

**BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK**

**CORPORATE PERFORMANCE PANEL**

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Corporate Performance Panel held on  
Wednesday, 22nd October, 2025 at 4.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Town  
Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Long (Chair), Bearshaw, Bhondi, Blunt, Dickinson,  
Jones, Kirk, Osborne, Parish (substitute for Ryves), Sayers and Spikings.

**PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:**

Councillor Beales – Leader of the Council  
Councillor Ring – Portfolio Holder for Business  
Councillor Morley – Portfolio Holder for Finance  
Councillor de Whalley – Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Biodiversity.

**OFFICERS:**

Honor Howell – Assistant Director  
Joanne Stanton – Revenues and Benefits Manager  
James Grant – Principal Project Manager

CP61            **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ryves.

CP62            **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CP63            **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Bhondi declared an interest in CP74: Florence Fields Tenure Mix as a Director of West Norfolk Housing Company.

CP64            **URGENT BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7**

There was none.

CP65            **MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillor Rose.

CP66            **CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE (IF ANY)**

None.

CP67            **CALL INS (IF ANY)**

There were no call-ins to consider.

CP68            **CABINET REPORT - COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME  
2026/2027**

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The Revenues and Benefits Manager presented the report as included in the Agenda.

The Chair thanked the Revenues and Benefits Manager for the report and invited questions and comments from the Panel, as summarised below.

In response to a question from Councillor Sayers, the Revenues and Benefits Manager clarified that once income was over £6,000 support was reduced in increments up to £16,000.

In response to a question from Councillor Bearshaw it was clarified that uninhabitable properties, for example those undergoing renovation, were not eligible for Council Tax support and could instead make an application for discretionary hardship support.

**RESOLVED:** That the Corporate Performance Panel support the recommendations to Cabinet, as set out below.

Cabinet is asked to note the consultation responses and recommend to Council that the draft CTS scheme for 2026/2027 is implemented as the final working age CTS Scheme for 2026/2027. This must be agreed by full Council by 31 January 2026 ready for the start of the financial year on 1 April 2026.

CP69            **PANEL WORK PROGRAMME**

**RESOLVED:** The Panels Work Programme was noted.

CP70            **CABINET FORWARD DECISIONS LIST**

**RESOLVED:** The Cabinet Forward Decisions List was noted.

CP71            **SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

**RESOLVED:** The Shareholder Committee Work Programme was noted.

CP72                    **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Corporate Performance Panel was scheduled to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

CP73                    **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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**RESOLVED:** That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

CP74                    **EXEMPT - FLORENCE FIELDS TENURE MIX**

The Principal Project Manager presented the report, informing the Panel that their comments and recommendations would be used to inform a future Cabinet Members Delegated Decision on the matter.

The Principal Project Manager and the Portfolio Holder responded to questions and comments from the Panel.

The Panel were generally in support of the need to ensure that units were occupied and the principle of enabling agile decisions to be taken,

In response to a request from Councillor Dickinson, the Leader, Councillor Beales, agreed to consider including additional financial information and modelling in the Cabinet Members Delegated Decision Report.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beales, thanked the Panel for their comments.

**RESOLVED:** The Panel supported the recommendations as set out in the report.

**The meeting closed at 5.25 pm**