

CABINET

TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2026

Present: Councillor M Radulovic MBE, Chair

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

51 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S Paterson.

52 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors R D MacRae and Councillor J W McGrath declared other-registerable interests in item number 5.7 as they were members of Stapleford Town Council, minute number 55.7 refers.

M Radulovic MBE declared an other-registerable interest in item number 5.8 due to being part on the negotiations with Eastwood Town Football Club, minute number 55.8 refers.

Councillor J W McGrath declared a further other-registerable interest in item number 7.1 due to owning a number of grave plots, minute number 57.1 refers.

53 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2026 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

54 **SCRUTINY REVIEWS**

Cabinet noted the matters proposed for and undergoing scrutiny.

55 **RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL POLICY**

55.1 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION**

Cabinet noted the update on the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and was informed that on 7 September 2026, the Government announced that a pause had

been placed on the implementation of the LGR decisions announced in July 2026 while it undertook a wider review of the LGR programme. The Government had stipulated that the pause did not represent a decision to abandon LGR. The Government remained committed to delivering LGR and intended to move forward with implementation once the review has been completed and the future approach has been determined.

Members stated that Cabinet required regular updates on LGR and that this Council was not opposed to a reorganisation that was designed with the delivery of services at the forefront of discussions with local authorities.

55.2 BUDGET TIMETABLE AND BUDGET CONSULTATION 2027/28

Cabinet considered the report on the budget timetable and budget consultation 2027/28. The budget consultation process proposed was similar to previous years, using a web-based survey that was publicised through social media. Promotional activity would include social media messages, 'email me' bulletins, press releases, website promotion and direct engagement with groups, organisations, and individuals on the Council's stakeholder map.

RESOLVED that the budget-setting process for 2027/28 and the Budget Consultation questionnaire, be approved.

Reason

Section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 places a duty upon local authorities to consult representatives of non-domestic rate payers before setting the budget. There is no specific statutory requirement to consult with residents, local authorities were placed under a general duty to inform, consult and involve representatives of local people when exercising their functions by Local Democracy.

55.3 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2026/27 - CAPITAL BUDGET VARIATIONS

Cabinet was informed that a number of capital schemes required re-profiling of the budgets to more accurately reflect delivery expectations in the current financial year. In all cases the capital financing would not be adversely affected, with schemes either being funded by capital grants or through previously agreed prudential borrowing which would now be moved back into later periods to match spends.

RESOLVED that the capital budget variations for 2026/27, as set out in the appendix to the report, be approved.

Reason

The variations would more accurately reflect delivery expectations in the current financial year.

55.4 QUARTER ONE COMPLAINT REPORT

Members were provided with a summary of complaints made against the Council and noted a report which outlined the performance of the Council in dealing with complaints, at stage one by the service areas, at stage two by the Complaints and

Compliments Officer and at stage three when complaints are referred to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman or the Housing Ombudsman.

55.5 CHRISTMAS FREE CAR PARKING

Members were informed that the Council has previously offered a free three-hour parking incentive for shoppers and visitors in most of its car parks across the Borough during the Christmas period. It was proposed to offer a similar initiative in 2026 across Council owned car parks. The only exception would be the car parks at Technology Drive and Station Road in Beeston, which mainly serve train station users. In designated car parks, ticket machines would issue free tickets for the first three hours, with normal charges applying after that period. This approach would allow Parking Services to continue to monitor usage and helps prevent commuters from taking advantage of all-day free parking. The Christmas period would run from 1 December until 31 December 2026.

RESOLVED that the free 3-hour parking incentive for shoppers and visitors over the Christmas period be approved.

Reason

This is in accordance with the corporate priority of 'Business Growth' to invest in our towns and our people.

55.6 CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Cabinet received a report which stated that the Council had a longstanding commitment to celebrating Broxtowe's civic, military and international relationships through events that promoted community pride, cultural understanding and the Borough's heritage. Cabinet approval was sought for two significant civic activities to be delivered in March 2027, namely a Freedom of Entry Parade in Beeston and the hosting of a delegation from Broxtowe's friendship town of Myszków in Poland.

It was stated that further consideration be given to the application for a license to make the relevant areas of Broxtowe a no-fly zone for drones during the events.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. A Freedom of Entry Parade be held in March 2027.**
- 2. A delegation of representatives from Myszków be hosted in March 2027.**
- 3. An additional budget of £10,000 to support these activities be approved, with the cost being funded from General Fund Reserves.**
- 4. To take any action as deemed appropriate and necessary to ensure the safety and security of the public and members of the armed forces to be as protected and safe as possible.**

Reason

The proposed event would be particularly significant as it would provide an opportunity to mark the forthcoming closure of Chilwell Barracks and celebrate the Borough's longstanding military heritage. It would recognise the important contribution made by generations of military personnel who have lived, trained and deployed from the site, while also acknowledging the strong relationship between the Armed Forces and the local community as part of the Armed Forces Community Covenant.

