

CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL CABINET

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS – 13 October 2026

CALL-IN BY Monday 19 October 2026 5pm

Subject

Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) Scheme 2027/28

Decision

RESOLVED that Cabinet recommended that Council re-adopt the current LCTS scheme without amendment for 2027/28

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The existing scheme would be affordable to the Council and fair to recipients of Council Tax support.

Action by

Rob Hawes

Subject

Amendment to Discretionary Business Rate Relief Policy 2026/27

Decision

RESOLVED that;

1. The addition of the wording in paragraph 2.4 as Section 6 to the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy 2026/27 attached as Appendix A is agreed.
2. The revised policy is recommended to Full Council for agreement.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The proposed amendments would implement a policy encouraging the expansion of electric vehicle charging stations at no cost to the Council.

Action by

Rob Hawes

Subject

Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy

Decision

RESOLVED that the revised version of the Council's statutory strategy for homelessness and rough sleeping, as attached at Appendix 1 be approved.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The revised strategy was approved as the Council is required to have an up-to-date strategy including recent amendments as stipulated by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) by December 2026

Action by

Paul Gayler

Subject

Mid-Year Financial Review 2026/27

Decision

RESOLVED that Cabinet;

1. Noted the in-year monitoring and the financial forecast
2. Approved the actions to produce a Budget recommendation to Council in February 2027
3. Approved the amendments to the capital programme as set out in Appendix 2

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The report outlined the likely financial outcomes based on current approved policy and budgets.

Action by

Phil Reeves

Subject

Revised Masterplan and Planning Brief Procedure (October 2026)

Decision

RESOLVED that Cabinet approved the revised Masterplan and Planning Brief Procedure as the amendments are intended to improve transparency, increase certainty for developers and stakeholders, and support the timely delivery of high-

quality development across Chelmsford while maintaining the Council's commitment to sustainable growth and effective placemaking.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The amendments were intended to improve transparency, increase certainty for developers and stakeholders, and support the timely delivery of high-quality development across Chelmsford while maintaining the Council's commitment to sustainable growth and effective placemaking.

Action by

Kirsty Dougal

Subject

Financial Support for Affordable Housing Development at Rectory Lane East Car Park

Decision

RESOLVED that Cabinet;

1. Approved the establishment of a capital budget of up to £600,000 and a revenue financing budget of £32,000 per annum to fund the Council's contribution towards the delivery of 22 affordable rented apartments at Rectory Lane East Car Park, and authorised a capital contribution of up to £600,000, with the final amount payable based on evidenced abnormal development costs and not exceeding the approved budget and;
2. delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Fairer Chelmsford, to negotiate and complete all necessary legal and funding agreements.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The Council secured nomination rights to 22 units of affordable housing in perpetuity.

Action by

Joe Reidy

Subject

Property acquisition for supported accommodation

Decision

RESOLVED that;

1. Cabinet approved the acquisition of the freehold interest in, Chelmsford, for £600,000 and an additional £50,000 for associated legal, valuation and professional costs. An ongoing revenue budget of £35,000 is also required to finance the purchase.
2. the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Fairer Chelmsford, be authorised to negotiate, finalise and complete all legal documentation associated with the acquisition.
3. the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Fairer Chelmsford, be authorised to agree and complete a new lease with CHES Homeless, including revised rental arrangements and nomination rights in favour of the Council.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The Council would own a property that would deliver seven units of supported accommodation within Chelmsford.

Action by

Joe Reidy
