



CABINET - MONDAY, 23 MARCH 2026
NOTICE OF DECISIONS PUBLISHED ON 25 MARCH 2026

Item 5
Investment Board Update and Review of the Commercial and Investment Strategy
Purpose
To provide an update of the work of the Investment Board from August 2025 to February 2026.
Decision
AGREED to note the report and that the ongoing review of the current Commercial and Investment Strategy as determined by the Constitution and delegated to the S151 Officer is still currently deferred.
Reason for Decision
N/A
Alternative Options Considered
N/A
Interests
N/A
Background Documents
Investment Board minutes Commercial and Investment Strategy Cabinet update report 22 nd March 2022 Cabinet update report 30 th January 2023 Cabinet update report 16 th March 2023 Cabinet update report 11 th September 2023 Cabinet update report 15 th July 2024 Cabinet update report 24 th March 2025 Cabinet update report 15 th September 2025

Item 6
Air Quality Review and Assessment Statutory Reporting
Purpose
To present the findings of the annual statutory 2025 review and assessment of air quality; to

update members on the development work undertaken in 2025 to increase monitoring sites and air quality data across Fenland and to inform members of the key action plan priorities for 2026.
Decision
AGREED to note the report, monitoring locations, plans and proposed actions to ensure the Council’s statutory obligations under the Environment Act 1995 continue to be met and actions are implemented to further improve air quality.
Reason for Decision
The Council has a duty to complete the annual review and assessment, therefore this report is for information and for members to note the work undertaken or facilitated by the Council for improved air quality, which directly impacts residents’ health.
Alternative Options Considered
Air quality review and assessment is a statutory obligation of the Council.
Interests
N/A
Background Documents
Annual Screening Reviews of the District’s Air Quality are available on our website at Air quality - Fenland District Council
Saxon Pit Public Health Report Saxon Pit risk assessment Cambridgeshire County Council
Air quality management area revocation report 2025 Report and appendix.pdf

Item 7
Fenland Inspire! Play Areas
Purpose
Fenland District Council has been allocated the £1.5million grant from the Government’s Pride in Place Impact Fund. Cabinet has previously decided to focus this grant funding on the enhancement of open spaces facilities and play areas across the district in line with the Fenland Inspire! project aims, which also matches one of the objectives of the Pride in Place Impact Fund.
Decision
AGREED:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The projects for each of the towns and rural areas as set out within the report. 2. To delegate authority to the Portfolio Holder responsible for the Fenland Inspire! Open Spaces and Play Areas Project to consult with local Elected Members with regard to any necessary adjustments to current expected spend against the budget and adjust the notional budget allocations as necessary and matches these revised budgets with Elected Members’ priorities.

3. To instruct officers to inform the local MP of what plans have been approved, pending the necessary community engagement to further shape proposals, as is required by the Government Prospectus for the Pride in Place Impact Fund.
4. To note that community feedback regarding any proposals is a requirement of the Government Grant and that feedback may alter proposals accordingly. Community engagement will take place throughout April based on decisions made by Members in paragraph 3.1.
5. To note that the deadline for committing the Pride in Place Impact Fund which is funding open space and play area improvements is no later than 31 March 2027.
6. To authorise officers, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder responsible for the Fenland Inspire! Open Spaces and Play Area Project and the Portfolio Holder for Open Spaces to deliver the improvements approved by Cabinet in paragraph 3.1. Those improvements will be subject to the MP's feedback and feedback as part of a community engagement process, ensuring compliance with MHCLG's prospectus for this grant funding.
7. To delegate authority to the Portfolio Holder for the Fenland Inspire! Open Spaces and Play Area Project to consult with local elected members regarding alternative projects where, from the options approved by Cabinet, permission to use a third party's land is denied, or including where MHCLG rejects a project as unsuitable for the funding.
8. To authorise the Monitoring Officer to execute and complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters above related to play area and open spaces improvements, procurement and their delivery.

Reason for Decision

Recommendations are determined by Elected Member feedback and as detailed, will be subject to MP feedback and community consultation – as required by the prospectus to the Pride in Place Impact Fund.

Alternative Options Considered

None - feedback has been sought from Elected Members regarding their towns or villages to allow locally informed projects to be brought forward.

MP feedback and community consultation will refine suggestions to determine final specification of play equipment to be delivered as required by the Pride in Place Impact Fund prospectus.

Interests

None

Background Documents

[February 2026 Cabinet Report](#)
[January 2026 Cabinet Report](#)
[November 2025 Cabinet Report](#)
[December 2023 Cabinet Report](#)

Item 10

Sale of 2 Broad Street, March

Purpose

This paper seeks Cabinet approval to the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the site formerly occupied by the Barclays Bank building and located at 2 Broad Street, March (the site).

Decision

AGREED to accept bid 2 based on the responses detailed in the exempt Appendix 2 of this report and approve the disposal of the freehold interest in the property upon the terms reported herein and give delegated authority to the Leader of the Council, in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Assets and the S151 Officer, to approve the contractual terms securing the disposal of the property and to enter into all legal documentation required.

(Appendix 2 to this Report is NOT FOR PUBLICATION in accordance with paragraph 3 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 in that it contains commercially sensitive information relating to financial and business affairs of Fenland District Council and 3rd party organisations. The public interest test has been applied to the information contained within Appendix 2 and it is considered that the need to retain the information as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing it).

Reason for Decision

At this stage, approval is being sought to proceed to legal contract stage with the highest bidder.

Both parties have provided our agents evidence of funds above the amounts offered and are considered able to complete the purchase at the values offered.

Alternative Options Considered

If members are minded not to accept either offer, then the property will need to be placed back on the open market either by way of a traditional sale by private treaty as at present or as a potential auction site.

Interests

Councillors Boden and Seaton declared an interest in additional information provided within confidential session at the meeting and left the room for the duration of the confidential session.

Background Documents

Marketing brochures, Cabinet reports from September 2022 and September 2024

Additional information regarding these decisions is available from
Amy Brown – Tel: 01354 622452

The 1st April 2026 at 1700 hours is the expiry date for call-in by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel of any of the above decisions. These decisions will come into force and may then be implemented on 2nd April 2026, with the exception of any that the Overview and Scrutiny Panel calls in.

