CABINET DECISION NOTICE

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At a meeting of Cabinet held on the 11th November 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 Grice (in the Chair)
Councillors P. Batson, Callison, Mayne and Taylor

DN.41 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillors N Oliver and Freeston.

DN.42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

DN.43 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 16th September 2026 and the special Cabinet on the 19th October 2026 be approved as a correct record.

DN.44 QUARTER TWO 2026/27 COUNCIL PLAN PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE REPORT

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets providing information and analysis of the

Council's performance and financial position at the end of Quarter two 2026-27 July to September 2026.

RESOLVED –

1. **That the content of the reports 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 9) of the report now submitted be approved.**

3. **That re-profiling requests in respect of the 2026/27 capital programme as detailed in Appendix 1 (Page 12 and 13) of the report now submitted be approved.**

4. **That the revised Capital Programme for 2026/29 included in Appendix 1 (Pages 117-120) of the report now submitted be approved.**

REASONS FOR DECISION - This report provides Cabinet important information relating to the Council's performance and financial position at the end of Quarter 2, and highlights risks and opportunities in relation to both performance and finance.

OTHER OPTIONS – Not applicable to monitoring report.

DN.45 SECTION 75 AGREEMENT AND INTEGRATED HEALTH AND CARE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care seeking approval of the governance model together with authority for completion and execution of the Section 75 Agreement and associated documentation

RESOLVED –

1. **That the revised governance framework for the operation of integrated health and care services delivered under the Section 75 arrangements be approved.**

2. **That Cabinet shall retain responsibility for:**

- **strategic direction;**
- **major policy decisions;**
- **approval of the Section 75 Agreement and any material variation thereto;**
- **major transformation programmes;**
- **significant pooled budget changes;**
- **significant financial, legal or reputational risks;**

- **matters reserved by the Constitution, Budget and Policy Framework or law.**

3. **That a Cabinet Health and Care Sub-Committee be established and delegates executive authority to that Sub-Committee in relation to health, wellbeing and adult social care matters falling within the scope of the Section 75 arrangements, save where expressly reserved to Cabinet.**

4. **That the Joint Committee Health and Care shall remain the principal partnership forum through which the Council and Integrated Care Board provide strategic oversight, monitor performance, manage risk, develop proposals and align decision-making relating to integrated services.**

5. **That the Health Care Contracting Group be recognised as the principal operational forum responsible for implementation, contract management, integrated commissioning activity, operational performance management and day-to-day decision-making within approved budgets, policy frameworks and delegated authorities.**

6. **That the division of responsibilities set out in Appendix 1 of this report of the report now submitted be approved.**

7. **That the Director for Adults, Housing and Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care be delegated authority to:**

   a. agree any final amendments required to the Section 75 Agreement and associated schedules.

   b. give effect to the proposed governance arrangements as set out in consultation with the Assistant Director for Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer).

8. **That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute and complete the Section 75 Agreement and all ancillary documents necessary to give effect to the arrangements.**

REASONS FOR DECISION –

- establish a clear, transparent and auditable governance framework;
- support integrated place-based working with the Integrated Care Board;
- ensure decisions are taken at the most appropriate level in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;
- preserve democratic accountability and scrutiny arrangements;
- clarify lines of responsibility for strategic, tactical and operational decision-making; and

- enable completion and implementation of the revised Section 75 Agreement.

OTHER OPTIONS –

Option 1 – Do Nothing

Retain existing governance arrangements without revision. This option is not recommended as it would fail to address identified governance ambiguities and opportunities for improvement.

Option 2 – Cabinet Retains All Decisions

Reserve all decisions to Cabinet.

This option is not recommended as it would create unnecessary bureaucracy and reduce the ability to make decisions at the most appropriate operational level.

Option 3 – Adopt Proposed Governance Model

Establish the proposed governance framework incorporating Cabinet, Joint Committee, Cabinet Health and Care Sub-Committee and HCCG.

This is the recommended option.

DN.46 HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval to adopt the Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy and action plan 2026-2029

RESOLVED –

1. **That the outcome of the consultation. (Appendix A) of the report now submitted be noted.**

2. **That the revised targets at section 1.7 of the report now submitted be noted.**

3. **That the Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2026-2029 (Appendix B) of the report now submitted be approved and adopted.**

4. **That the Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Action Plan (Appendix C) of the report now submitted be approved and adopted.**

5. **That the Director for Adults Housing and Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing Infrastructure and Transport be delegated authority to take all operational and administrative steps necessary to implement and administer the policy.**

REASONS FOR DECISION –

All local authorities in England have a statutory duty to publish an up-to-date Homelessness Strategy under the Homelessness Act 2002.

The proposed Strategy has been developed in line with our statutory requirements, completing an assessment of current and future needs in regard to Homelessness, understanding opportunities for prevention activities and identifying how local resources, including accommodation and support can be best utilised to meet need.
Approval of this Strategy will ensure the Council is compliant with our statutory requirements, providing a framework for partnership working, accountability and place-based service delivery.

