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**3. Minutes**

The purpose of this item was to consider the minutes of Cabinet held on 5 February 2026.

The recommendation to approve the minutes was proposed by Councillor Mike Evemy and seconded by Councillor Tony Dale.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 5 February 2026 be approved as a correct record.

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

**9. Biodiversity Action Plan**

The purpose of this report was to present the Biodiversity Duty report to Cabinet for approval.

Councillor Juliet Layton, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, introduced the report, noting that its publication was a legal requirement for all local authorities under the Environment Act 2021 and was to be completed no later than 26 March 2026.

The recommendations were proposed by Councillor Juliet Layton and seconded by Councillor Tristan Wilkinson.

Cabinet RESOLVED to:

1. Approve the Biodiversity Duty Report within Annex A for publication.
2. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director – Planning Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning to make presentational and minor editorial changes for publication.



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

## **10. Gloucestershire Local Nature Recovery Strategy**

The purpose of the report was to endorse the Gloucestershire Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

Councillor Juliet Layton, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning introduced the Gloucestershire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), a statutory strategy introduced under the Environment Act 2021 and approved by Gloucestershire County Council in January 2026. The report explained that the LNRS had been developed collaboratively with local authorities and partners, including the Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership, and provided a spatial framework identifying opportunities for habitat creation, restoration and expansion at a landscape scale to support nature recovery. The report further outlined the statutory requirement for local planning authorities to have regard to the LNRS in fulfilling their biodiversity duties.

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

Cabinet RESOLVED to:

1. Endorse the Gloucestershire Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

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

## **11. Infrastructure Funding - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Project**

The purpose of the report was to seek delegated authority for the Associate Director of Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing, to implement enhancements to the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding bid process.

The report was introduced by Councillor Juliet Layton, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, who explained that the Community



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Infrastructure Levy (CIL), adopted in 2019, was collected from most developments to fund strategic infrastructure.

Drawing on experience from the first two funding rounds and stakeholder feedback, the report proposed enhancements to improve transparency, strengthen alignment with the Council's Corporate Plan and Infrastructure Development Plan, introduce a year-round bidding process with assessments between October and December, and improve monitoring and reporting. It was noted that these changes related only to the allocation process and not the charging schedule

The recommendation was proposed by Councillor Juliet Layton and seconded by Councillor Patrick Coleman.

Cabinet RESOLVED to:

1. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director, Planning Service in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing to implement a CIL Enhancement Programme detailed at Section 3 of this report.

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

## **12. HomeSeekerPlus Policy Review**

The purpose of the report was to present to Cabinet an updated HomeseekerPlus Policy to replace the policy which had been in place since 2016 and had last been reviewed in 2022.

Councillor Juliet Layton, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning introduced the report which explained that the current Homeseeker Plus Policy, had been updated to reflect legislative changes, national guidance, and operational learning. Revisions addressed statutory duties, updated case law, and clarified definitions on eligibility, priority need, and housing circumstances. The update strengthened operational processes, verification, and reassessment, supported consistent decision-making, incorporated best practice for safeguarding and vulnerable households, and aligned with national expectations. The policy was expected to remain in place until after local government reorganisation, providing a stable framework during structural change.



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

Cabinet RESOLVED to:

1. Approve the draft Policy amendments for public consultation.
2. Delegate authority to the Business Manager for Housing, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning and the Public Executive Director – Operations, to adopt the new policy following consideration of the consultation responses.

Voting record:

6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.

### **13. Delegated Approval to Award Contract (Parking)**

The purpose of the report was to seek approval of delegated authority to award the contract for pay and display machines for car parks.

The report was introduced by Councillor Tony Dale, Cabinet Member for Health, Culture and Visitor Experience who explained that the existing machines were increasingly outdated, required frequent maintenance, and were difficult for users, necessitating a full refresh of the parking estate. The tender process was outlined and it was noted that procurement was being accelerated to enable the timely replacement and operation of machines within the current budget year.

The recommendation was proposed by Councillor Tony Dale and seconded by Councillor Mike Evemy.

Cabinet RESOLVED to:

1. Delegate authority to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Health, Culture and Visitor Experience to award the contract for the supply, installation and on-going services to the most advantageous supplier.

Voting record:

6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.



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