

CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL CABINET

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS – 27 January 2026

CALL-IN BY Monday 2 February 2026 5pm

Subject

Local Lettings Plans

Decision

RESOLVED that the process and document for creating Local Lettings Plans set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

Cabinet supported the recommendation as it would allow the Council to make best use of existing and new housing stock, whilst still meeting its legal duties to households in housing need.

Action by

P Gayler

Subject

One-year extension to the current South Essex Parking Partnership Joint Committee Agreement

Decision

RESOLVED that the extension of the current Operational Period of the South Essex Parking Partnership by one year up until 31st March 2028 be approved.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

Cabinet supported the recommendation as it would enable parking enforcement to continue to be carried out by SEPP up until Local Government Reorganisation.

Action by

N Binder

Subject

Budget Report 2026/27

Decision

RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL the Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2026/27, as set out in Appendix 1 including:

- the new **revenue and capital investments in services** identified in **Section 5**;
- the **Capital Programme** in **Section 11**;
- the **Revenue Budgets** in **Section 10**.

- i. An increase in the average Band D level of Council Tax for the City Council to £234.85 (+2.97%), which is within the referendum threshold, in Section 9.
- ii. The movement in reserves and the Medium-Term forecast shown in Section 7 and note the s151 Officer's assessment.
- iii. The inclusion of special expenses, parish-tier council precepts, and other precepting authority charges, once confirmed, as detailed in Section 9. (These will not be available until Full Council.)
- iv. A delegation to the Chief Executive to agree, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, the pay award for 2026/27 within the normal financial delegations.
- v. A delegation to manage the use of the LGR reserve. The proposal is set out in Section 7.

RESOLVED that;

- i. A delegation to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance be approved, to update the budget report as required to reflect:
 - final Government funding announcement
 - parish-tier council precepts; and
 - Business Rate Retention income following submission of the NNDR1 return.

Any resulting budget variations will be managed through the use of, or contribution to, reserves to maintain a balanced budget.

- ii. A delegation to the s151 Officer after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance be approved, to prepare a formal budget and council tax resolution for submission to Full Council.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The recommended budget would be prudent and in the best financial interests of the city.

Action by

P Reeves

Subject

Capital, Treasury Management & Investment Strategies 2026/27

Decision

RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL that they approve the Capital, Treasury Management and Investment Strategies.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The proposed Strategies met statutory requirements for the production of a treasury management strategy that achieved an acceptable balance between risk and return and capital and investment strategies that ensured the proper financial management of the Council's resources.

Action by

P Reeves

Subject

Discretionary Exception to Council Tax Premiums in respect of second homes

Decision

RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL to agree the implementation of additional local discretionary exception to Council Tax premiums imposed on second homes as defined in paragraph 2.4 and to delegate future decisions on such matters to the Director of Connected Chelmsford in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member (Option 1)

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The Cabinet supported the recommendations as the discretionary exception would reduce resident's emotional and financial distress in limited circumstances and the delegation to officers would allow the Council to react swiftly in appropriate cases.

Action by

R Hawes

Subject

Community Infrastructure Levy – Governance Update

Decision

RESOLVED that the proposed changes set out in the report be agreed and made to the Community Infrastructure Governance Document for publication on the Council's website.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The Cabinet supported the recommendation as it was considered appropriate for the policy to be aligned alongside the remainder of the Neighbourhood allocation.

Action by

S Graham

Subject

Community Infrastructure Levy – Spend of Neighbourhood CIL

Decision

RESOLVED that the proposed spend of the Neighbourhood CIL be approved alongside the Capital Programme.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The Cabinet supported the proposed spend which aligned with the Council's Corporate Plan priorities.

Action by

S Graham

Subject

Greater Essex Combined County Authority – Terms of Reference for nominating body for non-constituent members and future delegation arrangements

Decision

RESOLVED that;

1. the Terms of Reference for the nominating body for non-constituent members of the Greater Essex Combined County Authority (GECCA) be approved.
2. the Leader of the Council be delegated authority to take any appropriate executive actions that arise from devolution.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The Cabinet supported the proposed Terms of Reference and that the Leader should be able to take any appropriate executive actions.

Action by

L Browne
