

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL 27 NOVEMBER 2025 FROM THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2025

CAB89: REVIEW OF LICENSING ACT 2003 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

Cabinet noted that the Environment and Community Panel had considered the report and supported the Cabinet Recommendations.

Councillor Moriarty presented the report and outlined the proposed amendments and consultation process which had been followed.

RECOMMENDED: That the Council be invited to adopt the revised Statement of Licensing Policy in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

REASON FOR DECISION: A new statement of licensing policy must be in place by 14th January 2026 to enable the licensing authority to carry out statutory functions under the Licensing Act 2003.

CAB90: COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT: FINAL SCHEME FOR WORKING AGE PEOPLE FOR 2026/2027

Cabinet noted that the Corporate Performance Panel had considered the report and supported the Cabinet Recommendations.

Councillor Morley and the Revenues and Benefits Manager presented the report, providing detail of proposals and the outcome of the consultation.

Councillor Rust noted the raft of other benefits and support measures available to residents to help them, depending on their individual circumstances.

Councillor Lintern highlighted those residents that fell just outside the brackets of this scheme and the Revenues and Benefits Manager informed Cabinet of the discretionary and hardship schemes available to support residents.

In response to a question from the Chair it was confirmed that along with Norwich City Council, the Borough Council's scheme was the most generous in the County.

RECOMMENDED: Cabinet noted the consultation responses and recommends 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.

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure a CTS scheme for working age people for 2026/2027 is agreed by full Council by the deadline of 31 January 2026.

CAB91: ADOPTION OF NORFOLK LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

Cabinet noted that the Environment and Community Panel had considered the report and supported the Cabinet Recommendations.

Councillor de Whalley introduced the Strategy with officers providing an overview of its statutory basis, implementation and benefits.

In response to a question from Councillor Lintern it was confirmed that the document was designed to help people understand how they could best manage their land and was not about blocking development.

Councillor Squire spoke in support of the strategy.

Councillor de Whalley provided detail of the launch event.

Councillor Moriarty reminded Cabinet that the Environment and Community Panel had considered this item raised concerns that the final Local Nature Recovery Strategy Document was not available at the time, but supported the Cabinet recommendations. Councillor Ring asked the Chair of the Environment and Community Panel, Councillor Collop, who had joined the meeting remotely if she had any further questions, to which she did not.

RECOMMENDED: That Council adopt the Norfolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) by the Council.

REASON FOR DECISION: To formally endorse and adopt the Norfolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) and fulfil the Borough Council's statutory obligations, in accordance with the Environment Act 2021 (part 6).

CAB94: QUARTER 2 – 2025/2026 – BUDGET MONITORING

Councillor Morley and the Deputy Section 151 Officer presented the Council's financial position, highlighting a positive revenue forecast, capital programme challenges and specific budget adjustments.

Councillor Rust congratulated all those involved in returning a favourable position and asked what could be done to improve the Capital position. Councillor Morley highlighted pressures relating to the Capital Programme including project delays, cash flow pressures and increased borrowing requirements.

In response to questions from Councillor Lintern, officers agreed to review cost centre allocations, event coding errors, and the need for clearer budget notations.

Councillor Ring informed Cabinet that the Property Services Team were currently conducting an Asset Management Review which could result in further capital receipts.

RECOMMENDED: Revision to the Capital Programme 2025/2026 for an additional £30k towards Mintlyn Crematorium Memorial Gardens drainage and related works; £35k for replacement electric vehicle in Property and Projects Team.

REASON FOR DECISION: To keep Cabinet informed of performance against budget for Capital and Revenue 2025/2026 based on Quarter 2 data.