

AGENDA

CABINET

MONDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2025

2.00 PM

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, FENLAND HALL,
COUNTY ROAD, MARCH**

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- 1 To receive apologies for absence
- 2 Previous Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm and sign the minutes of 27 January 2025.
- 3 To report additional items for consideration which the Chairman deems urgent by virtue of the special circumstances to be now specified
- 4 To receive members' declaration of any interests under the Local Code of Conduct or any interest under the Code of Conduct on Planning Matters in respect of any item to be discussed at the meeting
- 5 Business Plan 2025/26 (Pages 9 - 28)

For Cabinet to consider and recommend to Council the approval of the Final Business Plan for 2025-2026.
- 6 Budget & Mid Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 (Pages 29 - 96)

To consider and approve the revised General Fund Budget and Capital Programme for 2024/25.

To consider and recommend to Council the General Fund Budget Estimates 2025/26, and the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 to 2029/30, the Council Tax levels for 2025/26, the Capital Programme for 2025/26 -2027/28, and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Capital Strategy and Annual Treasury Investment Strategy for 2025/26.

7 Leisure Facility Strategy - Initial Assessment Phase (Pages 97 - 126)

Cabinet has instructed officers, working with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, to assess Fenland's leisure centres and develop a planned investment programme to ensure that the facilities are fit for purpose for the future in line with the Council's Inspire programme. The report highlights costs of potential projects covering all four leisure facilities in Chatteris, Wisbech, March and Whittlesey and offers Cabinet suggested options to move work forwards.

8 Fenland Waste Strategy (Pages 127 - 162)

For Cabinet to agree and recommend an updated waste collection system to Council for domestic waste collection in Fenland that provides for the legislative changes resulting from the Environment Act 2021 as they commence from 30 March 2026.

9 Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy and Action Plan (Pages 163 - 262)

To consider approval of a Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy and action plan 2024-2029

10 24 High Street, Wisbech (Pages 263 - 268)

To provide Cabinet with a monthly update regarding ongoing construction work at 24 High Street, Wisbech. To highlight additional costs incurred for the construction of 24 High Street, as detailed in the January 2025 Cabinet report, and to seek formal approval from Cabinet for this additional funding.

(Work regarding 11-12 High Street, Wisbech will now be covered in other reports)

11 Draft 6 Month Cabinet Forward Plan (Pages 269 - 270)

For information purposes.

12 Items which the Chairman has under item 3 deemed urgent

13 Transfer Station Tender (with confidential appendix) (Pages 271 - 278)

To approve the procurement of a replacement provider for the bulking and transfer of Fenland's domestic and commercial mixed dry recycling.

Appendix 1 to this report comprises exempt information - to exclude the public (including the press) from a meeting of a committee it is necessary for the following proposition to be moved and adopted: "that the public be excluded from the meeting for Items which would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as

amended) as indicated.”

14 Article 4 Direction - HMO's in Wisbech (with confidential appendix) (Pages 279 - 322)

Cabinet to consider and recommend to Council the making of Immediate and Non-Immediate Article 4 Directions in Wisbech which will give the Local Planning Authority (LPA) the ability to properly consider the implications of all new HMOs that are created, avoid excessive concentrations of HMOs in particular areas and continue to monitor their distribution and effects on the wider area.

15 Considerations of initial options for the future redevelopment of 11 & 12 High Street, Wisbech (with Confidential Appendices) (Pages 323 - 372)

This report is presented to allow members to consider and review the options available for the future of the property located at 11 & 12 High Street, Wisbech and to provide officers with instructions on the preferred course of action.

The Report and Schedules 3 and 5 to this report comprises exempt information - to exclude the public (including the press) from a meeting of a committee it is necessary for the following proposition to be moved and adopted: “that the public be excluded from the meeting for Items which would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as indicated.”

Friday, 14 February 2025

Members: Councillor C Boden (Chairman), Councillor Mrs J French (Vice-Chairman), Councillor I Benney, Councillor Miss S Hoy, Councillor Mrs D Laws, Councillor A Miscandlon, Councillor P Murphy, Councillor C Seaton, Councillor S Tierney and Councillor S Wallwork