



CABINET DECISION NOTICE

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At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 15th July 2026 the following matters were discussed. The decisions of Cabinet are set out below each item along with reasons for the decision and other options considered.

Present: Councillor Freeston (in the Chair)
Councillors Batson, Brasted, Callison, Grice, Oliver and Sawkins.

DN.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillor Taylor.

DN.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests made from Members with regard to items on the agenda for this meeting.

DN.3 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 1st April 2026 were agreed as a correct record.

DN.4 2025/26 COUNCIL PLAN PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE REPORT – QUARTER 4

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets providing information and analysis of the provisional financial position for the 2025/26 financial year.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the content of the reports be noted and that Cabinet refers them to all Scrutiny Panels for further consideration and oversight appropriate to the scope of the panel.**
- 2. That the 2025/26 revenue budget movement overview as detailed in Appendix 1 be approved.**
- 3. That the re-profiling requests in respect of the 2025/26 capital programme as detailed in Appendix 1 be approved.**
- 4. That the revised Capital Programme for 2026/29 included in Appendix 1 be approved.**
- 5. That the year end reserves position as detailed within Appendix 1 be approved.**
- 6. That the use of reserves to address any significant variances arising from technical adjustments linked to the completion of the year end accounts be approved.**

REASON FOR DECISION – This report provides Cabinet important information relating to the Council's performance and financial position at the end of quarter 4, and highlights risks and opportunities in relation to both performance and finance.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Not applicable to monitoring report.

DN.5 MARKET PLACE AND HIGH STREET, CLEETHORPES

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Renewal, Delivery and Place Leadership seeking approval for the provision of seasonal spaces/car parking in principle at Market Place and High Street.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the governance history, including prior Cabinet decisions, scrutiny engagement, and delegated authorities exercised to date be noted.**
- 2. That a petition in support of Cleethorpes Market Place Regeneration Project 23/05/2026 seeking support for the continued delivery and completion of the project be received and noted.**
- 3. That the continuation of the Cleethorpes Market Place**

scheme with the revised design approach as set out in this report be approved.

- 4. That the progression and confirmation of associated Traffic Regulation Orders required to support the operational model be approved.**
- 5. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader be delegated authority to finalise detailed design and implementation arrangements and in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing Infrastructure and Transport to resolve supporting traffic regulation orders to underpin delivery of the revised scheme together with appropriate car parking concessions.**
- 6. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader, be authorised to carry out any other activity reasonably arising from the above and in furtherance of the delivery of the scheme overall, set out in this report.**
- 7. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader, be directed to implement a two-year trial period of short stay free parking at St Peter's Avenue and The Old Vic Cleethorpes car parks with a report being presented to Cabinet after such trial for further decision.**

REASON FOR DECISION –

To ensure:

- delivery of a strategically significant regeneration project
- compliance with Levelling Up Fund conditions and timescales
- alignment with wider Cleethorpes regeneration initiatives
- responsiveness to stakeholder and Member feedback

Failure to proceed would place funding, reputational standing, and programme delivery at risk.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

Option 1: Proceed as originally designed.

Option 2: Proceed with revised scheme (recommended). Balances funding compliance, regeneration benefits, and revised local priorities.

Option 3: Halt the scheme. This would result in a variety of challenges including risking funding clawback, reinstatement costs and

undermining confidence.

DN.6 LIBRARY SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy to consider the findings from the Library Services Select Committee.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the work of the Select Committee be accepted and the contents of Annex 1 Libraries Select Committee Findings report and appendices be noted.**
- 2. That the recommendations of the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel as set out in section 1.6 of the report noting that, where applicable, the financial implications require thorough appraisal on a case-by-case basis prior to final decision, be supported.**
- 3. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage, and the Visitor Economy be authorised to progress the recommendations and ensure that associated budgetary implications will be subject to thorough appraisal, including preparation of business cases where required prior to final decision.**

REASON FOR DECISION – The recommendations from Scrutiny are based on the work and findings reported by the Library Services Select Committee which has considered a range of reports and evidence submissions from a variety of sources as part of its work. These recommendations, if accepted, will influence the future development of the library service across North East Lincolnshire and will need to be balanced in future against any associated budgetary implications that will be subject to thorough appraisal, including preparation of business cases where required.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – There is the option to not consider the Select Committee findings and recommendations from Scrutiny. However, this would not take on board their findings from a detailed process involving a range of reports and evidence submissions from a variety of sources that is set out across Annex 1.

