RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION (THE DECISIONS LIST)

Date:	Decision Maker:	Subject to Call-in*
23 October 2026	Cabinet	Yes

SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance & Governance Portfolio Holder - A.1 - Financial Performance Report 2026/27 - General Update at the end of June 2026

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet –

(a) notes the Council's in-year financial position at the end of July 2026;

(b) approves the proposed adjustments to the 2026/27 budget as set out in Appendix 1H and:

(i) requests Officers to review the potential on-going impact from 2027/28 and beyond where necessary as part of developing the forecast and detailed estimates for further consideration by Cabinet later in the year;

(ii) that in respect of the budget adjustment of £0.540m in 2026/27 relating to Housing Capacity / Restructure, acknowledges and supports the underlying principle / approach set out within this report and requests Officers to provide the necessary updates within future financial performance and budget reports;

(iii) agrees to accept the £0.270m of grant funding awarded to this Council from the Government's Playground Fund along with its initial allocation set out within this report and agrees a delegation to the Corporate Director Operations and Delivery, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Public Realm, to confirm or amend the proposed allocations via the application of the requirements set out in the associated MOU and/or in consultation with MHCLG as may be necessary.

(iv) that in respect of the budget adjustment of £0.100m in 2026/27 relating to the Investment in Public Conveniences as set out within Appendix 1H, approves a delegation to the Corporate Director Operations and Delivery in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Assets and Community Safety to allocate / prioritise the total funding available within the scheme across the various sites;

(v) that in respect of the budget adjustment of £0.400m in 2026/27 relating to project delivery capacity as set out within Appendix 1H, approves a delegation to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Governance, to allocate this funding as necessary; and

(vi) that in respect of the reallocation of funding within the existing CRP2 schemes, approves a delegation to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism to undertake any necessary governance activities within the Council's existing CRP 2 framework and processes.

(c) notes the updated context to the financial forecast from 2027/28 as set out in this report and requests Officers, in consultation with Portfolio Holders to develop the financial forecast alongside the delivery of the Council's priorities; and

(d) invites the views of the Resources and Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the information set out in this report along with the Council's wider financial position as part of its work programme for the year.

Reasons for Decision:

It was moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor M E Stephenson, and:-

Alternative Options Considered:

As set out in the report, consideration was given to retaining the existing financial planning assumptions based on the original Local Government Reorganisation timetable and to deferring revisions to the forecast pending the outcome of the Government's review of Local Government Reorganisation. The recommended approach was considered to provide the most prudent basis for the Council's future financial planning.

Conflicts of Interest Declared
(and Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer)

None.

Consultation with Ward Member:

None.

Contact Officer:
Corporate Director (Finance & IT) & Section 151 Officer

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SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Planning - A.2 - Consideration and Adoption of the Housing Competence and Conduct Policy

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet –

1) formally adopts the Housing Competence and Conduct Policy as set out in Appendix A to the report (A.2), for implementation;

2) authorises the Corporate Director (Operations and Delivery) to make future updates or amendments to the policy, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder responsible Housing; and

3) requires that this policy is reviewed annually during the implementation of the Competence and Conduct Action Plan and no later than October 2027, unless an earlier review is required in response to tenant feedback.

Reasons for Decision:

It was moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor M E Stephenson, and:-

Alternative Options Considered:

The alternative would be not to adopt a specific Housing Competence and Conduct Policy and to rely on existing corporate employment and learning arrangements. This option is not recommended because the Regulator of Social Housing's Competence and Conduct Standard requires registered providers to have a written policy covering the management and development of relevant staff, learning and development, appraisal and performance management, and the steps taken in relation to relevant staff employed by service providers.

Failure to meet the Standard could expose the Council to regulatory scrutiny and enforcement action, while also increasing operational risks arising from inconsistent practice, skills gaps, inadequate oversight and conduct that does not meet the expectations of tenants or the Council.

Without a consolidated and published policy, responsibilities and evidence requirements would be less clear, making consistent implementation, tenant scrutiny and assurance more difficult. Adoption is therefore the most appropriate option.

Conflicts of Interest Declared
(and Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer)

None.

Consultation with Ward Member:

None.

Contact Officer:
Assistant Director (Housing & Environment)

* The call-in procedure will not apply to a decision where the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's agreement has been obtained that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process wold seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest, (Rule 16 (h) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules) or any decision made where

such decision is to be referred to the Council or one of the overview and scrutiny committees for their consideration.