan, using the key performance indicators set out in the Performance Framework. This report provides Members with the annual update to the Performance Framework and the refreshed set of performance indicators for information and awareness. <u>Options Considered:</u> None	
11.	Corporate Annual Budget Strategy for 2027/28	That Cabinet: a) approve the overall General Fund, Capital & HRA Budget Strategy for 2027/28; b) note the consultation process with Members; c) note that Budget Officers continue work on the assessment of various budget proposals affecting services for consideration in setting the Council's budget; 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; e) to review the policies and principles on Budgeting, Council Tax, Reserves and Provisions, Charging, Value for Money and make any recommendations to Council; f) note that the additional budget required as a result of the restructure due to LGR in 2026/27 of £273,987 be funded by reserves set aside during 2025/26, and that the additional £16,384 to fund the 2027/28 budget be funded by the reserves set aside during 2025/26. The savings generated from 2028/29 onwards, then occur within the budget thereafter; g) approve the additional x1 FTE in the Planning Policy and Infrastructure team as per 3.7.7 funded for two years from grant funding and added into the general fund thereafter; and h) approve the additional x1 FTE in the Heritage Culture and Visitors Business Unit as per 3.7.8 funded from the overall restructure savings identified in the table at 3.7.9. <u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To enable the Council's budget process to proceed in accordance with assumptions set out in this report.	Nick Wilson, Director - Finance, Revenues & Benefits

		<u>Options Considered:</u> Not applicable, the Budget Strategy is required each year in accordance with the Council's Constitution.	
12.	The Council's Approach to Debt Collection and Managing Cases of Multiple Debt	That Cabinet: a) review and endorse the proposed approach to debt collection as set out in Appendices A and B; and b) approve the additional budget requirement for 1 additional FTE of £72,800 (based on 25/26 values) funded 50% each between the GF and HRA based upon the reserves identified in the financial implications. <u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To improve the customers experience of debt collection to align with our customer experience strategy and centralise our collection approach. <u>Options Considered:</u> Cabinet does not approve the proposed changes, and individual teams continue to collect debt streams in isolation and without a joined-up approach.	Nick Wilson, Director - Finance, Revenues & Benefits Deborah Johnson, Director - LGR
13.	Newark A46 Bypass - Update and Next Steps	That Cabinet: a) note the current position regarding the A46 Newark Bypass, including the Development Consent Order approval, the scheme's inclusion within Road Investment Strategy 3 (2026–2031) in March 2026, and the recent uncertainty following the cancellation of the Skanska contract and Department for Transport letter of 30 June 2026 reproduced at Appendix A; b) strongly reaffirm the Council's support for the earliest possible delivery of the A46 Newark Bypass as nationally important infrastructure; c) strongly support that the Council should continue to work with partners, coordinated through the East Midlands Combined County Authority, including East Midlands Councils/Transport for the East Midlands, Nottinghamshire County Council, Lincolnshire County Council, local Members of Parliament and regional business partners, to lobby Government for the scheme to be delivered as soon as possible within the RIS3 period; d) delegates authority to the Leader of the Council and Director – Planning and Growth to finalise and submit any letters, consultation responses or joint representations required to support delivery of the scheme in accordance with recommendations b) and c) above; and	Matthew Norton, Asst. Director – Planning & Economy

		e) notes that officers will continue to keep under review the local implications of any delay, particularly for the Newark Urban Area, the ongoing work for the new Local Plan, and the Council's land and property interests at the Newark Lorry Park. <u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To ensure continued efforts to secure this important national infrastructure. <u>Options Considered:</u> The Council could choose to remain silent on recent developments, which would be contrary to our role over many years to lobby, alongside public and private sector partners, to promote and secure at a national level the importance of the A46 Bypass which is nationally, locally and regionally critical in delivering journey-time savings, unlocking growth and productivity, and alleviating congestion.	
14.	Fixed Penalty Notices - Increase of Charges and Insertion of New Offence	That Cabinet: a) adopts a new fixed penalty notice for household waste duty of care in Section 2.6; b) adopts revised tariffs provided in Section 2.7; and c) publicises the revised tariffs on the Council's website. <u>Reasons for Decision:</u> This aligns with the Community Plan ambition to reduce opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour by reviewing infrastructure and encouraging behavioural change across the district, with the aim of improving feelings of safety. <u>Options Considered:</u> To make no changes to the current FPN tariff.	Jenny Walker, Director - Communities & Environment