

Chair - Councillor A T A Godfrey

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

R P Cooke	-	Resources Portfolio
I D Fordham	-	Environment Portfolio
J Hood	-	Community Portfolio
R Kenney	-	Deputy Leader and Town Centres Regeneration Portfolio
G P K Pardesi	-	Leisure Portfolio
A N Pearce	-	Climate Action and Nature Recovery Portfolio
A F Reid	-	Economic Development and Planning Portfolio

Officers in attendance:

T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
C Forrester	-	Deputy Chief Executive – Resources
G Stott	-	Deputy Chief Executive – Place
J Aupers	-	Head of Business Support and Assurance
A Nevin	-	Head of Wellbeing
J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

CAB58 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2026 as published on 18 February 2026 were agreed as a correct record.

CAB59 Permission to Spend - Community Safety Funding 2026/27

Considered a report seeking approval to spend the allocated Community Safety Funding, for the purposes of improving community safety and reducing crime and disorder in the borough.

The Cabinet Member, Community Portfolio, introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 before concluding her comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved, subject to an amendment to paragraph 2.3 to include 'and the Cabinet Member, Community Portfolio'.

The amendment was duly supported.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Community Portfolio be approved as follows:

- (a) the spend of £10,000 Community Safety Funding allocated to the Council by the Staffordshire Commissioner for Police, Fire and Rescue and Crime, hereafter referred to as the Staffordshire Commissioner be approved;
- (b) bids from the Council into the £100,000 pan-Staffordshire Community Safety Fund, which shall be launched by the Staffordshire Commissioner be accepted and approved;
- (c) authority to enter into any necessary agreements to enable the Council to spend the funding be delegated to the Head of Wellbeing, in consultation with the Community Wellbeing Partnership and the Cabinet Member, Community Portfolio.

CAB60 Affordable Housing Planning Obligation Commuted Sum Permission to Spend

The Leader of the Council informed the meeting that the above report was not to be considered at this time.

RESOLVED:- that consideration of the matter be deferred to a future meeting of Cabinet.

CAB61 Committee Cycle 2026-27

Considered a report proposing the Committee Cycle for 2026/27.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 2, 3 and the associated appendix before concluding his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio be approved as follows:

The Committee Cycle for 2026/27 be approved.

CAB62 Quarter 3 Performance Report for 2025-26

Considered a report advising Members on the progress in delivering the Council's priorities and performance at the end of quarter 3 for 2025-26.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 1 to 5 and the associated appendices before concluding his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

Councillor A N Pearce was pleased to note the active engagement with local schools in the delivery of the Climate Change Action Plan.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio be approved as follows:

The progress made during quarter 3 in the delivery of the Council's priorities and performance as set out in appendices 1 and 2 of the report be noted.

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERED TO THE VARIOUS SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

CAB63 Updated Strategic Risk Register

Considered a report setting out details of the Council's Strategic Risk Register as at end of December 2025.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 1, 3, 5 and the associated appendices before concluding his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio be approved as follows:

The Strategic Risk Register be approved and the progress made in the identification and management of the strategic risks be noted.

CAB64 Governance Improvement Plan - Progress Report for Quarter 3 2025-26

Considered a report advising Members on progress in the delivery of the Governance Improvement Plan at the end of Quarter 3 2025-26.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 1, 3, 5 and the associated appendix before concluding his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

The Deputy Leader again noted the strain placed on Officers in dealing with the extra workload resulting from Local Government Reorganisation.

Councillor A N Pearce acknowledged the vacancies within Finance and other departments of the Council.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio be approved as follows:

Progress made in the delivery of the Governance Improvement Plan set out in appendix 1 of the report be noted.

CAB65 Revenues and Benefits Collection Report - Quarter 3 - Part Confidential

Considered a report informing Cabinet of the performance of the Revenues and Benefits Service as regards:

- the collection of Council Tax during quarter 3 of the 2025-2026 financial year;
- the collection of Business Rates during quarter 3 of the 2025-2026 financial year;
- the recovery of overpaid Housing Benefit during quarter 3 of the 2025-2026 financial year and;
- seeking approval to the write off of the arrears listed in the confidential appendices.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 1 to 7 together with the associated confidential appendix.

Councillor Cooke concluded his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

Councillor A F Reid encouraged residents to support their local retail, hospitality and leisure establishments.

Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio be approved as follows:

- (a) the information regarding collections be noted;
- (b) the arrears listed in the confidential appendices of the report be written off.

CHAIR