RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION (THE DECISIONS LIST)

Date:	Decision Maker:	Subject to Call-in*
13 November 2026	Cabinet	No

SUBJECT OF DECISION:

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

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet –

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

(b) approves the proposed budget adjustments covering the periods 2026/27 and 2027/28, as set out in Appendix 1H and 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;

(c) notes the updated financial forecast to 2029/30 as set out in this report and its appendices and requests Officers, in consultation with Portfolio Holders, to further its development alongside the Council's priorities;

(d) considers and notes the Leader of the Council's response to the motion associated with the LGR process that was agreed by Full Council on 13 October 2026, as set out in Section 1(a) within the main body of this report (A.1); and

(e) invites the views of the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the information set out in this report, including the Leader's response to the Full Council motion of 13 October 2026 regarding LGR, along with the Council's wider financial position as part of its work programme for the year.

Reasons for Decision:

To set out the latest financial position for the Council and to respond to emerging issues in 2026/27 and to develop the budget and forecast from 2027/28.

Alternative Options Considered:

These are broadly covered in the main body of the Portfolio Holder's report.

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

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

N/A

Contact Officer:
Richard Barrett, Corporate Director (Finance and IT) & Section 151 Officer

Date:	Decision Maker:	Subject to Call-in*
13 November 2026	Cabinet	No

SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Corporate Finance & Governance Portfolio Holder - A.2 - The Local Council Tax Support Scheme, Discretionary Council Tax Exemptions / Discounts / Premiums for 2027/28 and Annual Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2027/28

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet –

a) agrees that the underlying LCTS scheme for 2027/28 remains the same as the current year, as set out as Appendix A, along with approving the following proposed change to the scheme for consultation with the Major Preceptors:

"that the LCTS scheme be amended to enable the backdating of claims made by working age claimants by up to a maximum of 3 months."

b) requests Officers, following consultation with the Major Preceptors, to present a draft LCTS Scheme for 2027/28 to the next formal meeting of Cabinet on 11 December 2026;

c) agrees the Council Tax Exceptional Hardship Policy, as set out in Appendix B;

d) agrees the Housing Benefit War Pension Disregard Policy (Modified Scheme), as set out in Appendix G, in the determination of Housing Benefit until such time as the scheme is required to be amended or revoked.

e) agrees the discretionary Council Tax exemptions, discounts and premiums for 2027/28, as set out in the appendices and recommends to full Council:

i) that the locally determined council tax discounts, as set out in Appendix C be approved;

ii) that the council tax discount policy for young people leaving care, as set out in Appendix D be approved;

iii) that the discretionary council tax premiums, as set out in Appendix E be approved;

iv) that the Corporate Director (Finance and IT) be authorised, in consultation with the

Corporate Finance and Governance Portfolio Holder, to undertake the necessary steps to implement the council tax exemptions, discounts and premiums from 1 April 2027; and

f) further recommends to Council that the Annual Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement for 2027/28, as set out in Appendix F, be approved.

Reasons for Decision:

To enable the implementation of an LCTS Scheme in 2027/28 along with the required council tax discounts, exemptions and premiums, an MRP Policy Statement and a Housing Benefit War Pension Disregard Policy (Modified Scheme).

Alternative Options Considered:

Considerations relating to the implementation of the various elements included within the decisions above are set out within the main body of the Portfolio Holder's report.

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

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

N/A

Contact Officer:
Richard Barrett, Corporate Director (Finance and IT) & Section 151 Officer

Date:	Decision Maker:	Subject to Call-in*
13 November 2026	Cabinet	Yes

SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Housing & Planning Portfolio Holder - A.3 - Annual Housing Improvement, Performance & Assurance Report 2025/26

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet –

(a) notes the contents of the Annual Housing Improvement, Performance & Assurance Report 2025/26 as a draft, being the first report of this type for Tendring District Council, attached as Appendix A and recognises that the reporting framework will continue to evolve as data quality, benchmarking and assurance arrangements mature;

(b) acknowledges the overall assurance position set out within the report (A.3);

(c) supports the continued delivery of the Housing Improvement and Delivery Plan and associated improvement priorities identified for 2026/27; and

(d) authorises the Corporate Director (Operations & Delivery), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Planning, to produce and publish in the public domain the final version of the Annual Housing Improvement, Performance & Assurance Report 2025/26.

Reasons for Decision:

To ensure that Cabinet received evidence-based assurance regarding housing service performance, improvement activity and regulatory readiness, whilst supporting continued oversight of the Housing Improvement and Delivery Plan and compliance with the Consumer Standards and that the public-facing snapshot provided a proportionate account for tenants and the wider public, presenting both good performance and areas of concern without obscuring the underlying evidence.

Alternative Options Considered:

The alternative option would be not to present an annual Housing Improvement, Performance & Assurance Report.

This option was not recommended as it would reduce transparency, limit Member oversight and remove an important mechanism for demonstrating progress against the Housing Improvement and Delivery Plan and compliance with the Consumer Standards.

An annual report provided a consolidated source of assurance regarding performance, risks, improvement activity and tenant influence and supported the Council's wider governance and accountability arrangements.

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

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

N/A

Contact Officer:
Tim Clarke, Assistant Director (Housing and Environment)

Date:	Decision Maker:	Subject to Call-in*
13 November 2026	Cabinet	Yes

SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Housing & Planning Portfolio Holder - A.4 - Adoption of the Conservation Area Character Appraisals and Management Plans for St Osyth and Manningtree & Mistley

Decision:

RESOLVED that –

(a) the outcome of the public consultation exercises summarised in this report (A.4) be noted; and

(b) the St Osyth Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan and the Manningtree & Mistley Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan (including revised conservation area boundaries where applicable) be formally adopted.

Reasons for Decision:

To progress to a successful conclusion projects specifically identified in the Council's Heritage Strategy.

Alternative Options Considered:

To not formally adopt the Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plans. To take this approach would mean that the Council could not give weight to the updated Conservation Area Character Appraisals and Management Plans as a material consideration in planning decisions. The Council's ability to conserve and enhance the District's historic environment would be reduced.

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

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

Yes

Contact Officer:
Gary Guiver, Corporate Director (Planning & Community)

* 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 would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest, 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.