

## CABINET

**TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2026**

## DECISIONS

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Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 28 April 2026. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording which will appear in the minutes.

The Constitution allows for the call-in of non-urgent Key Decisions. Action to implement these decisions will be taken on the expiration of 5 working days from the date of this decision sheet unless they have been called-in. This document will be amended as soon as a decision has been called in.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Ms. J. Bailey (Tel. 0116 305 2583).

### **ITEM 4**

### **LEICESTERSHIRE SCHOOL TERM DATES, AUTUMN 2027 TO SUMMER 2032.**

*Director of Children  
and Family Services*

- a) That a consultation exercise be undertaken on the two proposed term date models for Leicestershire for the academic years 2027/28 to 2031/32, attached as Appendix A to the report;
- b) That the Cabinet receives a further report at its meeting on 8 September 2026 presenting the outcomes of the consultation and the recommended term date model.

(KEY DECISION)

REASONS FOR DECISION:

The Education Act 2002 places a statutory obligation on the County Council to determine the number of school days that schools under its control must open. The Council is required to determine a pattern that ensures at least 380 sessions (190 days) during each school year.

A public consultation process will seek feedback on two potential term date models to inform a recommended model for implementation.

**ITEM 5****YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2027.**

*Director of Children  
and Family Services*

- a) That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission be noted;
- b) That the County Council at its meeting on 13 May 2026 be recommended to approve the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2026-2027.

(KEY DECISION)

REASONS FOR DECISION:

There is a statutory requirement in section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for the County Council to produce a Youth Justice Plan which is linked to releasing the Youth Justice Grant from the Ministry of Justice.

**ITEM 6****INVESTING IN LEICESTERSHIRE PROGRAMME RURAL ESTATE STRATEGY 2026-2036.**

*Director of Corporate  
Resources*

- a) That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission be noted;
- b) That the Investing in Leicestershire Programme Rural Estate Strategy 2026 -2036 be approved;
- c) That the Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources and the liLP Board, be authorised to approve plans for the Council's Rural Estate, including agreeing disposals and approval of investment proposals within current delegated authority limits and budget approvals.

(KEY DECISION)

REASONS FOR DECISION:

To enable the implementation of the Investing in Leicestershire Programme Rural Estate Strategy 2026-2036.

**ITEM 7****NEW PLAN-MAKING SYSTEM AND A JOINT MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN WITH RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL AND LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL.**

*Director of  
Environment and  
Transport*

- a) That approval be given in principle for the County Council to participate with Leicester City Council and Rutland County Council to prepare a joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan for the Leicester,

Leicestershire and Rutland local authority areas, subject to:

- i) Leicester City Council and Rutland County Council, via their respective governance processes, also giving formal approval;
  - ii) all three authorities agreeing appropriate governance and decision-making, resourcing, and cost-sharing arrangements for the joint plan-making;
- b) That subject to agreement of a) above, a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in autumn 2026 regarding the Plan timetable, publication of the Intention to Commence, and governance arrangements for joint plan-making.

(KEY DECISION)

REASONS FOR DECISION:

Leicestershire County Council has a statutory function to prepare an M&WLP for the County and keep it up to date. The Government has introduced a new plan-making system which requires the County Council to start preparing a new M&WLP before the end of 2026.

As minerals and waste are strategic issues, preparing a joint plan across the larger area of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland is a sensible geography to plan for. It will also mitigate the uncertainty associated with the currently unknown boundaries of a future authority under local government reorganisation and allow for sharing of resources across the authorities participating in the joint plan. Approval in principle is sought to ensure that the Cabinet is supportive in advance of committing resources to a joint plan-making approach.

## ITEM 8

*Director of Public Health, Law and Governance*

## CRISIS AND RESILIENCE FUND 2026-2029.

- a) That the delivery plan and funding allocations outlined in Part B of the report for the Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) in Leicestershire be noted;
- b) That the Director of Public Health, Law and Governance, following consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources, be authorised

- i) to approve receipt of any future funding from the government for this grant;
- ii) to approve the CRF delivery plans, funding allocations, and monitoring and evaluation returns for submission to the Department for Work and Pensions throughout the term of the CRF.

**REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The delivery plan will enable Leicestershire residents to receive financial support when in crisis and to receive ongoing financial resilience support from key partners. This meets the government guidance for the Fund.

The delegations to the Director will enable future funding to be received promptly leading to maximum impact with residents and for the delivery plans and monitoring and evaluation returns to be submitted in accordance with the DWP's prescribed deadlines.

**ITEM 9**

*Director of Public Health, Law and Governance*

**DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2027/28 AND 2028/29.**

That the County Council be recommended to hold meetings on the following dates during the next two municipal years:-

Wednesday 17 February 2027 (to consider the budget)  
Wednesday 12 May 2027 (Annual Meeting)  
Wednesday 7 July 2027  
Wednesday 29 September 2027  
Wednesday 1 December 2027  
Wednesday 16 February 2028 (to consider the budget)  
Wednesday 17 May 2028 (Annual Meeting)  
Wednesday 5 July 2028  
Wednesday 27 September 2028  
Wednesday 6 December 2028

**REASONS FOR DECISION:**

To comply with the Local Government Act 1972 and the County Council's Standing Orders.