



CABINET – TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2025

ORDER PAPER

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

Mr. K. Crook CC.

1.	MINUTES (Pages 3 -10)
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That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 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.	SCHOOL PLACES STRATEGY 2026-2031 (Pages 11 - 80)
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Proposed motion

That approval be given for a consultation to be undertaken on the Leicestershire County Council's draft School Places Strategy 2026-2031, which is attached as an appendix to the report.

5.	PROPOSED TRANSFER OF FUNDING FROM THE SCHOOLS BLOCK TO THE HIGH NEEDS BLOCK OF THE DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT FOR 2026/27 (Pages 81 - 96)
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Proposed motion

- a) That the responses to the consultation on a 0.5% transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant for the 2026/27 financial year be noted;
- b) That consideration be given to the two options set out in paragraphs 48-64 of the report for funding a sustainable outreach and graduated support offer to mainstream schools through Oakfield School, noting the decision of the Schools Forum to not support either Option 1 (a 0.5% transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block) or Option 2 (a per-pupil contribution

from schools to support pupil outreach support and a commitment from schools to supporting ongoing mainstream inclusion) but proposed further consultation with schools on Option 2;

- c) That a preferred option for implementation be agreed, noting that if it is agreed to progress with a Schools Block Transfer, the Director of Children and Family Services will be authorised to seek permission from the Secretary of State to approve a 0.5% transfer.

6. **RESPONSE TO THE HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULATION 18 LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION 2025** (Pages 97 - 130)

- *Comments in support of a written representation from Norton Heath Objection Group have been received from Mr Joshua Melen CC and are attached to this Order Paper, marked '6a'.*

Proposed motion

- a) That the County Council's response to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation, set out in paragraphs 37 to 65 of the report and the appendix, be noted and approved;
- b) That the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, be authorised to make any minor amendments to the consultation response prior to its submission to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council by 28 November 2025, including to strongly emphasise the urgent need for further evidence on the proposed strategic development, Norton Heath, given the significant concerns the County Council has over the proposed allocation.

7. **ANNUAL DELIVERY REPORT AND PERFORMANCE COMPENDIUM 2025** (Pages 131 - 218)

- *The report was considered by the Scrutiny Commission on 10 November 2025 and its comments are attached to the Order Paper, marked '7a'.*

Proposed motion

- a) That the progress in delivering on the Council's service priorities, as set out in the draft Annual Delivery Report 2025, be noted;
- b) That the Council's low comparative funding, good performance outcomes position, and the financial pressures and risks now facing the authority set out in the Performance Compendium be noted;
- c) That in light of the pressure on the Council's financial sustainability arising from continued service demand, improvement and cost pressures, the Council continues to press its case for a fairer funding settlement, progresses plans for a fundamental Budget and Efficiency Review and its preference to secure c£40m efficiency savings and wider benefits from a new unitary authority for Leicestershire and Rutland;

- d) That the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader, be authorised to make any amendments to the draft Annual Delivery Report and the Performance Compendium prior to its submission for approval to the County Council on 3 December 2025.

8. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRADED SERVICES STRATEGY (Pages 219 - 228)

- *The report was considered by the Scrutiny Commission on 10 November 2025 and its comments are attached to the Order Paper, marked '8a'.*

Proposed motion

- a) That the performance against targets in the Traded Services Strategy during 2024/25 be noted;
- b) That the future developments as outlined in the report and outlook for 2025/26 be welcomed;
- c) That the current status of the programme to exit the School Food Service be noted;
- d) That the current status of the engagement process for the future of Beaumanor be noted.

9. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

None.

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

None.

11. 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:

Expanding Locality Based Support for Early Years Children with Additional Needs

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