DN.7 PROCUREMENT OF COMMERCIAL BUS SHELTER PROVIDER

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval for the commencement of a procurement exercise for a commercial bus shelter provider.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for a commercial bus shelter provider be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport be delegated authority to make appropriate contract awards to the most advantageous tender.**
- 3. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport be delegated authority to carry out all ancillary activity in terms of post award implementation and mobilisation of such arrangements.**
- 4. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation arising.**

REASON FOR DECISION – The recommendation is made to enable the contract award process to begin as soon as the preferred provider is identified. This will allow sufficient time to mobilise a new contract, reducing the risk of any break in service provision.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Do nothing – This option is not recommended as it may not maintain bus shelter service provision. This option may require the Council to capital purchase replacement bus shelters and also procure a bus shelter cleaning contractor which in turn would create additional costs for the Council. This option is not recommended.

DN.8 PROCUREMENT FOR REPLACEMENT FLEET

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Energy Security seeking approval for the commencement of a procurement exercise for fleet items over a four-year period.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the commencement of procurement exercises for fleet items over a four-year period be approved.**

- 2. That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Energy Security be delegated authority to award contracts following the required procurement exercises for the purchase of the replacement fleet items and thereafter deal with all ancillary matters reasonably arising.**
- 3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all legal documentation arising.**

REASON FOR DECISION – The decision allows the Council to commence the procurement exercises for the replacement fleet items and allows the Council to award the necessary contracts.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Do nothing. This is not a viable option however as aging fleet would mean vehicles would consistently break down and require the Council to hire vehicles to cover the downtime. Due to increased impacts on revenue budgets this would not be cost effective and is not a viable option.

DN.9

COMMISSIONING OF CRISIS AND RESILIENCE FUND INFORMATION AND ADVICE SERVICES

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities seeking approval for the commencement of a procurement exercise for crisis and resilience information and advice services.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the commissioning and procurement of crisis and resilience information and advice services be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Adults, Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities be delegated authority to finalise and award such contracts for Crisis and Resilience Fund services.**
- 3. That the Director of Adults, Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities be delegated authority to oversee all ancillary matters reasonably arising, including service implementation, mobilisation, and ongoing monitoring.**
- 4. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the award and associated**

contractual arrangements.

REASON FOR DECISION – The approval of the commissioning and procurement of Crisis and Resilience Fund Information and Advice Services in North East Lincolnshire is recommended to ensure timely and inclusive access to quality advice and debt support within communities until 31st March 2029.

The successful provider or providers will have the expertise to deliver a quality assured responsive community-led service with the ability to build sector capacity. This will enable trusted information that empowers residents and prevents more complex advice and debt cases.

It is anticipated that the commissioning timescales will support an Autumn start date for services positioned to connect with local communities and to link in with wider existing support services.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

1. Do nothing – continue to direct residents into existing Advice Services. This would create further service pressures, leading into preventable complex cases for vulnerable residents. The Crisis and Resilience Fund was established to resource additional advice services and improve financial resilience.
2. Short term advice services - commission 12 month advice services via several community providers. This approach may reduce quality of advice, create delays, as well as inconsistencies across multiple service providers.
3. Deliver services in house – we do not have the skills or expertise within the council to deliver an accredited information and advice service. This would therefore require additional resource and training which would take time to establish. It would also mean reduced funding to organisations who already have the skills to deliver this.
4. Recommended option - externally procure information and advice services for the full duration of the Crisis and Resilience Fund - Quality advice is a key outcome for the Crisis and Resilience Fund and is encouraged to be resourced via the programme. The recommended option is to undertake an open tendering procurement process that is aligned with the requirements of the Fund, while building on the strong foundation and capacity already in place. It provides assurance that the service will meet the programme outcomes and as well as The Council Plan, while maintaining appropriate governance, oversight and monitoring arrangements.

DN10. LIBRARY SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

Cabinet considered closed appendix referred to at DN.6 on the agenda.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the closed appendix be noted.**
- 2) That the recommendation therein set out be approved.**