

Agenda for Cabinet

Wednesday, 7th January, 2026, 6.00 pm

Members of Cabinet

Councillors: P Arnott (Chair), S Hawkins, P Hayward, N Hookway, S Jackson, G Jung, D Ledger, J Loudoun (Vice-Chair), T Olive and R Jefferies

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- 1 Minutes of the previous meetings (Pages 4 - 18)
Minutes from Cabinet held on 26 November 2025 and 3 December 2025.
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Declarations of interest
Guidance is available online to Councillors and co-opted members on making [declarations of interest](#)
- 4 Public speaking
Information on [public speaking is available online](#)
- 5 Matters of urgency
Information on [matters of urgency](#) is available online

There is one late report listed at item 13 - Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation.
- 6 Confidential/exempt item(s)
To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the Press) have been excluded. There is one item which officers recommend should be dealt with in this way.
- 7 Minutes of Housing Review Board held on 13 November 2025 (Pages 19 - 24)
- 8 Minutes of Recycling and Waste Partnership Board held on 12 November 2025 (Pages 25 - 28)

- 9 Minutes of Poverty Working Panel held on 24 November 2025 (Pages 29 - 30)
- 10 Minutes of Arts and Culture Forum held on 26 November 2025 (Pages 31 - 63)

Key Matters for Decision

- 11 Council Tax Base 2026/2027 (Pages 64 - 68)

Matters for Decision

- 12 **Draft Revenue and Capital Budgets 2026/27** (Pages 69 - 127)
- 13 **Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation** (Pages 128 - 138)
- 14 **Forward Plan** (Pages 139 - 149)
- 15 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - Exclusion of Press and Public**

The Vice-Chair to move the following:

that under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting as exempt information, of the description set out in the agenda is likely to be disclosed and on balance the public interest is in discussing these items in private session (Part B).

Part B Matters for Decision

- 16 Minutes of Housing Review Board held on 13 November 2025 (Pages 150 - 159)

Part B recommendation to Cabinet:

Minute. 84

Sheltered Housing Support Services

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