

Wednesday, 19 November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Thursday, 27 November 2025 in the Council Offices, Foster Avenue, Beeston, NG9 1AB, commencing at 6.00 pm.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact the Monitoring Officer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

Zulfigar Darr

Interim Chief Executive

To Councillors: M Radulovic MBE (Chair) J W McGrath

G Marshall (Vice-Chair) H E Skinner
G Bunn V C Smith
C Carr E Williamson

T A Cullen R D MacRae

AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive apologies and to be notified of the attendance of substitutes.

2. Declarations of Interest

(Pages 5 - 12)

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

3. <u>Minutes</u> (Pages 13 - 18)

Cabinet is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4 November 2025.

4. Scrutiny Reviews

(Pages 19 - 22)

The purpose of this report is to make members aware of matters proposed for and undergoing scrutiny.

5. Resources and Personnel Policy

5.1 Local Government Reorganisation

(Pages 23 - 26)

To give an update report on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

5.2 Council Tax Base 2026/27

(Pages 27 - 32)

To approve the Council Tax Base for the year 2025/26.

5.3 <u>Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2026/27</u>

(Pages 33 - 36)

To seek approval for arrangements to operate in 2026/27 in respect of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS). This is in accordance with all of the Council's corporate policies.

5.4 Housing Benefit - War Disregard

(Pages 37 - 40)

To seek approval for the continuation of the War Pension Disregard in respect of Housing Benefit claims in 2026/27. This is in accordance with the Council value of having a strong, caring focus on the needs of all communities.

5.5 <u>Use of Generative AI</u>

(Pages 41 - 52)

To seek Cabinet approval for the adoption of the 'Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence' Policy, which provides a governance framework for the ethical and secure use of GenAl tools such as Co-Pilot or virtual agents by council employees.

5.6 <u>Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations,</u> <u>Charitable Bodies and Individuals Involved in Sports, the</u> Arts and Disability Matters 2025/26

(Pages 53 - 70)

To consider requests for grant aid in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Grant Aid Policy.

5.7 Capital Grant Aid Request

(Pages 71 - 74)

To consider a request for capital grant aid in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Grant Aid Policy.

5.8 Quarterly Complaint Report

(Pages 75 - 100)

To provide Members with a summary of complaints made against the Council.

5.9 Christmas Free Car Parking

(Pages 101 - 102)

To inform Cabinet of the arrangements for free parking across the Borough over the Christmas period. This is in accordance with 'Business Growth' to invest in our towns and out people.

5.10 Review of Corporate Plan Progress and Financial Performance - September 2025 (Q2 202526)

(Pages 103 - 172)

To report progress against outcome targets linked to Corporate Plan priorities and objectives and to provide an update as to the latest financial performance as measured against the budget. This is in accordance with all of the Council's Corporate Priorities.

6. <u>Leisure and Health</u>

6.1 Events Programme 26/27

(Pages 173 - 192)

To seek approval for the Council's Events Programme for 2026/27.

7. Environment and Climate Change

7.1 Garden Waste Subscription Fees 2026/27

(Pages 193 - 200)

To seek approval for the 2026/27 garden waste subscription fees.

7.2 <u>Food Waste and Simpler Recycling Implementation</u>

(Pages 201 - 214)

To update Cabinet on developments relating to Simpler Recycling and weekly food waste collections. It also seeks approval for the implementation of a food waste trial round, commencing in September 2026.

7.3 <u>Climate Change and Green Futures Interim Report</u>

(Pages 215 - 230)

To provide Cabinet with an interim update on the Council's progress toward carbon neutrality.

7.4 Citizen Visioning

(Pages 231 - 304)

To provide an update on the Citizen Visioning resident engagement project completed in July 2025.

8. <u>Cabinet Work Programme</u>

(Pages 305 - 306)

Cabinet is asked to approve its Work Programme, including potential key decisions that will help to achieve the Council's key priorities and associated objectives.

9. <u>Exclusion of Public and Press</u>

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE 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, 2, and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

10. Fire Safety Works at Council Offices, Foster Avenue

(Pages 307 - 340)