

CABINET

TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2026

Present: Councillor M Radulovic MBE, Chair

Councillors: G Marshall (Vice-Chair)
R D MacRae
T J Marsh
J W McGrath
V C Smith
E Williamson

36 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Bunn, T A Cullen and S Paterson.

37 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

38 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2026 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

39 **SCRUTINY REVIEWS**

Cabinet noted the matters proposed for and undergoing scrutiny.

40 **RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL POLICY**

40.1 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION UPDATE**

Cabinet noted the update on the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) following the Government's announcement to pause proceedings. It was stated that there should be a priority around delivering services in any future reorganisation and was imperative that this Council continued to work alongside Officers, Councillors and other councils in order to prepare for the future and it would continue to serve its residents. It was further stated that compensation would be sought for costs incurred during the process. The use of the Chief Executive's Urgency Powers was noted regarding legal opinion on the LGR decision.

40.2 BUSINESS PLAN AND FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT Q1 2026

Cabinet noted the progress made in achieving the Corporate Plan priorities and financial performance for the quarter ended 30 June 2026. Discussion centered around electrical compliance and the difficulties around gaining access to certain properties. Further discussion ensued around fire safety, and the number of remedial actions that had taken place was highlighted.

41 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

A report had been submitted which sought budget approval for the anticipated costs of undertaking a Community Governance Review to consider the creation of new parish councils within the unparished areas of South Broxtowe. However, following the government's announcement to pause Local Government Reorganisation, it was stated that it was unnecessary to begin the process of creating new councils while there was uncertainty.

RESOLVED that a decision on the allocation of a budget of £50,000 towards the costs of undertaking a Community Governance Review to consider the creation of new parish/town councils within the unparished areas of South Broxtowe be deferred until there was more clarity following the government's announcement to pause Local Government Reorganisation.

Reason

The deferral would allow for clarification to be submitted from central government on plans for Local Government Reorganisation.

42 HOUSING

42.1 FIRE RISK AND ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES - LEASEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND FUTURE CHARGES

Members were informed that the Council was delivering a significant programme of Fire Risk Assessment remedial works across its housing stock.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Council's Housing Revenue Account meets the cost of further remedial works aligned to the remaining relevant asbestos and Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) actions identified within the recent batch of inspections, at an estimated total of £142,100.**
- 2. A Section 20 consultation commences informally with leaseholders regarding the remaining relevant asbestos and FRA actions (with no charge insisted).**
- 3. A Section 20 consultation commences formally to coincide with the next batch of asbestos and FRA inspections (with charges insisted).**

Reason

These works were essential to ensure resident safety, maintain compliance with fire safety legislation, and support the Council's wider building safety responsibilities.

43 LEISURE AND HEALTH

43.1 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

Cabinet noted the Children and Young People's Conference report and the associated action plan.

44 COMMUNITY SAFETY

44.1 MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT 2025/26

Cabinet considered a report which sought approval for the annually reviewed and updated Modern Slavery Statement and for its inclusion on the website and the Home Office's published Modern Slavery statements. The Statement had been recommended to Cabinet by the Policy Overview Working Group.

RESOLVED that the Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2025/26 be approved.

Reason

It is considered that Broxtowe Borough Council should be keen to raise awareness of slavery and human trafficking and as a large-scale local employer and provider of services, should make its position of zero tolerance in respect of slavery and trafficking clear and unequivocal.

44.2 ACTION PLANS 2026-29

Cabinet noted the Broxtowe Crime Reduction Action Plan 2026/29 and the Broxtowe Health and Wellbeing Action Plan 2026/29.

45 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

Cabinet amended the Work Programme to reflect the Government's announcement to pause Local Government Reorganisation.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended, be approved.

Reason

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

46 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

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, 2, and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

47 EASTWOOD HEALTH HUB AND TOWN CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The contribution of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board, (NHS), support in this financial year be noted and approve Officer's authorisation to continue with the project development.**
- 2. The new design for the D H Lawrence Healthy Living Hub in Eastwood, described as Option 3b be taken forward as the proposed scheme for project for budgeting and development purposes, be approved.**
- 3. To instruct Officers to explore the maximum price guarantee contract proposed; to report back on whether the proposed form of contract would be a suitable vehicle to move the project forwards, be approved.**

Reason

This form of contract would also support the delivery of the project in this context.

48 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.

49 HOUSING DELIVERY UPDATE

Cabinet noted the Housing Delivery Update.

50 KIMBERLEY BREWERY

RESOLVED that the proposals to acquire the Freehold Title of the Former Kimberley Brewery site and to proceed with the scheme for the redevelopment of the site be approved, subject to securing an agreement and/or Bond in relation to the completion of roads and footpaths that remain incomplete on previous build phases.

Reason

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