

## AGENDA

### **CABINET**

**MONDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2025**

**2.00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, FENLAND HALL,  
COUNTY ROAD, MARCH**

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1 To receive apologies for absence

2 Previous Minutes (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm and sign the public minutes of the meeting at 2pm, and minutes at 5.15pm on 7 November 2025

3 To report additional items for consideration which the Chairman deems urgent by virtue of the special circumstances to be now specified

4 To receive members' declaration of any interests under the Local Code of Conduct or any interest under the Code of Conduct on Planning Matters in respect of any item to be discussed at the meeting

5 Draft Business Plan 2026/27 (Pages 11 - 28)

For Cabinet to approve the Draft Business Plan 2026-27 for public consultation.

6 Draft Budget & MTFS 2026/27 (Pages 29 - 56)

To consider and approve the revised General Fund Budget and Capital Programme for 2025/26; the Draft General Fund Budget Estimates 2026/27 and the Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/27 to 2030/31 for consultation, and the Capital Programme 2026/27 – 2028/29.

7 Adoption of a New Planning Enforcement Policy (Pages 57 - 96)

To seek approval for the adoption of a revised Planning Enforcement Policy.

8 Pride in Place Impact Fund - project proposal (Pages 97 - 100)

To propose funding to be received from the Government's Pride in Place Impact Fund be used to enhance open spaces facilities and play areas across the district in line with the Fenland Inspire! project aims.

9 Local Plan Update (Pages 101 - 108)

For Cabinet to consider and recommend to Council that they formally withdraw the Draft Fenland Local Plan (2019–2040) and begin work on a new Local Plan under the new plan making system introduced by the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023.

10 Wisbech High Street Update (Pages 109 - 114)

To provide Cabinet with a monthly update regarding the ongoing construction work at 24 High Street, Wisbech and the pre-construction design and planning work for 11-12 High Street, Wisbech.

11 Whittlesey Relief Road Update (Pages 115 - 124)

This report relates to the Whittlesey Relief Road Strategic Outline Business Case (SOC) and possible opportunities to fund the recommendations from this 2025 study.

12 Draft 6 Month Cabinet Forward Plan (Pages 125 - 126)

For information purposes.

13 Items which the Chairman has under item 3 deemed urgent

**CONFIDENTIAL - ITEMS COMPRISING EXEMPT INFORMATION**

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14 Port Operations Update (Confidential) (Pages 127 - 148)

15 Confidential Minutes (Pages 149 - 150)

To confirm and sign the confidential minutes of the meeting held at 2pm on 7 November 2025.

Friday, 5 December 2025

Members: Councillor C Boden (Chairman), Councillor Mrs J French (Vice-Chairman), Councillor

G Christy, Councillor S Count, Councillor Miss S Hoy, Councillor S Imafidon, Councillor Mrs D Laws, Councillor C Seaton, Councillor S Tierney and Councillor S Wallwork