# **CABINET**

# **TUESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Present: Councillor M Radulovic MBE, Chair

Councillors: G Marshall (Vice-Chair)

G Bunn
C Carr
T A Cullen
R D MacRae
H E Skinner
V C Smith
E Williamson

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#### 40 APOLOGIES

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## 41 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 42 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2025 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

#### 43 <u>SCRUTINY REVIEWS</u>

Cabinet noted the matters proposed for and undergoing scrutiny.

#### 43.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Members noted the report on Local Government reorganisation and stated dissatisfaction at the timing and outcome of the vote on the issue that had taken place at Nottinghamshire County Council. It was requested that the relevant Members of Parliament were contacted to voice the Council's concerns and it was stated that judicial review should remain an option for the Council if necessary.

# 43.2 <u>REVIEW OF CORPORATE PLAN PROGRESS AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE - SEPTEMBER 2024 (QUARTER 1)</u>

Cabinet noted the progress made in achieving the Corporate Plan priorities and financial performance for the quarter ended 30 June 2025. Discussion centred around gas and electrical safety. It was suggested that the Council writes to the relevant body to mitigate the process for injunctions to be obtained through the courts.

## 44 <u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT</u>

#### 44.1 CHANGE DELIVERY MANAGER RECRUITMENT

Cabinet considered a request for the approval for the conversion of the existing Change Delivery Manager role, which was currently within the establishment as a two-year fixed term post into a full-time permanent position.

RESOLVED that the current fixed term Change Delivery Manager post, within the Asset Management and Development service, is converted into a permanent established role, at a Grade 13, plus a market supplement to be reviewed biennially in accordance with the Market Supplement Policy.

#### Reason

This is in accordance with the Council's corporate priority of Housing – a good quality home for everyone.

## 44.2 HOUSING & ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN - UPDATE

Cabinet noted the update of the Housing and Asset Management Service Improvement Plan. It was requested that the ASB Action Plan be added to the Improvement Plan in addition to other plans which may have a relevant cross-over.

#### 45 HOUSING

#### 45.1 DAMP AND MOULD POLICY - REVISION

The Damp and Mould Policy had been amended in preparation for the introduction of Awaab's Law, which would come into force for the social rented sector from 27 October 2025. From this point social landlords would have to address all emergency hazards and all damp and mould hazards that presented a significant risk of harm to tenants to fixed timeframes. The revised Policy described how the Council would manage damp and mould in line with the introduction of Awaab's Law.

#### **RESOLVED** that the revised Damp and Mould Policy be approved.

#### Reason

This is in accordance with the Council's corporate priority of Housing – a good quality home for everyone.

#### 46 ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENT POLICY

The Alterations and Improvements Policy set out the approach that the Council takes when a request is made from a tenant. Members were informed that Alterations and improvements were always made at the sole expense of the tenant and the tenant was responsible for carrying out the work themselves or appointing a suitable and competent tradesperson to undertake the work.

RESOLVED that the revised Alterations and Improvement Policy be approved.

#### Reason

This is in accordance with the Council's corporate priority of Housing – a good quality home for everyone.

## 47 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the Work Programme.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme, including key decisions, be approved.

#### Reason

This is in accordance with all of the Council's Corporate Priorities.

## 48 <u>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS</u>

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 3, 5 and 7 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

#### 49 IRRECOVERABLE ARREARS

RESOLVED that the arrears in excess of £7,500 on national non-domestic rates, council tax, rents, housing and council tax benefit overpayment and sundry debtors as set out in the report be written off and to note the exercise of the Deputy Chief Executive's delegated authority under Financial Procedure Rule 5.9.

#### Reason

This will assist with the Council's aim to deliver cost effectiveness.