



CABINET - TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2026

ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. C. Pugsley CC.

1. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 10)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2026 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

2. URGENT ITEMS

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT 2026/27 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND WORKS PROGRAMME (Pages 11-70)

- *Comments have been received from Mr. P. King CC, and are attached to the Order Paper, marked '4a'.*

Proposed motion

- a) That the 2026/27 Programmes be approved, noting the acute financial context in which they have been developed and will be delivered, as set out in Part B of the report;
- b) That the submission of the draft Local Transport Delivery Plan (LTDP) to the Department for Transport (DfT) on 20 March 2026 for review, to meet the DfT's requirements, be noted. A separate report will be brought to the Cabinet in September 2026, prior to the submission of the final LTDP;
- c) That the Director of Environment and Transport be authorised:
 - i. Following consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources and the relevant Cabinet Lead Members, to prepare and submit bids, as

appropriate, to secure external funding for delivery of schemes identified in the Programmes;

- ii. Following consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources, the Assistant Director of Law and Governance and the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources, to enter such contracts as is necessary to progress schemes in the approved Programmes to allow early contractor involvement to take place in advance of all external funding required to deliver the scheme being secured, provided that any such arrangements are appropriately limited in scope and progressed in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Financial Procedure Rules, and do not commit the Council beyond the intended early-stage works prior to the relevant funding and governance approvals being in place, noting the challenges set out in Part B of the report;
- iii. Following consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources, the Assistant Director of Law and Governance and the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources, to undertake preparatory work as considered appropriate to develop savings as set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and to consider that further savings are implemented in a timely manner.

5. DELIVERING THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP4) 2025-2040 – ENABLING TRAVEL CHOICE STRATEGY (Pages 71 - 112)

Proposed motion

- a) That the work undertaken to date on the development of the Enabling Travel Choice Strategy (ETCS) and the outcomes of the initial consultation held to inform its development be noted;
- b) That the draft ETCS document, attached as Appendix A to the report, be approved for consultation;
- c) That a twelve-week consultation on the draft ETCS document be undertaken;
- d) That, subject to the outcomes of the consultation, the Director of Environment and Transport, in accordance with the Council's Constitution:
 - i. Following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Highways, Transport and Waste, the Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Public Health, Law and Governance, undertakes further work to prepare a final version of the ETCS;
 - ii. Submits a further report to the Cabinet in Autumn 2026 seeking approval of the final version of the ETCS.

6. EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT: CHANGE OF ACCOUNTABLE BODY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS (Pages 113 - 120)

Proposed motion

- a) That the transfer of the Accountable Body role from the County Council to East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA), along with the governance, assurance and voting implications arising from this be noted;
- b) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources and the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources, to take all actions and decisions required of the County Council in its capacity as a member organisation of the East Midlands Freeport, excluding any matters reserved to, or exercised by, the County Council's appointed EMF Board Director.

7. LEICESTERSHIRE SCHOOL TERM DATES AUTUMN 2027 TO SUMMER 2032
(Pages 121 - 140)

- *Comments have been received from members of the Leicestershire County Council Labour Group (Mr. J. Miah CC and Ms. B. Gray CC). These are attached to the Order Paper, marked '7a'.*

Proposed motion

That the proposed term date models for Leicestershire for the academic years 2027/28 to 2031/32, in particular Option 2, be reconsidered and presented to the Cabinet on 28 April, prior to a consultation exercise being undertaken.

8. 'BELONGING IN EDUCATION' STRATEGY 2026-2029 (Pages 141 - 180)

Proposed motion

- a) That the draft Belonging in Education Strategy be approved for consultation;
- b) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in July 2026 presenting the outcomes of the consultation and the final Strategy for approval.

9. DOMESTIC ABUSE REDUCTION STRATEGY 2026-2029 – PERMISSION TO CONSULT (Pages 181 – 308)

Proposed motion

- a) That the draft Domestic Abuse Reduction Strategy 2026-2029 be approved for a twelve week consultation exercise;
- b) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in July 2026 presenting the findings of the consultation and a final Strategy for approval.

10. DRAFT LEICESTERSHIRE CARERS STRATEGY 2026-2030 (Pages 309 – 342)

Proposed motion

- a) That the draft Leicestershire Carers Strategy 2026-2030 be approved for consultation;
- b) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in September 2026 presenting the outcome of the consultation and the final Strategy for approval.

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION – RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION
(Pages 355 - 360 and supplementary report pages 1-52)

Proposed motion

- a) That the consultation response for submission to the Government by the deadline of 26 March 2026, as set out in Appendices A-C of the report, be approved;
- b) That the consultation response ratings for submission to the Government by the deadline of 26 March 2026, as set out in Appendix D of the report, be approved;
- c) That the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader and Director of Corporate Resources, be authorised to make any necessary amendments to the consultation response before it is submitted to the Government provided that these do not change the underlying principles of the response as presented in the report;
- d) That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission be noted.

12. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

None.

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

None.

14. 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve 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:

A511 Growth Corridor – Approval to Undertake Pre-Commencement Works and Submit the Full Business Case

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