



CABINET

19th August 2026 at 5.00pm

Present: Councillor Freeston (in the Chair)
Councillors Callison, N Oliver, Sawkins and Taylor

Officers in attendance:

- Carolina Borgstrom (Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure)
- Katie Brown (Director of Adults, Housing and Communities)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law and Governance)
- Michelle Lalor (Head of Communications and Customer)
- Guy Lonsdale (Section 151 Officer)
- Ann Marie Matson (Director of Children Services)
- Beverly O'Brien (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

There was 1 member of the press present and no members of public.

CB.15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillors P. Batson, Brasted and Grice.

CB.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

CB.17 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 15th July 2026 be approved as a correct record.

CB.18 QUARTER 1 2026/27 COUNCIL PLAN PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE REPORT

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets that provided information and analysis of the Council's performance and financial position at the end of Quarter one 2026-27 (April to June 2026).

RESOLVED -

1. That the content of the report be noted and it be referred to all Scrutiny Panels for further consideration and oversight appropriate to the scope of the panel.
2. That the 2026/27 revenue budget movement overview, as detailed in Appendix 1 (Page 10 of the appendix) of the report now submitted, be approved.
3. That the re-profiling requests in respect of the 2026/27 capital programme, as detailed in Appendix 1 (Page 12 of the appendix) of the report now submitted, be approved.
4. That the revised Capital Programme for 2026/29 included in Appendix 1 (Pages 114-117 of the appendix) of the report now submitted, be approved.

CB.19 TREASURY OUTTURN REPORT 2025-26

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets in respect of treasury management activity during 2025-26.

RESOLVED - That the content of the report be noted in respect of treasury management activity during 2025-26, with no further recommendations made to Full Council.

CB.20 CABINET WORKING PARTY - HOUSES OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport to consider the findings from the Cabinet working party.

RESOLVED –

1. That any standalone local HMO validation exercise be deferred until the national Private Rented Sector landlord database is available, and

it be requested that officers review the position once the database has been implemented and its local data can be assessed.

2. That the referral of the Empty Homes Strategy and the Housing Needs Assessment to a joint Scrutiny Panel of the Communities Scrutiny Panel and the Transport, Infrastructure and Housing Scrutiny Panel for further review be approved.

CB.21 CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE STATUTORY COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education for Cabinet to receive and accept the Children's Social Care Statutory Complaints and Compliments Annual Report for 2025/26.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Children's Social Care Statutory Complaints and Compliments Annual Report for 2025/26 be received and accepted.
2. That the Children's Social Care Statutory Complaints and Compliments Annual Report for 2025/26 be referred to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel for their consideration.
3. That subsequent to resolution 2 above, delegated responsibility be given to the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People to publish the annual report.

CB.22 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REVIEW

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport that sought approval to adopt the new Local Flood Risk Management Strategy that has been produced following a comprehensive review.

RESOLVED –

1. That the new Local Flood Risk Management Strategy be adopted and approved.
2. That responsibility be delegated to the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport, to implement the strategy, engage with stakeholders and monitor the delivery of the Strategy's Action Plan.

CB.23 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2026/2027

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport that sought approval of the Highways and Transport capital programme for 2026/27.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Highways and Transport capital programme for 2026/27 (as set out at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted) be approved.
2. That the allocation of capital to commence an innovation programme (as set out at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted), with a focus on improving the Council's ways of working to address pot holes, be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport, to:
 - a. Finalise the terms of the funding arrangements with the Department for Transport and the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority (GLCCA) and to receive funds.
 - b. Establish programme governance arrangements including the approval of any project variations, commence any related procurement exercises in line with the Procurement Act 2023 and to make the appropriate contract awards.
 - c. Develop and implement an innovation programme which changes the Council's approach and ways of working in relation to potholes.
 - d. Implement appropriate monitoring arrangements including the receipt of a monthly highlight update report on programme progress.
4. That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport, to receive any additional in year grant funding and allocate spend accordingly and to deal with all ancillary matters arising.
5. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance be authorised to settle, complete and execute all documentation arising from the above.

CB.24 SALESFORCE LICENCING

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets that sought approval to commence procurement for the provision of Salesforce licences and associated services.

RESOLVED –

1. That the undertaking of a compliant procurement exercise for the provision of Salesforce licences and associated services to support the continued operation of the Council's Customer and Service Management Platform be approved.
2. That the Assistant Director Policy, Strategy and Resources, in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets, be authorised to undertake the procurement process, award the contract and take all ancillary steps reasonably arising.
3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute and complete all necessary legal documentation in connection with the procurement and contract award.

CB.25 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SCRUTINY

Cabinet considered recommendations made by the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel at its special meeting on the 10th August 2026 with regard to a call-in of a Cabinet decision in relation to the Market Place scheme in Cleethorpes.

The Leader appreciated the views of scrutiny, and they had extensively listened and deliberated the concerns put forward. Ultimately, they recognised the need to have clarity on how we were to deliver the scheme. The Leader believed that pause for more consultation would cause more uncertainty and delay and the public were clearly fed up of going back and forth. Therefore, he proposed to reject the recommendations put forward by Scrutiny and release the original decision for implementation.

The Leader mentioned that there would be a Traffic Regulation Order consultation as part of this scheme which would resolve some of the concerns raised by the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel.

The Leader added a further recommendation that a review be conducted 12 months after the implementation of the pedestrianisation scheme.

Both proposals were seconded by Councillor Taylor, with Cabinet voting unanimously in favour.

RESOLVED –

1. That the recommendation from the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel meeting of 10th August 2026 be rejected.
2. That a review be conducted 12 months after the implementation of the pedestrianisation scheme.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.09 p.m.