

# Notice of Draft Decisions of Cabinet Thursday, 16 October 2025

#### 3. Minutes

The purpose of this item was to consider the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 4 September 2025. There were no amendments.

The recommendation to approve the minutes was proposed by Councillor Mike McKeown and seconded by Councillor Tristan Wilkinson.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 4 September 2025 be approved as a correct record.

Voting record:

7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.

# 9. Safeguarding Policy Update - July 2025

The purpose of the report was to inform Members of the updated Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.

Councillor Mike Evemy, Leader of the Council introduced the report in Councillor Bloomers absence.

The recommendations were proposed by Councillor Mike Evemy and seconded by Councillor Tristan Wilkinson

RESOLVED that Cabinet agreed and adopted the updated Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.

Voting record:

7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.



## 10. Council Tax Support Scheme 2026/2027

The purpose of the report was to ask Cabinet to consider and recommend to Full Council the revised Council Tax Support Scheme for the financial year 2026/2027.

Councillor Patrick Coleman, Cabinet Member for Finance, introduced the report. Councillor Coleman suggested that the recommendation for delegation be a separate point, the original two recommendations were split into three, no further amendments made.

The resulting three recommendations were proposed by Councillor Patrick Coleman and seconded by Councillor Mike Evemy.

#### RESOLVED that Cabinet recommend to Council to

- 1. Agree the increase to income bands as detailed within paragraphs 3.2, 3.3 and Annex A of this report from 1 April 2026.
- 2. Delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer, in Consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, to amend the income bands by the September 2025 CPI rate due to be published on 22 October 2025, should this be different to the assumed increase set out in the report and annex A.
- 3. Agree that any balance remaining in the earmarked reserve 'Hardship Fund' be made available in 2026/27 financial year for reasons detailed in paragraphs 3.6 and 3.7 of the report.

Voting Record:

7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions

## 11. Cotswold District Local Plan (2011-31) Regulation 18 Consultation

The purpose of the report was to seek approval to consult on the Preferred Options for development in the Cotswold District for the Regulation 18 consultation, and further technical documents as and when necessary; and to approve the updated Local Development Scheme to progress the Plan to submission in winter 2026 and adoption in winter 2027.

Councillor Mike Evemy, Leader of the Council introduced the item.



It was noted that a final version of the consultation document had been published as a supplement. The supplement contained some changes, mainly between paragraphs 2.9 to 2.16. which further explained the issue of development density. The figures in Table 1 had also been updated to exclude sites where there was no reasonable prospect of the density of development being increased.

In addition, further to the feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the following changes had been made:

- The name of the strategic site in Moreton-in-Marsh had been updated to Strategic extension north, south and east of Moreton-in-Marsh; and
- For clarity, two footnotes had been added to Table 2 for explain how the 'current dwellings' and 'new dwellings' figures were calculated.

The recommendations were proposed by Councillor Mike Evemy and seconded by Councillor Juliet Layton.

#### **RESOLVED** that Cabinet

- 1. Approved the Cotswold District Council Local Plan Review Regulation 18 Consultation Preferred Options (November 2025) document and the commencement of a six-week public consultation on this, together with a call for sites from 5 November 2025 to 18 December 2025.
- 2. Delegated authority to the Director of Communities and Place, the Accountable Officer and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning to agree any minor amendments or additions to the Consultation Document prior to the Regulation 18 Consultation.
- 3. Delegated authority to the Director of Communities and Place and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning to approve for consultation any supporting technical documents for the Regulation 18 consultation.
- 4. Delegated authority to the Director of Communities and Place and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning to approve additional technical documents for further Regulation 18 consultation as and when necessary.
- 5. Approved the Local Development Scheme.

#### Voting Record:

7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.



# 12. Budget Strategy and Medium Term Financial Strategy Update

The purpose of the report was to set out the Budget Strategy to support the preparation of the 2026/27 revenue and capital budgets and present an updated Medium Term Financial Strategy forecast.

Councillor Patrick Coleman, Cabinet Member for Finance introduced the item. The recommendations were proposed by Councillor Patrick Coleman and seconded by Councillor Mike Evemy.

RESOLVED that Cabinet Approved the 2026/27 Budget Strategy as outlined in the report.

Voting Record:

7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.

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