



## CABINET

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Monday, 17 March 2025</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>VENUE:</b>	<b>Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE</b>

### MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor M Stephenson	- Leader of the Council; Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance & Governance
Councillor I Henderson	- Deputy Leader; Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration & Tourism
Councillor A Baker	- Portfolio Holder for Housing & Planning
Councillor M Barry	- Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Public Realm
Councillor P Kotz	- Portfolio Holder for Assets & Community Safety
Councillor G Placey	- Portfolio Holder for Partnerships
Councillor G Scott	- Portfolio Holder for Arts, Culture & Heritage
Councillor A Smith	- Portfolio Holder for Environment & ICT

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## AGENDA

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

The Cabinet is asked to note any apologies for absence received from Members.

### **2 Minutes of the Last Meeting (Pages 7 - 30)**

To confirm and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Cabinet held on Friday 21 February 2025.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors are invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Interests of Non-Registerable Interests, and the nature of it, in relation to any item on the agenda.

### **4 Announcements by the Leader of the Council**

The Cabinet is asked to note any announcements made by the Leader of the Council.

### **5 Announcements by Cabinet Members**

The Cabinet is asked to note any announcements made by Members of the Cabinet.

### **6 Matters Referred to the Cabinet by the Council**

There are no matters referred to the Cabinet by the Council on this occasion.

### **7 Matters Referred to the Cabinet by a Committee - Reference from the Standards Committee - A.1 - Revised Planning Probity Protocol (Pages 31 - 68)**

To enable the Cabinet to consider the recommendations made by the Standards Committee in relation to a revised Planning Probity Protocol and sundry other related matters.

### **8 Leader of the Council's Items - A.2 - Delivering against the Council's Corporate Plan 2024-28 - Final Proposals for Highlight Priorities for 2025/26 (Pages 69 - 88)**

The Council's strategic direction is set out in its Corporate Plan which is a fundamental element of the Council's Policy Framework. The Corporate Plan ('Our Vision') was adopted unanimously by Council on 28 November 2023 (Minutes 76 refers) and covers the period 2024-28 (and is reproduced at Appendix A to this report).

A key element of delivering against the adopted Corporate Plan is through annual highlight priority actions approved by Cabinet. The 2025/26 initial proposals for highlight priorities were adopted by Cabinet for consultation purposes on 20 December 2024.

This report summarises the response to that consultation and invites Cabinet to finalise its highlight priorities for 2025/26, giving due consideration to the outcome of the consultation undertaken and the impact of Greater Essex being placed on the Devolution Priority Programme by Government, which includes proposals being developed for local government reorganisation.

**9 Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Corporate Finance & Governance Portfolio Holder - A.3 - Timetable of Meetings: 2025/2026 Municipal Year (Pages 89 - 98)**

To enable Cabinet to give consideration to the timetable of meetings for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year.

**10 Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Corporate Finance & Governance Portfolio Holder - A.4 - Annual Review of the Council's Constitution (Pages 99 - 144)**

This report asks Cabinet to approve the recommended changes to the Constitution for referral onto Full Council following a review undertaken by the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance and Governance through a Working Party constituted for this purpose.

Following the Working Party's meeting, some additional minor amendments were required for clarity highlighted by the Section 151 and Monitoring Officers and the Leader is proposing to amend the responsibilities for Cabinet and an individual Portfolio Holder, in one area.

The main proposals cover a number of miscellaneous amendments to the Articles of the Constitution, Council Procedure Rules and the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Scheme of Delegated Powers and the Financial Procedure Rules in order to ensure the Council's Constitution remains effective, efficient and consistent at an operational level.

The key changes to each of these documents are highlighted within the body of this Report.

**11 Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Corporate Finance & Governance Portfolio Holder - A.5 - Financial Performance Report 2024/25 - General Update at the end of December 2024 (Pages 145 - 188)**

To provide a general update and overview of the Council's financial position against the 2024/25 budget as at the end of December 2024 and looking ahead to 2025/26 and beyond.

**12 Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Economic Growth, Regeneration & Tourism Portfolio Holder - A.6 - Essex Devolution Consultation Response (Pages 189 - 198)**

To endorse the proposal that the consultation response to the Government's Greater Essex Devolution Consultation be undertaken by the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism (Deputy Leader). The response on behalf of Tendring District Council could either be standalone or form part of an Essex-wide response to go forward as part of the open consultation which closes on 13 April 2025.

**13 Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Economic Growth, Regeneration & Tourism Portfolio Holder - A.7 - Community Regeneration Partnership - Programme Update and further wave of Projects (Pages 199 - 224)**

To update Cabinet on progress on the Community Regeneration Partnership programme and recommend Cabinet agree the high-level strategic approach and scope of the remaining projects aimed at place-based regeneration in Clacton and Jaywick and make delegations for the responsibility for the approach to delivery, and oversight thereof.

**14      Management Team Items - Report of the Head of Democratic Services & Elections -  
A.8 - Petition: "Save Citizens Advice Tendring" (Pages 225 - 232)**

To formally report the receipt of a petition submitted requesting the Council to continue to fund Citizens Advice Tendring and the Mental Health Hub and to invite Cabinet to determine its formal response to that petition, which will then be reported to Full Council at its meeting due to be held on 25 March 2025.

### **Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting**

*The next scheduled meeting of the Cabinet is to be held in the Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE at 10.30 am on Friday, 11 April 2025.*

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