



## **CABINET - TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2025**

### **ORDER PAPER**

#### **ITEM** **DETAILS**

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr. C. Pugsley CC

#### **1. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 6)**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2025 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

#### **2. MINUTES (Pages 7 -10)**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2025 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

#### **3. URGENT ITEMS**

None.

#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members of the Cabinet are asked to declare any interests in the business to be discussed.

#### **5. PROVISIONAL MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2026/27 TO 2029/30** (Pages 11 - 12 and supplementary report pages 3 - 60)

##### Proposed motion

- a) That the proposed Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), including the 2026/27 draft revenue budget and capital programme, be approved for consultation and referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Scrutiny Commission for consideration;
- b) That the Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources, be authorised to -
  - i. agree a response to the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement;

- ii. decide on the appropriate course of action with regard to the Leicester and Leicestershire Business Rates Pool in 2026/27 and, subject to agreement by all member authorities, to implement this;
- c) That each Chief Officer, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources and following consultation with the relevant Lead Member(s), undertake preparatory work as considered appropriate to develop the savings set out in the draft MTFS and to identify additional savings in light of the financial gap in all four years of the MTFS, to enable the Cabinet and Council to consider further those savings to be taken forward as part of the MTFS and implemented in a timely manner;
- d) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet on 3 February 2026.

**6. INVESTING IN LEICESTERSHIRE PROGRAMME RURAL ESTATE STRATEGY 2025-2035 (Pages 13 - 48)**

Proposed motion

That the draft Rural Estate Strategy be approved for consultation.

**7. PROCUREMENT OF COMMUNITY LIFE CHOICES (DAY SERVICES AND PERSONAL ASSISTANTS) (Pages 49 - 64)**

Proposed motion

- a) That the procurement of a new Community Life Choices (CLC) framework for the provision of day centres/services and individual personal assistants provided by organisations be approved;
- b) That the Director of Adults and Communities, in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, be authorised to enter into any contractual arrangements necessary to bring into effect the new CLC framework with effect from 31 August 2026.

**8. STRATEGIC SPATIAL AND TRANSPORT PLANNING (Pages 65 - 86)**

- *Comments have been received from Mr. P. King CC (Gartree division) and are attached to this Order Paper, marked "8a". With the agreement of the Chairman, Mr. King will also speak on this item.*
- *Comments have been received from Mrs R. Page CC (Lutterworth division) and are attached to this Order Paper, marked "8b".*
- *Comments have been received from Dr. H. Winand on behalf of "Stop the New Town" and are attached to this Order Paper, marked "8c".*

Proposed motion

- a) That the Cabinet notes:
  - i The current strategic spatial planning and strategic transport planning issues and the concerns raised by local communities about the traffic impacts of new development;
  - ii That the Local Transport Authority (LTA) supports the principle of a Plan-led approach to development, and that should the LTA consider it cannot support a Local Plan
    - there will nonetheless continue to be a demand for new homes and jobs to meet the needs of Leicester and Leicestershire's growing population, and
    - in the absence of an up-to-date Local Plan there will be a risk of greater levels of unplanned, speculative growth that will present even more challenges for the provision of infrastructure and services;
  - iii That it is considered to be in the best overall interests of communities for the County Council to move towards a longer-term approach to strategic spatial and transport planning;
  - iv That the success of the proposals set out in the report rests on successful collaborative working with the district councils and commitments to that way of working being demonstrated by the district councils through Local Plan policies and narratives as appropriate;
- b) That, accordingly, the following actions be undertaken as detailed in the report:
  - i The preparation of a Spatial Development Strategy;
  - ii Identification and development of schemes to alleviate the transport impacts of growth, based on initial evidence work undertaken to date;
  - iii The sharing with the relevant authorities and developers of initial evidence work that has been undertaken by the LTA and, as it emerges, the outcomes of the further scheme identification and development work set out in b) ii above;
- c) That the Director of Environment and Transport be requested to explore any opportunities to streamline and align the strategic spatial and transport planning work in order to mitigate the traffic impacts of new development including new ways of working where appropriate.

**9. RESPONSE TO THE CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE CONSULTATION**  
(Pages 87 - 96)

Proposed motion

- a) That the proposed approach set out in paragraphs 25 to 35 of the report be approved as the basis for the County Council's formal response to the Charnwood Borough Council's Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule consultation;
- b) That the Director of Environment and Transport, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Lead Member, be authorised to submit the County Council's formal response to the Borough Council by 19 December 2025.

**10. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

None.

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

None.

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