OTHER OPTIONS –

1. Maintain the existing position -

This option is not recommended because the previous Strategy covered 2019-2024 and the council is required to publish a new strategy informed by a further homelessness review within five years of publication of the previous Strategy. Failure to produce and publish an up-to-date strategy would mean that the council is not meeting its statutory requirements, creating a risk of legal challenge and potentially affecting access to future funding opportunities.

2. Adopt a shorter-term Strategy -

This option is not recommended because it would not provide sufficient time to implement the proposed improvements, embed partnership arrangements and assess their impact.

3. Adopt a longer-term Strategy-

This option is not recommended because it could reduce flexibility to respond to changes in legislation, national policy, funding and local housing need.

The proposed three-year period provides an appropriate balance between enabling sustained delivery and retaining flexibility to respond to emerging issues. The Action Plan will be reviewed annually.

DN.47 PLAYING PITCH AND OUTDOOR SPORTS STRATEGY

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Tourism and Culture seeking approval to adopt the North East Lincolnshire Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy 2026.

RESOLVED –

1. That the North East Lincolnshire Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy 2026 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted be agreed and adopted.

2. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Tourism and Culture be delegated authority to promote, implement and administer the strategy.

REASONS FOR DECISION - Adoption of the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS) will provide North East Lincolnshire with a robust, up-to-date and nationally recognised evidence base for outdoor sports provision across the borough. The current Playing Pitch Strategy is based on evidence gathered in 2020 and is now considered out of date. The PPOSS has been developed using current supply and demand data and will ensure that future planning policy, investment decisions, facility management and the provision of playing pitches are informed by a strategic framework that reflects current and future needs.

OTHER OPTIONS – There is the option to not adopt the PPOSS. However, this would leave North East Lincolnshire Council reliant on the previous 2020 Playing Pitch Strategy, which is now out of date. Without an updated strategy that is recognised by Sport England, the Council's evidence base for planning decisions that impact playing fields would be heavily weakened and opportunities to secure external investment and partnership funding would be reduced.

DN.48 HOUSING ENFORCEMENT AND CIVIL PENALTY POLICIES

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval of the Housing Enforcement Policy, the Civil Penalty Policy, and the proposed alternative approach to costs for enforcement action

RESOLVED –

That the following be approved and adopted:

- **The Housing Enforcement Policy,**

- **The Civil Penalty Policy, and**
- **The proposed alternative approach to costs for enforcement action as detailed in this report.**

REASONS FOR DECISION - To enable the Council to effectively undertake enforcement action where necessary within the Private Housing Sector and ensure it is undertaken in accordance with the statutory requirements as detailed within the policies.

OTHER OPTIONS – Limited alternative options are available. Retaining the existing policies was considered but discounted as they do not adequately reflect current legislative requirements, statutory guidance or local enforcement priorities. Failure to adopt updated policies could expose the Council to legal challenge and criticism regarding its regulatory approach.

DN.49 DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT LESS THAN BEST CONSIDERATION – PROPOSED LEASES OF LAND AT THE REAR OF SPRINGFIELD ROAD, SCARTHO, GRIMSBY

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking authority to grant separate 25-year leases to Grimsby Rugby Union Football Club (the Rugby Club) and the 5th Grimsby (Scartho) Scout Group over parts of the Council-owned land to the rear of Springfield Road, Scartho.

RESOLVED –

1. **That the grant of a lease to the Rugby Club for part of the land for a term of 25 years at a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum, if demanded be approved.**

2. **That the grant of a lease to the Scouts for part of the land for a term of 25 years at a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum, if demanded be approved.**

3. **That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets be authorised to settle the detailed terms of the proposed leases.**

4. **That the Assistant Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all necessary legal documentation.**

REASONS FOR DECISION - The proposed leases will regularise the occupation of the land and enable its continued use for scouting and

junior rugby activities. This, in turn, will provide both organisations with sufficient security to plan and invest in their activities. The arrangements will also transfer ongoing management and maintenance responsibilities to the respective tenants and deliver community benefits that are considered to support the proposed disposals at less than best consideration.

OTHER OPTIONS –

1. Do nothing

Doing nothing is not recommended. Although interim Tenancies at Will are in place, these do not provide the longer-term certainty required by either organisation. This option would also fail to secure the continuing community benefits being provided by the two organisations.

2. Lease the whole of the land to either organisation

A lease of the whole site to either the Rugby Club or the Scouts is not recommended. Each organisation currently occupies and uses a distinct part of the land. Accordingly, granting a lease of the whole to one party would displace the other and require it to identify an alternative location for its activities. Separate leases better reflect the established pattern of use, preserve the activities delivered by both organisations and provide each party with direct responsibility for its respective area.