

AGENDA

CABINET

FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2024

10.00 AM

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, FENLAND HALL,
COUNTY ROAD, MARCH**

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- 1 To receive apologies for absence
- 2 Previous Minutes (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm and sign the public minutes of 30 September 2024.
- 3 To report additional items for consideration which the Chairman deems urgent by virtue of the special circumstances to be now specified
- 4 To receive members' declaration of any interests under the Local Code of Conduct or any interest under the Code of Conduct on Planning Matters in respect of any item to be discussed at the meeting
- 5 Property Purchase to support meeting the Council's Housing Duties (Pages 11 - 16)

For Cabinet to be appraised on a proposal to set up a fund up to £1.2 million to invest in 1-bed accommodation from the market to help support our housing duties.
- 6 Economic Growth Strategic Refresh 2025-28 (Pages 17 - 62)

This document has been created to continue the delivery of the Council's Economic Development Strategy 2012-2031 (EDS) and follows the first Strategic Refresh 2022-25. It sets out how the Council's Economic Growth Team, other Council departments

and public and private partners will continue to work together to support economic growth in Fenland.

7 Development of Playzone Projects (Pages 63 - 92)

This report presents the opportunity to apply for grant funding to the Football Foundation (FF) of approximately £375,000 to secure investment to construct two PlayZone small-sided multi-sport pitches in Whittlesey and Wisbech.

8 Taxi Tariff (Pages 93 - 104)

To review the deferred decision made during the previous Cabinet meeting on 30th September 2024 and consider the results following a further consultation with the Taxi trade.

9 Wisbech High Street Update (Pages 105 - 110)

To provide Cabinet with a monthly update regarding ongoing construction work at 24 High Street, and progress regarding the options for 11-12 High Street, Wisbech.

10 Draft 6 Month Cabinet Forward Plan (Pages 111 - 112)

For information purposes.

11 Renewal of Operational Lease in Wisbech (with confidential appendix) (Pages 113 - 154)

To update members on the issues surrounding the current and continued occupation of the car park at Chapel Road, Wisbech following previous instructions given to officers at a Cabinet meeting on 15 July 2024 (Minute CAB10/24 refers) and subsequent negotiations with the National Trust and the receipt of enhanced legal advice.

(The Appendix to this report comprises exempt information – to exclude the public (including the press) from a meeting of a committee it is necessary for the following proposition to be moved and adopted: “that the public be excluded from the meeting for Items which would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as indicated.”

12 Proposed use of Land at North Drive, March for Community Uses (with confidential appendix) (Pages 155 - 184)

To brief members on the options available in relation to the future use of the open space land located at North Drive, March and as edged red on the plan at Appendix 1, as a community facility.

(Appendix 2 to this report comprises exempt information – to exclude the public (including the press) from a meeting of a committee it is necessary for the following proposition to be moved and adopted: “that the public be excluded from the meeting

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13 Items which the Chairman has under item 3 deemed urgent

CONFIDENTIAL - ITEMS COMPRISING EXEMPT INFORMATION

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14 Confidential Minutes (Pages 185 - 188)

To confirm and sign the confidential minutes of 30 September 2024.

Thursday, 7 November 2024

Members: Councillor C Boden (Chairman), Councillor Mrs J French (Vice-Chairman), Councillor I Benney, Councillor Miss S Hoy, Councillor Mrs D Laws, Councillor A Miscandlon, Councillor P Murphy, Councillor C Seaton, Councillor S Tierney and Councillor S Wallwork