Cabinet
16 November 2026
5.00pm – 8.00pm

Present: Councillors Thornburrow (Chair), Moore (Vice-Chair), Bird, Gawthrope Wood, Nestor, Smart and Todd-Jones

Councillors in attendance:
Councillors Bennett, Bick, Davison, Grimwood, Nicmanis, Tong and Young

Councillors in attendance virtually:
Councillors Clough and Flaubert.

Officers Present:
Chief Executive: Robert Pollock
Chief Financial Officer: Jody Etherington
Communities Director: Sam Scharf
Director of Economy & Place: Lynne Miles
Assistant Director, Development: Ben Binns
Assistant Director, Public Realm and Environment: Alistair Wilson
Head of Governance & Democracy (Deputy Monitoring Officer): Dan Kalley
Recreational Development Manager: Ian Ross
Strategic Resettlement and Community Equity Lead: Keryn Jalli
Equity & Community Power Manager: Helen Crowther
Deputy Democratic Services Manager: Claire Tunnicliffe
Democratic Services Officer: Matt Hussey

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

Civic Quarter Report

Recommendations of the Cabinet, which met on 16 November 2026, are outlined below:

Cabinet **resolved unanimously** to approve the following recommendations on to Full Council.

Accordingly, Council is recommended to:

i. Approve new capital expenditure of £86.880 million to deliver Option 1, to secure the long-term future of the Guildhall, Corn Exchange, Market Square and associated public realm.

ii. To increase capital expenditure by an additional £2.5 million to include Enerphit standard as part of attaining Net Operational Zero for the Guildhall increasing the capital expenditure for Option 1 to £89.380 million.

iii. To delegate authority to the s151 Officer to carry out technical virements between capital and revenue budgets in respect of costs which form part of the project but cannot be capitalised under accounting regulations (for example support to market traders).