

Chair - Councillor R Kenney

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

Councillors:

R P Cooke	-	Resources Portfolio
J Hood	-	Community Portfolio
R Kenney	-	Deputy Leader and Town Centres Regeneration Portfolio
I D Fordham	-	Environment Portfolio
A N Pearce	-	Climate Change Portfolio
A F Reid	-	Economic Development and Planning Portfolio

Officers in attendance:

T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
G Stott	-	Deputy Chief Executive (Place)
A Nevin	-	Head of Wellbeing
J Allen	-	Democratic Services Officer

CAB18 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2026 as published on 15 July 2026 were agreed as a correct record.

CAB19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors A T A Godfrey and G P K Pardesi

CAB20 Final Accounts 2025-26

Received a report informing Cabinet of the final outturn position for 2025/26.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio introduced the report, noting the detail as contained within paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5.

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

Thanks were expressed by Cabinet to E Fullagher and the Finance team for their work under the pressure of significant capacity issues.

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:

That:-

- (a) the final outturn position for the year ending 31 March 2026 be noted;
- (b) the financing of the capital programme as outlined in the report be approved;
- (c) the schemes detailed in Appendix 3 be approved as detailed.

CAB21 Updated Strategic Risk Register

Received a report setting out details of the Council's Strategic Risk Register as at 30 June 2026.

It was noted that the report refers to 5 orange risks - this should be 4.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio introduced the report, noting the detail as contained within paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Councillor Cooke concluded 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:

That:-

- (a) the Strategic Risk Register be approved;
- (b) the progress made in the identification and management of the strategic risks were considered.

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2026.

CAB22 Quarter 1 Performance Report 2026/27

Received a report advising Cabinet of the progress in delivering the Council's priorities and performance at the end of quarter 1 for 2026-27.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, introduced the report noting the detail as contained within paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Councillor Cooke concluded 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:

That the progress made during quarter 1 in the delivery of the Council's priorities and performance as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 be noted.

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEES IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2026.

CAB23 Revenues and Benefits Collection Report - Quarter 1 (Part Confidential)

Received a report informing Cabinet of the performance of the Revenues and Benefits Collection Service.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, introduced the report noting the detail as contained within paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 6.

Councillor Cooke concluded his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 3 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:

That:-

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

CAB24 Permission to Spend Local Authority Housing Fund 4

Received a report requesting permission to spend the Local Authority Housing Fund 4 (LAHF 4) capital allocation that had been awarded to the Council from central government.

The Cabinet Member, Wellbeing Portfolio introduced the report noting the detail as contained within paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Councillor Hood concluded her 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, Wellbeing Portfolio, be approved as follows:

That:-

- (a) the content of the report be noted;
- (b) Cabinet give permission to spend the LAHF4 grant;
- (c) Council incorporates the total funding amount of £675,000 into the capital programme for 2026/27.

CAB25 Collections Development Policy (Historic Stafford)

Received a report regarding a Collections Development Policy covering care, accessions, loans and dispersals for the historic collections of the district housed at the Ancient High House, Izaak Walton Cottage and Stafford Castle.

The Cabinet Member, Wellbeing Portfolio introduced the report on behalf of the Leisure Portfolio holder, noting the detail as contained within paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, and recommended 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, Leisure Portfolio, be approved as follows:

That:-

- (a) the policy updates in line with national recommendations and legislative changes be agreed. The revised policy is accepted and the principles contained within put into practice;
- (b) to note the formation of a governing Accessions, Loans and Dispersals group with oversight of collections development as part of the revised policy.

CAB26 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED:- that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst the next following item of business be discussed, on the grounds that it includes the disclosure of exempt information of the type specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act

Recording of the meeting was paused at this point, Members of the press left the room.

CAB27 Leisure Services Future Delivery - Confidential

Received a report informing Cabinet of the outcome of an options appraisal for the future delivery of leisure, cultural and heritage services in the Borough, and seeking approvals to proceed with the preferred option.

The Cabinet Member, Wellbeing Portfolio introduced the report on behalf of the Leisure Portfolio holder, noting the detail as contained within paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5, and recommended 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, Leisure Portfolio, be approved as follows as per the recommendations within the confidential report.

CHAIR