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**3. Minutes**

The purpose of this item was to consider the minutes of Cabinet held on 8 January 2026:

The recommendation to approve the minutes was proposed by Councillor Mike Evemy and seconded by Councillor Juliet Layton.

RESOLVED that, subject to the amendment on fees and charges item 186, the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 8 January 2026 be approved as a correct record.

Voting record:  
7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.

**9. Asbestos Management Plan**

The purpose of the report was to submit an Asbestos Policy to Cabinet for approval, ensuring compliance with statutory duties and clarity regarding the Council's responsibilities as both an employer and a property owner.

Councillor Mike Evemy, Leader of the Council, introduced the report and highlighted that need to replace existing asbestos guidance with a comprehensive policy that clearly defined the Council's responsibilities for managing asbestos and asbestos-containing materials. This was intended to support delivery of the Health and Safety Work Plan and to ensure continued compliance with statutory duties, under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and associated legislation.

The recommendations were proposed by Councillor Mike Evemy and seconded by Councillor Andrea Pellegram.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:



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Approved Cotswold District Councils Asbestos Management Policy.

Voting record:  
7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.

## **10. Contract for Waste, Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Services**

The purpose of the report was to seek Cabinet approval to proceed with negotiations and to enter into a Common Service Agreement with Ubico Limited for the delivery of waste collection, street cleansing, and grounds maintenance services, with the new agreement proposed to replace the current contract which was due to expire on 31 March 2027.

Councillor Andrea Pellegram, Cabinet Member for Environment & Regulatory Services, introduced the report which described Cotswold District Council's current Service Contract with Ubico Limited for waste collection, street cleansing, and grounds maintenance which was due to expire on 31 March 2027. Ubico had proposed replacing individual contracts with a Common Service Agreement across its shareholder authorities, providing a single contractual framework while allowing for local service specifications.

Given the scale of Local Government Reorganisation and the need to maintain service continuity, the Common Service Agreement (CSA) was described as a proportionate and flexible approach, with the CSA providing a shared contractual framework across shareholder authorities while allowing locally tailored service specifications.

It was noted that the approach supported service continuity, allowed for future flexibility in light of Local Government Reorganisation, and enabled novation to a new Unitary Authority if required. Alternative delivery models were noted but, given the timing and scale of Local Government Reorganisation, continuation of the current delivery model was considered the most proportionate approach at this stage.

The recommendations were proposed by Councillor Andrea Pellegram and seconded by Councillor Mike Evemy.



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RESOLVED that Cabinet agreed to :

1. enter into a Common Service Agreement with Ubico as described in this report, and
2. delegated authority to the Director of Communities and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Regulatory Services to agree the final terms of the agreement with Ubico.

Voting record:

7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions

## **11. Budget 2026-27 and Medium Term Financial Strategy**

The purpose of the report was to present the Revenue Budget for 2026/27, Capital Programme and Medium-Term Financial Strategy for 2026/27 to 2029/30 to Cabinet for approval.

Councillor Patrick Coleman, Cabinet Member for Finance, introduced the report. It was noted that the Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy, had been prepared in the context of ongoing financial pressures and a significant medium-term budget gap. Members noted that, while funding reforms and a three-year provisional settlement provided increased certainty, savings and efficiencies would be required to maintain financial sustainability.

It was noted that there was no immediate risk of the Council requiring Exceptional Financial Support or issuing a section 114 notice. The 2026/27 budget was balanced through the use of reserves, with further gaps forecast in later years.

The Council noted proposals to increase Council Tax by £5 for a Band D property, which had received public support through consultation. Members also noted the planned use and maintenance of reserves, the continued requirement to deliver savings and transformation, and the proposed capital programme, including investment in waste and recycling infrastructure, funded without additional borrowing.

The recommendations were proposed by Councillor Coleman and seconded by Councillor Tristan Wilkinson.



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RESOLVED that Cabinet considered the budget report and approved for recommendation to Council:

1. the Medium-Term Financial Strategy set out in Annex B
2. the Budget Pressures and Savings for inclusion in the budget, set out in Annex C
3. the Council Tax Requirement of £7,419,716 for this Council
4. the Council Tax level for Cotswold District Council purposes of £163.93 for a Band D property in 2026/27 (an increase of £5)
5. the Capital Programme, set out in Annex D
6. the Annual Capital Strategy 2026/27, as set out in Annex E
7. the Annual Treasury Management Strategy and Non-Treasury Management Investment Strategy 2026/27, as set out in Annex F
8. the Strategy for the Flexible use of Capital Receipts, as set out in Annex H
9. that £2m is set aside in a new earmarked reserve Council Priority: LGR Transition through the releasing of £2m of the balance currently held in the Financial Resilience Reserve.
10. the balances and reserves forecast for 2026/27 to 2029/30 as set out in Section 7 of the report.

Cabinet approved delegation to the Council's Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chief Executive, Leader, and Cabinet Member for Finance

11. To agree changes to the General Fund Summary arising from the Final Local Government Finance Settlement and the Business Rates Retention Scheme estimates prior to submission to Council.

Voting record:

7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.

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