

# Cabinet



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Friday, 9 January 2026

A meeting of the **Cabinet** of North Norfolk District Council will be held in the Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN on **Monday, 19 January 2026 at 10.00 am.**

At the discretion of the Chairman, a short break will be taken after the meeting has been running for approximately one and a half hours

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**Democratic Services & Governance Manager**

**To:** Cllr L Shires, Cllr T Adams, Cllr A Brown, Cllr H Blathwayt, Cllr C Ringer, Cllr J Toye, Cllr A Varley, Cllr L Withington and Cllr J Boyle

All other Members of the Council for information.

Members of the Management Team, appropriate Officers, Press and Public



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## A G E N D A

### 1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

### 2. MINUTES

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To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 1st December 2025.

### 3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

To receive questions and statements from the public, if any.

### 4. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To determine any other items of business which the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972

### 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Members are asked at this stage to declare any interests that they may have in any of the following items on the agenda. The Code of Conduct for Members requires that declarations include the nature of the interest and whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest (see attached guidance and flowchart)

### 6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

To receive oral questions from Members, if any

### 7. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no recommendations to Cabinet from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

### 8. LEASES FOR THE FAKENHAM LEISURE AND SPORTS HUB PROJECT

(17 – 22)

<b>Executive Summary</b>	This report seeks Cabinet approval to grant a lease to UK Power Networks (UKPN) for a small area of land at Trap Lane leased from Fakenham Town Council. The lease is required for the construction and operation of a power substation to support the expanded leisure centre being constructed in the FLASH project. Construction of the substation is scheduled to commence in April 2026. There are no alternative options if the leisure centre project is to proceed.
<b>Options considered</b>	1. Approve the lease to UKPN for the substation site. 2. Reject the lease – this would prevent the leisure centre expansion as no alternative power solution exists.
<b>Consultation(s)</b>	Steve Hems - Director for Communities (Project Sponsor) Nicola Swan - Solicitor, Eastlaw

<b>Recommendations</b>	<p>That Cabinet provides approval to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant a '99 years less one day' lease to UKPN for the construction and operation of a substation on Trap Lane land.</li> <li>Delegate approval to the Asset Strategy Manager or the Assistant Director for Finance and Assets to agree the exact terms of the above legal agreement.</li> </ul>
<b>Reasons for recommendations</b>	The substation is essential for the leisure centre expansion project. Without this lease, the new substation cannot be built which would mean the power demands of the new facility could not be met.
<b>Background papers</b>	<a href="#">Report to Full Council – 27th July 2022</a> <a href="#">Report to Full Council – 20th December 2023</a> <a href="#">Report to Cabinet – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024</a>

<b>Wards affected</b>	Fakenham wards (Lancaster North and South); and wards in the west of the district including Briston, Priory, Stibbard, Stody, The Raynhams, Walsingham; Wells with Holkham.
<b>Cabinet member(s)</b>	Cllr, L Shires
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Milo Creasey – Estates Surveyor - <a href="mailto:milo.creasey@north-norfolk.gov.uk">milo.creasey@north-norfolk.gov.uk</a>  Renata Garfoot - Asset Strategy Manager - <a href="mailto:Renata.Garfoot@north-norfolk.gov.uk">Renata.Garfoot@north-norfolk.gov.uk</a>

<b>Links to key documents:</b>	
Corporate Plan:	The 2023-2027 Corporate Plan themes - Developing our Communities and A Strong, Responsible and Accountable Council
Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)	The contents of this report do not directly impact upon the MTFS. Wider financial implications of the Fakenham Leisure and Sports Hub have been considered in earlier reports to Full Council.
Council Policies & Strategies	Asset Management Plan 2018 - 2022

**9. LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND ROUND 4 - PURCHASE OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION**  
(23 – 30)

<b>Executive Summary</b>	North Norfolk District Council has been offered funding for 2026/27 in Round 4 of the Government's Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF). This report sets out proposals to accept the grant offered (£611k) or, if successful in our bid, at the higher level of £871k to help purchase a further four or six units of Temporary Accommodation for homeless households.
<b>Options considered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To accept the LAHF grant to help fund (dependent on level of grant secured) purchase of four or six homes for use as temporary accommodation, with the Council providing the match funding and staffing resources to undertake the purchases and necessary repairs to the properties by April 2027.</li> <li>- To not accept the LAHF grant funding offered</li> </ul>
<b>Consultation(s)</b>	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Peoples' Services. Officers in Housing Options, Estates and Property Services
<b>Recommendations</b>	<p>It is recommended that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agrees to accept the £871,000 of Local Authority Housing Fund grant if successful in our higher bid, or (if not successful with the higher bid)</li> <li>- Agrees to accept the £611,000 of Local Authority Housing Fund grant (as per the original offer)</li> <li>- Uses the LAHF grant to part fund the purchase of four or six (dependent on level of grant secured) further units of temporary accommodation</li> <li>- Gives delegated authority to the Section 151 Officer [or other member of Corporate Leadership Team] in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Peoples' Services, to agree the actual purchases of the properties (within the identified budget limits).</li> </ul>
<b>Reasons for recommendations</b>	To seek approval for the Council to accept the LAHF grant and use the grant to help acquire further homes to use as temporary accommodation
<b>Background papers</b>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny January 2025 - Analysis of the performance of the Council's Temporary Accommodation properties 2024/25</p> <p>Cabinet March 2025 - Local Authority Housing Fund Round 3 - Purchase of Temporary Accommodation</p> <p>Cabinet October 2023 – Round 2 Local Authority Housing Fund</p> <p>Cabinet June 2023 - Purchase of Temporary Accommodation Unit</p>

	Cabinet March 2023 – LAHF Round 1 Opportunity Cabinet November 2022 - Purchase of Temporary Accommodation Unit
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<b>Wards affected</b>	Districtwide
<b>Cabinet member(s)</b>	Cllr. Jill Boyle, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Peoples' Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Nicky Debbage, Housing Strategy & Delivery Manager, <a href="mailto:nicky.debbage@north-norfolk.gov.uk">nicky.debbage@north-norfolk.gov.uk</a>

## 10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To pass the following resolution:

“That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs \_ of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Act.”

## 11. PRIVATE BUSINESS