

CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 16 APRIL 2026

Present:

Councillor Nigel Barker (Chair) (in the Chair)
Councillor Pat Kerry (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Jayne Barry
Councillor Kevin Gillott
Councillor Kathy Rouse

Councillor Joseph Birkin
Councillor Stephen Pickering

Also Present:

L Hickin	Chief Executive Officer and Head of Paid Service
M Broughton	Director of Growth and Assets
J Dethick	Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer)
S Sternberg	Assistant Director of Governance (Monitoring Officer)
L Pepper	Assistant Director of Communities & Environmental Health
T Fuller	Senior Governance Officer

CAB/ Apologies for Absence

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5-26 There were no apologies for absence.

CAB/ Declarations of Interest

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5-26 Councillor Kevin Gillott declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 8 – Housing at North Wingfield (Whiteleas) Development, as he was a board member of Rykneld Homes Ltd. He would leave the room and take no part in the consideration of the item.

CAB/ Minutes of Last Meeting

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5-26 RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2026 and extraordinary meeting held on 30 March 2026 were approved as correct records.

CAB/ Corporate Comments, Compliments and Complaints Policy Review

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5-26 Cabinet considered a report which reviewed the Corporate Comments, Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure, in line with the scheduled three-year review cycle. The report highlighted a proposed amendment to the formal response timescale for complaints in order to align with the Local Government & Social care Ombudsman (LG&SCO) best practice recommendation.

Cabinet discussed the report. It was felt that it was a positive report and that the recommendations brought the Council in line with neighbouring authorities.

RESOLVED –

1. That the review of the Corporate Comments Compliments and Complaints Policy be noted.
2. That the formal response timescale for complaints be amended so that complaints are answered within 10 working days instead of the current 15 working days.

This was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.

CAB/ Medium Term Financial Plan Update - Final Settlement

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5-26

Cabinet considered a report which presented an update on the Medium Term Financial Plan following release of the final Financial Settlement.

Cabinet considered the report. It was suggested that the final Financial Settlement could force the Council into difficult decisions in the future. In this context, it was suggested that Local MP's be kept informed of potential risks.

RESOLVED –

That Cabinet noted the report.

This was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.

CAB/ Urgent Items

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None.

CAB/ Exclusion of Public

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5-26

RESOLVED – that the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item of business to avoid the disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

Councillor K Gillott left the meeting.

CAB/ Housing at North Wingfield (Whiteleas) Development

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5-26

Cabinet considered a report which outlined the proposed change of tenure mix for the Whiteleas development at North Wingfield.

Cabinet considered the report. There were discussions around the quality of the properties and infrastructure on the development.

RESOLVED –

That Cabinet agreed to the proposed change of mix required on the Whiteleas development at North Wingfield.

This was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.

CAB/ Urgent Items

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5-26 None.