



COTSWOLD
District Council

Tuesday, 29 April 2025

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CABINET

A meeting of the Cabinet will be held in the Council Chamber - Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX on **Thursday, 8 May 2025 at 6.00 pm.**

Rob Weaver
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Cabinet

(Councillors Joe Harris, Mike Evemy, Claire Bloomer, Paul Hodgkinson, Juliet Layton, Mike McKeown and Tristan Wilkinson).

Recording of Proceedings – The law allows the public proceedings of Council, Cabinet, and Committee Meetings to be recorded, which includes filming as well as audio-recording. Photography is also permitted.

As a matter of courtesy, if you intend to record any part of the proceedings please let the Committee Administrator know prior to the date of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence. The quorum for Cabinet is 3 members.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of interest from Members and Officers, relating to items to be considered at the meeting.

3. **Minutes** (Pages 7 - 12)

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of Cabinet held on 3 April 2025..

4. **Leader's Announcements**

To receive any announcements from the Leader of the Council.

5. **Public Questions**

A 15-minute open forum is provided for members of the public to ask questions.

Each question must relate to matters within the Cabinet's remit and should take no longer than one minute to present.

At any one meeting no individual may ask more than two questions, and no more than two questions may be asked on behalf of any single organisation.

The Leader will ask any members of the public present at the meeting to indicate if they wish to ask a question and will determine the order in which questions are taken.

The response may take the form of:

- a) A direct oral answer at the meeting;
- b) A reference to a published Council document or other relevant publication containing the requested information; or
- c) A written response, circulated to the questioner after the meeting, where an oral reply is not practical.

6. **Member Questions**

No Member Questions have been submitted prior to the publication of the agenda.

A Member of the Council may ask the Leader or a Cabinet Member a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Cotswold District. A maximum period of fifteen minutes shall be allowed at any such meeting for Member questions.

A Member may only ask a question if:

- a) the question has been delivered in writing or by electronic mail to the Chief Executive no later than 5.00 p.m. on the working day before the day of the meeting; or
- b) the question relates to an urgent matter, they have the consent of the Leader to whom the question is to be put and the content of the question is given to the Chief Executive by 9.30 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Answers to questions may be provided in one of the following ways:

- a) A direct oral answer at the meeting;
- b) A reference to a published Council document or other relevant publication containing the requested information; or
- c) A written response, circulated to the questioner after the meeting, where an oral reply is not practical.

7. **Schedule of Decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and/or Individual Cabinet Members** (Pages 13 - 16)

To note the decisions taken by the Leader and/or Individual Cabinet Members since the agenda for Cabinet 3 April 2025 was published. The following non-key decision has been taken by individual Cabinet Member under delegated authority:

1. Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning
Decision meeting 2 April 2025 – Review of the Neighbourhood Plan submitted by Chipping Campden Town Council (CCTC) and determination of legal compliance to move forward to the Regulation 16 Consultation stage.
Non-key decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning 2 April 2025

Date decision effective: 11 April 2025
Decision notice attached as Appendix 1

8. **Issue(s) Arising from Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit and Governance**

To receive any recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to consider any matters raised by the Audit and Governance Committee.

9. **Rural England Prosperity Fund 2025/26 (REPF) Update** (Pages 17 - 24)
Purpose

To update Cabinet on the award of Rural England Prosperity Funding for 2025/26, to seek approval for the approach to delivery of REPF projects in 2025/26 and to agree the necessary delegations.

Recommendation

That Cabinet RECOMMENDS to Council to:

1. Amend the capital programme for 2025/26 to include the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) scheme capital budget of £229,240 which is fully funded from the 2025/26 REPF grant allocation.
2. Approve the provisional allocations as set out in para 3.1.
3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy and Environment and the Council's Section 151 Officer to allocate the funding, having regard to the recommendations of the REPF Assessment Panel.

10. **Cotswold District Council Renewable Energy Study January 2025** (Pages 25 - 86)

Purpose

The purpose of the Renewable Energy Study report is to provide Cotswold District Council with evidence-based guidance to support decision-making on renewable energy development and progress toward net zero targets, whilst also supporting the Local Plan Update.

Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet resolves to ENDORSE the Renewable Energy Study for use as:

- part of the evidence base for the review of the Local Plan;
- part of the evidence base for future Council policies and procedures in regards to responding to the Climate and Ecological Emergencies.

Due to the size of the report Annexes B to F are published as a supplement and are available via the Cotswold District Council Website

<https://meetings.cotswold.gov.uk/>

11. **Endorsement of the Cotswolds National Landscape (CNL) Management Plan 2025-2030** (Pages 87 - 192)

Purpose

The purpose of the report is to seek the Council's endorsement of the Cotswolds National Landscape (Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty - AONB) Management Plan 2025 – 2030.

Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet resolves to ENDORSE the Cotswolds National Landscape Management Plan 2025–2030 for use as:

- part of the evidence base for the review of the Local Plan;
- part of the evidence base for the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans;
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- part of the evidence base for the preparation and implementation of relevant Council strategies, policies and projects;
- as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications (where compatible with relevant Local Plan and national policy); and
- to inform the development and delivery of the Council's services and activities.

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