

Minutes of the Cabinet held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Monday 29 September 2025

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 Change Portfolio

Also present - Councillor A J Sandiford

Officers in attendance:

T Clegg - Chief Executive

G Stott - Deputy Chief Executive - Place

J Aupers - Head of Transformation and Assurance

J Presland - Head of Operations

J Dean - Democratic Services Officer

CAB23 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 August 2025 as published on 29 August 2025 were agreed as a correct record.

CAB24 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A F Reid.

CAB25 Updated Corporate Anti-Social Behavior Policy

Considered a report seeking approval for the updated Corporate Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.

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

Councillor R P Cooke was pleased to see the updated policy, which he hoped would be implemented vigorously.

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

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

the updated Corporate Anti-Social Behaviour Policy be approved.

CAB26 Quarter 1 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 1 for 2025-26.

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

Councillor A N Pearce provided an update on actions and milestones as set out in Appendix 1c of the report.

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

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

the progress made during quarter 1 in the delivery of the Council's priorities and performance be noted.

CAB27 Updated Strategic Risk Register

Considered a report setting out details of the Council's Strategic Risk Register as at end of June 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 proposal as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

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 strategic risks be noted.

CAB28 Governance Improvement Plan - Progress Report for Quarter 1 2025-26

Considered a report advising Members on the progress in the delivery of the Governance Improvement Plan at the end of Quarter 1 2025-26.

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

Councillor A N Peace was pleased to see the progress made towards IT resilience.

Councillor R Kenney highlighted the huge impact of work regarding Local Government reorganisation continued to have on the capacity of Officers.

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

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

the progress made in the delivery of the Governance Improvement Plan be noted.

CAB29 Revenues and Benefits Collection Report Quarter 1 - 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 1 of the 2025-2026 financial year.
- the collection of Business Rates during quarter 1 of the 2025-2026 financial year.
- the recovery of overpaid Housing Benefit during quarter 1 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 appendices.

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

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