



Cabinet Meeting 15 July 2025

Decisions of the Cabinet

Agenda Item 5: Shared Services Partnership Agreement

Cabinet **unanimously resolved** to:

- i. Approve the Partnership renewal agreement for 3C Shared Services (ICT, Building Control and Legal

Agenda Item 6: Shared Services Partnership Agreement

Cabinet **unanimously resolved** to:

- i. Approve the procurement and delivery of stock condition surveys to support long-term strategic asset management, and delegate authority to the Director of City Services to:
 - Issue tenders and, following evaluation, award contract(s) to suitable contractor(s)
 - Finalise procurement and contractual arrangements to implement the Phased Delivery Model.
 - Approve necessary expenditure
 - Develop governance and reporting arrangements
- ii. Approve the adoption of the Phased Delivery Model comprising:
 - Phase 1 (Year 1): An externally resourced programme to eliminate the current backlog of approximately 3,000 stock condition surveys;

- Phase 2 (Year 2 onwards): A rolling stock condition survey programme operating on a five-year cycle, designed to provide robust assurance that the Council remains compliant with its statutory obligation to survey every home at least once every five years. This programme also ensures continued adherence to the Decent Homes Standard, supporting the Council's commitment to keeping tenants' homes well-maintained, dry, and safe.

Agenda Item 7: Disposal of Grafton East (top two levels)

Cabinet **unanimously resolved to:**

- i. Approve the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item 8: Public Health Contract for Tier 1 & 2 Services

Cabinet **unanimously resolved to:**

- i. Approve giving delegated authority to the Director of Communities, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet member, to enter into a contract with Cambridgeshire County Council for the delivery of the Healthy Behaviours Change Service for the City, should the City Councils bid be successful and subject to final due diligence.

Agenda Item 9: Budget Outturn 2024-25

Cabinet **unanimously resolved to:**

- i. Note the 2024/25 outturn report, including the final net underspend on the General Fund of £3.762 million which will be transferred to the Civic Quarter reserve as agreed by Council in February 2025.
- ii. Recommend to full Council:-
 - a. the approval of the carry forward of General Fund capital budgets totalling £55.172 million as set out in detail at

Appendix A(iv) of the Officer's report, together with the carry forward of £2.145 million of associated General Fund revenue funding.

- b. the approval of the carry forward of £280,000 of Housing Revenue Account revenue budget allocated for transformation purposes (see paragraph 5.8 of the Officer's report).
- c. the approval of the carry forward of Housing Revenue Account capital budgets totalling £50.941 million as set out in detail at Appendix B(iv) of the Officer's report.

Agenda Item 10: Budget Setting Content 2026/27

Cabinet **unanimously resolved to:**

- i. Accept the proposed updated savings targets for the General Fund for the next five years, as set out at paragraph 4.1 of the Officer's report, and a new headline target to save £1.5 million per year over the next two years.
- i. Endorse the proposal to undertake a detailed review of the 30 Year Business Plan for the Housing Revenue Account over the summer, using external advice where appropriate.
- ii. Agree the high-level approach to budget setting for 2026/27 set out in section 4.
- iii. Agree the high-level approach to public consultation set out in section 6.

Agenda Item 11: Folk Festival

Cabinet **unanimously resolved to:**

- i. Approve the relaunch of the Cambridge Folk Festival from 2026 as a city-wide multi-venue, multi-day festival as described at para 3.1 of the Officer's report.

- ii. Endorsed the principle that Cherry Hinton Hall, the spiritual home of the festival, should remain the anchor venue.
- iii. Approve in principle a contingency budget of up to £215,000 to be used if necessary to fund the risk of income loss in the first year as the new format establishes itself; and an additional investment of £60,000 to enhance marketing, infrastructure, local audience and artist development; subject to a budget bid to full council as part of the 2026/27 budget setting process.
- iv. Note the importance of maintaining the festival's identity, community links, and programming quality, including through ongoing engagement with Folk Clubs, artists, and cultural stakeholders.
- v. Delegate authority to the Director of Communities to finalise a business plan and implement delivery, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead; and,
- vi. Note officers would like to encourage the Chair of O&S (Services, Climate and Communities) to consider a review of progress to deliver the refreshed festival format at its meeting in February 2026.

Agenda Item 12a: Annual Customer Feedback Report

Cabinet **unanimously resolved** to:

- i. To note the report.

Agenda Item 12b: Housing Performance 2024-25

Cabinet **unanimously resolved** to:

- i. Note the Housing Service's year-end performance results in operational delivery, health and safety, customer satisfaction and engagement.
- ii. Note the report on damp, condensation and mould as at June 2025, and the measures being put in place to help combat DCM in tenant's homes.

- iii. Note the results of the 2024-25 Tenant Satisfaction Measures (TSM's), from customer perception (Tenant Satisfaction Survey) and management data.

Agenda Item 12c: New Build Update

Cabinet **unanimously resolved** to:

- i. To note the report.

Agenda Item 13: The Cambridge South East Transport Order

Cabinet **unanimously resolved** to:

- i. Note the progress on resolving the outstanding matters raised by the Council for further work/dialogue with the applicant.
- ii. Delegate authority to the Joint Director of Planning in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport to finalise and submit the Statement of Case based on the report within Appendix 1.

Agenda Item 14: S106 Projects for Sports, Communities and Open Spaces

Cabinet **unanimously resolved** to:

- i. Approve the use of Generic and Specific S106 contributions for the following capital projects;

	Project proposals	Amount	S106 type
A	Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club: Changing Room & Toilet Facilities Upgrades	£80,000	Indoor Sports
B	Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre: Creation of new Studio	£60,000	Indoor Sports (**)
C	Guildhall Main and Small Halls: AV Kit & Equipment	£7,000	Community Facilities

KEY: (**) designates use of specific site contributions may be used.

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