

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the CABINET held in the CIVIC SUITE (LANCASTER/STIRLING ROOMS), PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN on Tuesday, 14 October 2025

PRESENT: Councillor S J Conboy – Chair.

Councillors L Davenport-Ray, S W Ferguson, J E Harvey, J E Kerr, B A Mickelburgh, T D Sanderson and S Wakeford.

APOLOGY: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors S A Howell.

38 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2025 were approved as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Sanderson being in attendance and an amendment to Minute Number 32 – Paxton Pits Nature Reserve Extension of Leases – to reflect the correct spelling of the Parks & Countryside Development Coordinator - Kirstien Drew. The amended minutes were signed by the Chair.

39 Members Interests

Councillor Conboy declared an interest under Minute No. 25/40, regarding proposal 4.6 as she was a member of the English Civil War Society. This was not a pecuniary interest, but as the public may perceive there to be an interest, she left the room during the discussion and vote on recommendation G and handed over the Chair to Councillor Ferguson for the item.

Councillor Kerr declared an interest under Minute No. 25/40, regarding proposal 4.3 as she was a Member of St Ives Town Council and left the room during the discussion and vote on recommendation D.

Councillor Sanderson declared an interest under Minute No. 25/40, regarding proposal 4.7 as he was a Member of Huntingdon Town Council, who owned the land, and left the room during the discussion and vote on recommendation H.

Councillor Harvey declared an interest under Minute No. 25/40, regarding proposal 4.7 as she was Vice-Chair of Huntingdon & District Cricket Club and involved in some of the negotiations, and she left the room during the discussion and vote on recommendation H.

Councillor Harvey declared an interest declared an interest under Minute No. 25/42 as she was Vice-Chair of Huntingdon & District Cricket Club, however she had not been involved in any discussion regarding this item.

Councillor Wakeford declared an interest declared an interest under Minute No. 25/42 as a Ward Councillor covering Huntingdon, however he had not been involved in any discussion regarding this item.

40 Community Infrastructure Levy Funding

Councillor Ferguson took the Chair.

A report by the Head of Planning, Infrastructure & Public Protection was submitted (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) which invited the Cabinet to consider recommendations relating to infrastructure projects seeking funding in whole or in part from an amount of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies received to date.

The Executive Councillor for Planning – Councillor Sanderson, set out the report and thanked officers for their hard work in assessing all of the necessary detail. It was noted that some of the changes the Cabinet had approved that had now taken place had led to a far smoother application process.

In response to questions from the Cabinet, the Executive Councillor for Planning – Councillor Sanderson, advised that as part of the Local Plan update, a new infrastructure delivery plan was being developed by working with all of the Council's infrastructure partners and they would continue to have sight of allocations as the Local Plan progressed. There was regular conversation with the IDB, County Councils and Highways England. There was also an infrastructure delivery studied baseline assessment which had been published, and which would be going to a stage 2 assessment to be completed by Spring 2026, as one of the key elements of evidence to support the Local Plan.

To allow for Cabinet Members to vacate the room during the discussion of the applications which they had declared an interest on, the debate and vote on each recommendation was taken in turn.

Recommendations A and B.

The recommendations were noted.

Recommendation C – Huntingdon Campus

The recommendation was approved.

Recommendation D – Warner's Park Pavillion – St Ives

Councillor Kerr vacated her seat and left the room during the consideration of this recommendation.

The Cabinet noted that officers continued to work hard with applicants; it was always disappointing if an applicant got a recommendation to decline, but it was pleasing to see that officers had worked hard with applicants who had previously been declined. It was hoped that the feedback officers had given St Ives would be taken as useful feedback.

The recommendation was approved.

Recommendation E – Kimbolton & Stonely Playgrounds

Councillor Kerr took back her seat at the meeting.

In response to a question from the Cabinet, the Executive Councillor for Planning – Councillor Sanderson, advised that there would be offset funding from the S106 contributions that would be made which would enable some potential other funding if the Parish Council wished to expand the facilities at a future date. The Executive Councillor for Economy, Regeneration and Housing - Councillor Wakeford also advised that there was not a direct relationship between growth having happened and CIL compensating for that, it was around enabling future growth and development.

The recommendation was approved.

Recommendation G – Cromwell Museum, Huntingdon

Councillor Conboy vacated her seat during the consideration of this recommendation.

The Executive Councillor for Economy, Regeneration and Housing - Councillor Wakeford, commented that as Portfolio Holder for the Market Towns project, he had been involved in supporting the museum in previous efforts to be in a position where it could compete for funding from other sources but had not involved in this particular bid.

In response to a question from the Cabinet, the Executive Councillor for Planning – Councillor Sanderson advised that there had been previous funding from the Council in relation to this project but that was in relation to the Phase 1 preparation of concept designs and due diligence in order for the acquisition of a new building. This was Phase 2 and was in relation to supporting the repair and renovation of the building acquired in Phase 1.

The recommendation was approved.

Recommendation H – King George V Pavilion, Huntingdon

Councillor Conboy took back her seat at the meeting.

Councillors Harvey and Sanderson vacated their seats during the consideration of this recommendation.

The recommendation was approved.

Councillors Harvey and Sanderson took back their seats at the meeting.

Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

that the Cabinet

- (a) noted the updates on delivery in relation to the projects previously allocated or in receipt of CIL funding commitments (see Appendix 1);
- (b) noted any new allocated CIL projects for £100,000.00 or less approved by delegation on 3rd October 2025 (see Appendix 2);
- (c) agreed officer recommendations at Paragraph 4.2 to approve funding for Huntingdon Campus Skills training facility;
- (d) agreed officer recommendations at Paragraph 4.3 to decline funding for Warner's Park Pavilion, St Ives extension and refurbishment;
- (e) agreed officer recommendations at Paragraph 4.4 to approve a lesser amount of funding for Kimbolton and Stonely Playgrounds;
- (f) agreed officer recommendations at Paragraph 4.5 to approve funding for HDC One Leisure St Ives for a new 3G Pitch;
- (g) agreed officer recommendation at Paragraph 4.6 to approve funding for Cromwell Museum, Huntingdon expansion project; and
- (h) agreed officer recommendation at Paragraph 4.7 to approve funding for King George V Pavilion, Huntingdon redevelopment.

Councillor Conboy retook the Chair.

41 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED

that the public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

42 Huntingdon Sport and Health Hub - RIBA Stage 2

An exempt report by the Head of Leisure, Health & Environment was submitted (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book).

Following a detailed presentation from the Head of Leisure, Health & Environment the Cabinet received responses to a number of questions which had been raised during the course of their discussions.

Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

that the Cabinet approved the recommendations in the exempt report now submitted.

Chair