55.7 GRANT AID REQUESTS FROM PARISH/TOWN COUNCILS

Cabinet considered requests for grant assistance within the protocol for the consideration of grant aid to Parish and Town Councils. Nuthall Parish Council had requested a grant of up to £2,385 towards the cost of traffic management for its Remembrance Sunday Parade, Kimberley Town Council of up to £3,325 towards the full cost of traffic management for its Remembrance Sunday Event and a request from Stapleford Town Council for £1,150 towards the cost of traffic management and security for its Remembrance Sunday Event.

It was stated that Stapleford Town Council's request included half of the cost being paid from the Town Council's reserves, whereas the requests from Kimberley Town Council and Nuthall Parish Council were for the full amount.

RESOLVED that the grant aid requests be approved based upon half of the cost of traffic management and security for the respective Remembrance Sunday events:

- **Kimberley Town Council £1,663**
- **Stapleford Town Council £1,150**
- **Nuthall Parish Council £1,193**

Reason

The grant aid requests were in line with the current Corporate Plan aims for supporting people to live well and provide a safe place for everyone.

(Councillors R D MacRae and J W McGrath, having declared other-registerable interests, left the meeting without voting or discussion thereon.)

55.8 GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, CHARITABLE BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN SPORTS, THE ARTS AND DISABILITY MATTERS 2026/27

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

RESOLVED that the grant aid requests be approved accordingly:

Kimberley Swimming Club	£1,200
Eastwood Community Football Club CIC	£4,000

Reason

The Council is empowered to make grants to voluntary organisations by virtue of Section 48 Local Government Act 1985 (as well as other Legislation). Having an approved process in accordance with legislation and the Council's Grant Aid Policy would ensure the Council's compliance with its legal duties.

(Having declared a non-registerable interest in the item Councillor M Radulovic MBE left the meeting before discussion or voting thereon. Councillor G Marshall took the chair for the item.)

56 HOUSING

56.1 HOUSING SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Cabinet noted the report and the key activities aligned to the revised Housing Service Improvement Plan and was informed that the Council continued to implement actions within the refreshed Housing and Asset Management Service Improvement Plan following the inspection from the Regulator for Social Housing (RSH) in October 2025. Progress continued to be made to meet the Regulator requirements and improve service delivery. It was stated that the Council was moving towards reassessment following the original inspection.

57 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

57.1 APPROVAL OF UPDATED CEMETERIES RULES AND REGULATIONS

Cabinet noted the estimated annual programme delivery cost of £59,887 per annum, with a subsequent report to be brought to Cabinet regarding the establishment of additional Cemeteries Safety Officer posts.

The review had been undertaken in collaboration with the Friends of Broxtowe Cemeteries. The group's knowledge, input and ongoing support had been instrumental in the development of a significantly more comprehensive set of Cemetery Rules and Regulations, which provided greater clarity for residents and established a clear framework for the installation, management and maintenance of memorial gardens and associated memorial items.

RESOLVED that the revised Cemetery Rules and Regulations be approved and that a memorial application fee be set at £75 per application, with no fee to be charged for Memorial Garden applications relating to the grave of a child or young person under the age of 18 years.

Reason

This fee has been calculated to recover the administrative costs associated with processing applications, undertaking the necessary site inspections and assessing compliance with the Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

(Having declared a non-registerable interest in the item Councillor J W McGrath left the meeting before discussion or voting thereon.)

57.2 BRINSLEY HEADSTOCKS

Members received an update on progress at Brinsley Headstocks and considered a report which sought approval for additional funding to complete the scheme.

It was stated that there were a number of inherent dangers around existing mineshafts and it was requested that the Council carries out due diligence to ensure that public safety could be guaranteed for future generations.

RESOLVED that the additional budget required to complete the Brinsley Headstocks project be approved, with the total revised cost of £453,000 being funded by a mix of external capital grants, Section 106 contributions and prudential borrowing as detailed.

Reason

The additional contingency will support completion of the Brinsley Headstocks restoration project while ensuring the Council can continue to manage risks associated with the final stages of construction and restoration.

57.3 BRAMCOTE HILLS PARK CAFÉ AND TOILETS PROJECT

In February 2026, Cabinet approved the commissioning of a feasibility study to explore the provision of enhanced visitor facilities at Bramcote Hills Park. The study was commissioned in response to longstanding feedback from residents and park users, which consistently identified the lack of toilet facilities and visitor amenities as a key issue at the park. Consideration was given to the effect of the proposals on nearby organisations. It was stated that practicalities would be considered prior to a further report being submitted to Cabinet.

RESOLVED to proceed with the development of enhanced visitor facilities at Bramcote Hills Park, seeking external funding where appropriate in partnership with other groups and organisations.

Reason

Bramcote Hills Park is one of the Borough's most popular open space destinations, attracting visitors from across the Borough and beyond through its woodland, parkland, play facilities and heritage features. However, the absence of supporting facilities currently limits the length of time visitors can comfortably spend on site.

58 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.

Reason

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