

AGENDA FOR CABINET



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To: All Members of Cabinet

Councillors : E O'Brien (Leader and Cabinet Member, Strategic Growth) (Chair), S Thorpe (Deputy Leader, Finance and Transformation), L Smith (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member, Children and Young People), T Tariq (Adult Care, Health and Public Service Reform), S Walmsley (Cabinet Member, Communities and Inclusion), A Quinn (Cabinet Member, Environment, Climate Change and Operations), C Cummins (Cabinet Member, Housing Services), R Gold (Customer Service, Communications and Corporate Affairs) and C Morris (Cabinet Member, Culture, Economy & Skills)

Dear Member/Colleague

Cabinet

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Cabinet which will be held as follows:-

Date:	Wednesday, 5 November 2025
Place:	Council Chamber - Town Hall
Time:	6.00 pm
Briefing Facilities:	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
Notes:	

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of Cabinet are asked to consider whether they have an interest in any of the matters of the Agenda and, if so, to formally declare that interest.

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions are invited from members of the public about the work of the Cabinet.

Notice of any question must be given to Democratic Services by midday on Monday, 3rd November 2025. Approximately 30 minutes will be set aside for Public Question Time, if required.

4 MEMBER QUESTION TIME

Questions are invited from Elected Members about items on the Cabinet agenda. 15 minutes will be set aside for Member Question Time, if required.

Notice of any Member question must be given to the Monitoring Officer by midday Friday 31st October 2025.

5 MINUTES *(Pages 5 - 14)*

Minutes from the meeting held on 15 October 2025 are attached.

6 NORTHERN GATEWAY (TRANSPORT FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT; SOCIAL VALUE STRATEGY; MDC BUSINESS PLAN AND ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN) - PART A *(Pages 15 - 86)*

Report of the Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth is attached.

7 COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2026 *(Pages 87 - 128)*

Report of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member, Finance and Transformation is attached.

8 APPROVAL OF DOMESTIC ABUSE RELATED CONTRACTS FOLLOWING PROCUREMENT EXERCISE *(Pages 129 - 134)*

Report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Inclusion is attached.

9 BELL GROUP DAMP AND MOULD SERVICES CONTRACT AWARD DECISION *(Pages 135 - 138)*

Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing Services is attached.

10 APPOINTMENTS UPDATE *(Pages 139 - 142)*

Report of the Cabinet Member for Customer Service, Communications and Corporate Affairs is attached.

11 URGENT BUSINESS

Any other business which by reason of special circumstances the Chair agrees may be considered as a matter of urgency.

12 FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH *(Pages 143 - 146)*

Report of the Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth is attached.

13 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider passing the appropriate resolution under Section 100 (A)(4), Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the reason that the following business involves the disclosure of exempt information as detailed against the item.

14 NORTHERN GATEWAY (TRANSPORT FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT; SOCIAL VALUE STRATEGY; MDC BUSINESS PLAN AND ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN) - PART B *(Pages 147 - 194)*

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