



CABINET - FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2025

ORDER PAPER

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

None.

1.	MINUTES (Pages 3 -14)
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That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 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.	DRAFT LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP YEARLY REPORT 2024-2025 (Pages 15 - 84)
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- *The Yearly Report was considered by the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 September and its comments are attached to this Order Paper, marked '4a'.*
- *Comments have been received from Mrs Kerry Knight CC and are attached to this Order Paper, marked "4b".*

Proposed motion

- a) That the comments of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- b) That the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Partnership Yearly Report for 2024-25 be welcomed.

5.	DRAFT LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025 (Pages 85 - 134)
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- *The report will be presented by Seona Douglas, the Independent Chair of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board.*

- *The Annual Report was considered by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 1 September and its comments are attached to this Order Paper, marked '5a'.*
- *Comments have been received from Mrs Kerry Knight CC and are attached to this Order Paper, marked "5b".*

Proposed motion

- a) That the comments of the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- b) That the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2024-2025 be welcomed.

6. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY - BUDGET MONITORING AND MTFS REFRESH (Pages 135 - 184)

- *A report was considered by the Scrutiny Commission on 8 September and its comments are attached to this Order Paper, marked '6'.*

Proposed motion

- a) That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission be noted;
- b) That the significant financial challenges faced by the County Council be noted;
- c) That the Period 4 monitoring position from the current financial year be noted;
- d) That the proposed approach outlined in the report to updating the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), be approved;
- e) That the revised Capital Programme for 2025/26 to 2028/29 as set out in Appendix C to the report be approved;
- f) That additional investment in bank risk sharing product (capital release funds) in line with the Council's approved Treasury Management Strategy, up to a maximum investment of £20m at any one time, be approved;
- g) That the membership of the Investing in Leicestershire Programme Board be extended to include all members of the Cabinet.

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION (Pages 185 - 188 and Supplementary Report)

Proposed motion

- a) That the contents of the report be noted; the uncertainty about the progress of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill following the resignation of the Deputy Prime Minister and the sacking of the Minister of State; and the expectation nevertheless that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) will receive more final

submissions in November than the number of interim plans submitted in March;

- b) That the Cabinet anticipates an assessment by MHCLG after November of whether all reorganisation and devolution proposals can proceed to the Government's timetable of completion in the life of this Parliament;
- c) That the Cabinet acknowledges the decision of the County Council at its meeting on 30th July not to support any expansion of Leicester City Council's boundaries and the public unpopularity of the boundary changes proposed by the Mayor of Leicester, but also recognises the need to provide evidence of the financial, service and other impacts of those changes on the County, its residents and taxpayers;
- d) That the modelling exercise currently underway looking at six different options for reorganisation into a unitary structure for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) be supported; and
- e) The outcomes of the modelling be considered as soon as possible and the Cabinet will welcome the views of the Scrutiny Commission and all members before a final submission on a unitary structure for LLR is made by the Cabinet.

8. HOME CARE FOR LEICESTERSHIRE PROCUREMENT (Pages 189 - 228)

Proposed motion

- a) That the procurement of contracts for the provision of services in respect of home care, continuing health care, and Live in Care/24-hour care under an open Framework, for the period 2026 to 2034, be approved;
- b) That the Director of Adults and Communities be authorised to enter into any contractual arrangements necessary to bring into effect the provision of services in respect of home care, continuing health care, and Live in Care/24-hour care with effect from 1 September 2026.

9. CORPORATE COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025 (Pages 229 - 262)

- *A report was considered by the Scrutiny Commission on 8 September and its comments are attached to this Order Paper, marked '9'.*

Proposed motion

- a) That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission be noted;
- b) That the Corporate Complaints and Compliments Annual Report 2024-2025 be noted.

10. OUTCOME OF THE 18-MONTH MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY STREET LIGHTING DIMMING TRIAL (Pages 263 - 298)

- *A report was considered by the Highways and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 September and its comments are attached to this Order Paper, marked '10'.*

Proposed motion

- a) That the comments of the Highways and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- b) That the outcome of the trial be noted;
- c) That the dimming of County streetlights to 30% intensity from 20:00 hours until 07:00 hours be approved;
- d) That the Director of Environment and Transport be authorised to make alterations to the dimming of streetlights following feedback from Leicestershire Police and other key stakeholders in accordance with the approved risk assessment.

11. A5 CONCEPT LINK (Pages 299 - 308)

- *Comments have been received from Mrs Ann Pendlebury CC and are attached to this Order Paper, marked "11".*

Proposed motion

- a) That the key factors that have led to the development of this scheme, as set out in paragraphs 21 to 23 of the report be noted;
- b) That the work undertaken to date to address the issues and constraints that exist along the A5 corridor in respect to transport, economic development and road safety that pose a potential barrier to sustainable development in the future and to develop a potential mitigation measure be noted;
- c) That the Director of Environment and Transport be authorised to:
 - i. Undertake, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, necessary engagement activities with stakeholders, landowners and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to support work on the Hinckley and Bosworth Local Plan and to address other policy, technical and procedural matters necessary to progress the A5 Concept Link scheme;
 - ii. Continue to develop the proposed scheme, noting that further reports will be made to the Cabinet as necessary.

- 12. A511 GROWTH CORRIDOR – TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION OF A SMALL SECTION OF WORKS ON THE BARDON LINK ROAD, COALVILLE** (Pages 309 - 320)

Proposed motion

- a) That the delivery of the works on the Bardon Link Road, which comprise setting out of the drainage pond and the construction of a short section of haul road, as illustrated on the drawing appended to the report, ahead of the scheme securing Full Business Case approval from the Department for Transport (DfT) be approved;
- b) That the latest position with regards to costs and timescales for the scheme be noted.

- 13. HARBOROUGH LOCAL PLAN - DUTY TO COOPERATE STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND WITH LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** (Pages 321 - 330)

Proposed motion

That the County Council becomes a signatory to the 'Harborough Local Plan Duty to Cooperate Statement of Common Ground with Leicestershire County Council'.

- 14. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

None.

- 15. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN HAS DECIDED TO TAKE AS URGENT**

None.

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