



CABINET - TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2026

PRIVATE ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

1. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 14)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 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. DRAFT LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP YEARLY REPORT 2025/26 (Pages 15 - 98)

- *The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the draft Yearly Report at its meeting on 1 September and its comments are attached to this Order Paper, marked "4".*

Proposed motion

- a) That the comments of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- b) That the draft Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Partnership Yearly Report for 2025-26 be noted.

5. DRAFT LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26 (Pages 99 - 150)

- *The Adults and Cultural Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the draft Annual Report at its meeting on 7 September and its comments are attached to this Order Paper, marked "5".*

Proposed motion

- a) That the comments of the Adults and Cultural Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- b) That the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2025-2026 be noted.

6. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY - BUDGET MONITORING AND STRATEGY REFRESH (Pages 151 - 192)

- *The Scrutiny Commission considered a report on the MTFS position at its meeting on 2 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 for the current financial year be noted;
- d) That the proposed approach outlined in the report to updating the Medium Term Financial Strategy be approved;
- e) That the revised Capital Programme for 2026/27 to 2029/30 as set out in Appendix C to the report be approved.

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION - LEGAL CHALLENGE (Pages 193 - 198 and Supplementary Reports pages 1 - 5 and 1 -12)

Proposed motion

- a) That the letter dated 7 September 2026 from the Minister for Local Government, Devolution and Regional Growth confirming that the Government is undertaking a review of the Local Government Reorganisation programme, that the review will include the 14 decisions made in July 2026, and that councils and their partners have been asked to cease work on implementing those decisions until the review has concluded be noted;
- b) That the Government's review and the Minister's request that implementation work should cease represent a material change of circumstances since publication of the supplementary report be noted;
- c) That consideration of the recommendations contained in the supplementary report relating to the preparation and sending of a letter to the Secretary of State under the Pre-Action Protocol for Judicial Review be deferred;

- d) That the proposed pre-action protocol letter should not be sent at this stage, pending receipt of the written confirmation referred to in paragraph (e) below and consideration of further legal advice;
- e) That the Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer, following consultation with the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council, be authorised to write to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government seeking written confirmation that:
 - i. the existing decision affecting local government reorganisation in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland will be treated as having no effect; and
 - ii. any decision concerning local government reorganisation in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland will be made afresh following completion of the Government's review;
- f) That the Ministry's response should be considered in the light of further legal advice and that, if satisfactory confirmation is received on those matters and that advice does not indicate otherwise, there would be no present need to challenge the existing decision; and
- g) Agree that, if the Ministry has not provided a response to the urgent queries referred to in paragraph 4 e) above within seven days of the letter being sent, or if any response received does not provide satisfactory confirmation of the position, the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer, and having regard to up-to-date legal advice, be authorised to finalise and send a letter to the Secretary of State under the Pre-Action Protocol for Judicial Review on behalf of the Council, noting that this authority does not extend to the commencement of judicial review proceedings, which would require a separate decision under the Council's constitutional arrangements.

8. **INVESTING IN LEICESTERSHIRE PROGRAMME ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2025 - 2026** (Pages 199 - 206)

- *The Scrutiny Commission considered the liLP Annual Performance report at its meeting on 2 September and its comments are attached to this Order Paper, marked "8".*

Proposed motion

- a) That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission be noted;
- b) That the performance of the Investing in Leicestershire Programme for the period April 2025 to March 2026 as set out in the Annual Report, be noted.

9. CORPORATE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2022-2026 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND STRATEGY UPDATE REPORT 2025-2026 (Pages 207 - 218)

- *The Scrutiny Commission considered the CAMP Annual Performance report at its meeting on 2 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 Asset Management Plan 2022-2026 Annual Performance and Strategy update report 2025-2026 be noted;
- c) That the implementation of the updated Action Plan be supported.

10. CORPORATE COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026 (Pages 219 - 252)

- *The Scrutiny Commission considered the Complaints and Compliments Annual Performance report at its meeting on 2 September and its comments are attached to this Order Paper, marked "10".*

Proposed motion

- a) That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission be noted;
- b) That the Corporate Complaints and Compliments Annual Report 2025-2026 be noted.

11. LEICESTERSHIRE SCHOOL TERM DATES AUTUMN 2027 TO SUMMER 2032 - OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION (Pages 253 - 284)

Proposed motion

- a) That the outcome of the consultation on proposed Leicestershire term dates for the academic years 2027/28 to 2031/32 be noted;
- b) That the recommended term date model as set out in paragraphs 47 to 55 of the report (dates given in Appendix A) be approved for implementation.

12. LEICESTERSHIRE SEND REFORM PLAN (Pages 285 - 298)

Proposed motion

- a) That the national SEND Reform policy direction and the submission of the Local [Leicestershire] SEND Reform Plan to the DfE be approved in principle;
- b) That the delivery approach to the Local SEND Reform Plan - via the Experts at Hand and SEND Sufficiency and Inclusion Bases - be supported;

- c) That it be noted that the final SEND Reform Plan will be submitted to the Cabinet later in 2026 for approval.

13. CARERS STRATEGY - OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL OF FINAL STRATEGY (Pages 299 - 366)

- *The Adults and Cultural Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the Carers Strategy at its meeting on 7 September and its comments are attached to this Order Paper, marked "13".*

Proposed motion

- a) That the comments of the Adults and Cultural Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- b) That the feedback from the consultation exercise be noted;
- c) That the Leicestershire Carers Strategy 2026-2030 be approved.

14. ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO APPROVE THE PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTS IN RELATION TO EXTRA CARE SERVICES (Pages 367 - 370)

Proposed motion

That the action taken by the Chief Executive following consultation with the Leader of the Council to approve the procurement of contracts relating to Extra Care Services be noted.

15. DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICE RE-PROCUREMENT (Pages 371 - 386)

Proposed motion

- a) That the use of the direct award process C for the procurement of the drug and alcohol treatment and recovery service, in line with funding requirements of the Public Health Grant and national guidance be approved;
- b) The Director of Public Health, Communities, Law and Governance be authorised to enter into any contractual arrangements necessary to bring into effect the new substance use contract with effect no later than 1 April 2028.

16. RESPONSE TO THE NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL REGULATION 19 LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION (Pages 387 - 424)

- *With the agreement of the Chairman, Mr. J. Boam CC, member for the Whitwick division, will speak on this item.*

Proposed motion

- a) That the proposed timetable for the progression of the North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) Local Plan be noted;

- b) The County Council's formal response to NWLDC's Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation, set out in paragraphs 35 to 69 and the Appendix to the report be approved, noting in particular that the County Council:
 - i) Recognises the significant challenges and pressures that Plan Making Authorities, such as NWLDC, are facing.
 - ii) Does not raise any fundamental issue with the Plan's spatial strategy, subject to continued delivery of committed infrastructure, a suitable future delivery and contributions strategy, and consideration of viability implications over the plan period being set out with necessary modifications to plan policies.
 - iii) Will work with NWLDC to ensure that the Local Plan clearly demonstrates a response to the transport evidence produced, and that it will proactively consider and embed Community Infrastructure Levy within the Local Plan to build on the existing approach with the District;
- c) That the Director of Growth, Environment and Transport, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Lead Members, be authorised to make amendments to the detailed Regulation 19 response, noting that:
 - i) Amendments will take into account officer views of the published Whole Plan Viability Assessment and Infrastructure Delivery Plan;
 - ii) The formal response (comprising the Cabinet report and updated Appendix) will be submitted to NWLDC ahead of the consultation period closing on 11 September 2026.

17. RESPONSE TO THE HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULATION 19 LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION (Pages 425 - 464)

- *Comments have been received from the Ulverscroft Residents Group which are attached to this Order Paper, marked "17".*
- *With the agreement of the Chairman, Mrs D. Taylor CC will speak on this item.*

Proposed motion

- a) That the proposed timetable for the progression of the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (H&BBC) Local Plan be noted;
- b) That the County Council's formal response to H&BBC's Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation, set out in paragraphs 46 to 79 and the Appendix to the report be approved, noting in particular that the County Council:
 - i) Recognises the significant challenges and pressures that Plan Making Authorities, such as H&BBC, are facing.
 - ii) Does not raise any fundamental issue with the Plan's spatial strategy, subject to a suitable delivery and contributions strategy, and

consideration of viability implications over the plan period being set out with necessary modifications to plan policies.

- iii) Will work with H&BBC to ensure that the Local Plan clearly demonstrates a response to the transport evidence produced, and that it will proactively consider and embed Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) within the Local Plan and seek to bring forward a CIL charging schedule at pace alongside the adoption of the Local Plan.
 - c) The Director of Growth, Environment and Transport, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Lead Members, be authorised to make amendments to the detailed Regulation 19 response, noting that:
 - i) Amendments will take into account officer views of the published Whole Plan Viability Assessment and Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
 - ii) The formal response (comprising the Cabinet report and updated Appendix) will be submitted to H&BBC ahead of the consultation period closing on 21 September 2026.

18. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

None.

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

None.

20. 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:

A511 Growth Corridor - Scheme Update And Business Case Submission.

21. A511 GROWTH CORRIDOR - SCHEME UPDATE AND BUSINESS CASE SUBMISSION (Pages 465 - 472 and Supplementary Report pages 1 - 8)

- *Comments have been received from Mr. C. Smith CC, member for the Coalville North division, which are attached to this Order Paper, marked "21".*

Proposed motion

- a) Notes the revised forecast outturn cost of the A511 MRN Growth Corridor Scheme at £84m (previously £70m);

- b) Notes that further work is continuing with the contractor to refine costs, identify value engineering opportunities and mitigate risks currently costed into the forecast outturn;
- c) Approves submission of the Full Business Case (FBC) to the Department for Transport based on the current estimated scheme costs and funding assumptions;
- d) Authorises the Director of Growth, Environment and Transport, following consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources and the Cabinet Lead Member for Highways and Transport, to finalise and submit the FBC;
- e) Notes that whilst submission of the FBC requires the S151 Officer's confirmation that funding can be made available for the scheme, this step does not commit the County Council to delivery of the scheme via the current contract and that the additional funding is not yet provided for in the Capital Programme;
- f) Notes that a further report will be presented to the Cabinet (currently planned for December 2026) setting out the final cost position and seeking a decision on whether to proceed to Stage 2 construction in light of additional cost pressures or to pause and consider alternative delivery approaches;
- g) Notes that depending on the decision at e) above, additional funding will need to be incorporated into the proposed Capital Programme in December 2026 and that this is likely to have a wider impact on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS);
- h) Authorises the Director of Growth, Environment and Transport to undertake actions as set out in paragraphs 20 - 21 of this report to maintain the possibility of delivery of the scheme as consulted on, approved in planning and approved at Public Inquiry as set out in the FBC until a decision is made on whether to proceed to construction.

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