

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 19 January 2026 at the Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN at 10.00 am

Committee

Members Present:

Cllr L Shires (Deputy Chair)	Cllr T Adams (Chair)
Cllr A Brown	Cllr H Blathwayt
Cllr C Ringer	Cllr J Toyne
Cllr A Varley	Cllr J Boyle

Members also attending:

Cllr C Cushing (Observer)

Officers in Attendance:

Chief Executive, S151 Officer, Director for Service Delivery

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr L Withington

98 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st December were approved as a correct record.

99 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

None.

100 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None received.

101 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

102 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

None received.

103 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no recommendations to Cabinet from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 10th of December 2025.

104 LEASES FOR THE FAKENHAM LEISURE AND SPORTS HUB PROJECT

Cllr Shires introduced the report and explained that in order to service the FLASH project the electrical cabinet, that UK Power Networks service, would need to be upgraded.

The Chair invited questions from the Cabinet.

Cllr Toye wished to thank everyone involved for keeping the project going.

Cabinet **RESOLVED** unanimously to provide approval to:

- Grant a '99 years less one day' lease to UKPN for the construction and operation of a substation on Trap Lane land.
- Delegate approval to the Asset Strategy Manger or the Assistant Director for Finance and Assets to agree the exact terms of the above legal agreement.

Reason for the decision:

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.

105 LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND ROUND 4 - PURCHASE OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

It was outlined by Cllr Boyle that it had been offered more funding to put towards temporary accommodation. There were two levels to this funding a £611,000 grant and a higher bid of £871,000 for which they had just applied for.

The Chair felt this would make a significant difference to many residents in need through temporary accommodation being located within the community.

The Chair invited questions from the Cabinet.

Cllr Toye wished to thank Cllr Boyle for her first Cabinet paper and he wished to comment that he approved in the way the recommendations were worded, baring in mind it might take some time for the result of the application towards the higher bid to be known.

Cabinet **RESOLVED** unanimously to

- Agree 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)
- Agree to accept the £611,000 of Local Authority Housing Fund grant (as per the original offer)
- Use the LAHF grant to part fund the purchase of four or six (dependent on level of grant secured) further units of temporary accommodation
- Give 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).

Reason for the decision:

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

106 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

107 PRIVATE BUSINESS

None

The meeting ended at 10.06 am.

Chairman