



CABINET - TUESDAY 15 JULY 2025

PRIVATE ORDER PAPER

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

1.	MINUTES (Pages 3-6)
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Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2025 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2.	URGENT ITEMS
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None.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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Members of the Cabinet are asked to declare any interests in the business to be discussed.

4.	MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY UPDATE (Pages 7-10 and supplementary report pages 1-14)
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Proposed motion

- a) That the update on the Spending Review be noted;
- b) That the update on the Fair Funding consultation be noted, and approval be given for the Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Lead Member for Resources, to submit a response to the consultation;
- c) That the ongoing uncertainty be noted around the impact that recommendations a and b above will have on the Council's position and that Leicestershire's Members of Parliament be engaged to lobby on the Council's behalf;
- d) That the commencement of a procurement process to commission a Council-wide savings review be approved, with a report being brought back to the Cabinet prior to any award being made.

5.	ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2024/25 (Pages 11-18)
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Proposed motion

That the report be noted.

6. FUTURE OF BEAUMANOR HALL AND PARK (Pages 19-22 and supplementary report pages 1-8)

Proposed motion

- a) That the historic, current and future financial performance of Beaumanor Hall and Park be noted;
- b) That the comments from the Scrutiny Commission be noted;
- c) That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to commence an engagement process with stakeholders to establish options to improve the future financial performance of the site.

7. LATEST POSITION AND PROPOSED RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON FURTHER MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE CHARNWOOD LOCAL PLAN 2021-2037 (Pages 23-34)

Proposed motion

- a) That the latest position in respect of the Local Plan, set out in paragraphs 27-30 of the report, be noted;
- b) That the proposed approach to the County Council's response to the further Main Modifications consultation set out in paragraphs 31-34 be noted;
- c) That the position be noted, including the associated risks and concerns, with respect to the preparation and implementation of the proposed Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and that the further work and next steps set out in paragraphs 35-40 be approved;
- d) That the continued implications for the Local Highway Authority in respect of the planning process and the continued position of the Local Highway Authority in its approach to planning consultations set out in paragraphs 43-45 be noted;
- e) That in line with previous recommendations and delegations, the Chief Executive, the Director of Environment and Transport and the Director of Law and Governance, following consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Lead Members, be authorised to:
 - i) Participate appropriately in the development and implementation of a CIL charging schedule in line with national guidance and to seek to influence the adoption of a CIL as soon as possible, recognising the potential for work to be undertaken at risk ahead of possible further Local Plan examination processes;

- ii) Respond to formal and informal consultations on the development of CIL with reference to minimising risk for the County Council in its statutory roles as required;
- iii) Seek to mitigate the impacts arising from the potential further delays to the adoption of the Local Plan as far as reasonably possible.

8. ADDITIONAL HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT FUNDING AWARDS 2025/26
(Pages 35-60)

Proposed motion

- a) That the following proposed changes to the 2025/26 Highways and Transportation Capital Programme be approved:
 - i) Reallocation of funding from the advanced design programme to the North and East Melton Mowbray Distributor Road (NEMMDR), as set out in paragraphs 23-31 of the report;
 - ii) Creation of a Market Harborough Programme, in line with the approach set out in paragraphs 10 and 32-35 of the report, making use of the Section 106 monetary contributions collected against the Market Harborough Transport Strategy and Consolidated Active Travel Funding;
 - iii) Proposed delay to delivery of the Parade, Oadby Cycle Optimised Protected Signals (CYCLOPS) scheme, to allow for additional work, including redesign, following public consultation and engagement with Active Travel England (ATE) noting the risks that are associated with this approach, as set out in paragraphs 11 and 36-40 of the report;
- b) That the additional funding awarded to the Local Highway Authority (LHA) be noted, including the Local Transport Grant (LTG), the Active Travel Fund 5 (ATF5) and Consolidated Active Travel Fund (CATF), and the Department for Transport's additional maintenance grant;
- c) That the associated programmes as detailed in paragraphs 41-61 of the report be approved;
- d) That the Director of Environment and Transport be authorised:
 - i) To undertake the necessary work and secure the necessary resources to progress the development and delivery of programmes, as set out in paragraphs 32-61 of the report, in line with the specific funding grant conditions;
 - ii) Following consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources, the Cabinet Lead Member for Highways, Transport and Waste, and the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources, to prepare and submit bids, as appropriate, to secure external funding for the delivery of schemes that are identified in the programmes;
 - iii) Following consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources, the Director of Law and Governance and the Cabinet Lead Member for

Resources, to enter such contracts as are necessary to progress schemes in the approved programmes.

9. LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S APPROACH TO FLOODING (Pages 61-82)

- *Comments from Mr. A. Innes CC have been received, and are attached to this Order Paper, marked '9'.*

Proposed motion

- a) That the key roles of the County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and the Local Highway Authority (LHA) with respect to flooding be noted;
- b) That the extent and impacts of flooding events in Leicestershire over the last two years be noted;
- c) That the proposed priorities for further funding towards flood related activities, for consideration and prioritisation as part of the 2026-30 Medium Term Financial Strategy, be approved;
- d) That the Director of Environment and Transport, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member and the Director of Corporate Resources, be authorised to maximise opportunities to bid for funding from external sources and funding providers.

10. PROPOSAL TO REPRIORITISE NET ZERO ACTION PLANS (Pages 83-90)

- *Comments from Mrs. D. Taylor CC have been received, and are attached to this Order Paper, marked '10'.*

Proposed motion

That the Cabinet considers, if it wishes, to:

- a) Approve the reallocation of £2m from the earmarked reserve for carbon reduction work to flooding mitigation initiatives and to adapting services towards mitigating the impacts of severe weather events;
- b) Support a change of focus in the activities delivered under the Net Zero Action Plan from carbon reduction to:
 - i. Climate adaptation and responding to severe weather events
 - ii. Projects that deliver financial savings
 - iii. Projects that deliver additional social, economic or environmental benefits, in support of the Council's Strategic outcomes.

11. HOME CARE FOR LEICESTERSHIRE PROCUREMENT (Pages 91-112)

- *Comments from Mr. A. Innes CC have been received and are attached to this Order Paper, marked '11'.*

Proposed motion

- a) That the report be deferred to allow for further discussions to take place on the procurement process;
- b) That, following consultation with the Lead Member for Adults and Communities and the Leader of the Council, the Director of Adults and Communities be given delegated authority to approve the process.

12. TRANSITIONING TO A BANDED MODEL FOR EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE PLAN (EHCP) FUNDING (Pages 113-136)

Proposed motion

- a) That a consultation exercise on moving to a banded model for top-up funding of EHCPs be approved;
- b) That the delegation of authority to the Director of Children and Family Services, following consultation with the Lead Member for Children and Family Services, be approved to implement a banded model for needs assessments and top-up funding for EHCPs subject to no significant issues/concerns having arisen from the consultation.

13. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

None.

14. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN HAS DECIDED TO TAKE AS URGENT

None.

15. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed motion

That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 10 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that, in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:

Operation of the School Food Service

16. OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE (Pages 137-140 and supplementary report pages 1-32)

Proposed motion

That the Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources, be authorised to undertake the actions set out in paragraphs 51 to 53 of the report.

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