CABINET

Decisions of the meeting of Cabinet held on Thursday 12 November 2026 at 5.30 pm in Council Chamber, Third Floor, Southwater One, Telford, TF3 4JG

PUBLISHED ON WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026)

(DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN: MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2026)

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
4	Cost of Living Strategy 2026 - 2029	**RESOLVED – that:** **a) progress and impact of the previous Cost of Living Strategy 2022-2025, through which the Council has invested to support residents, delivering practical support to help households manage the impact of rising living costs and ensuring that targeted assistance reached those most impacted be noted;** **b) the new Cost of Living Strategy 2026–2029, which commits to further investment of over £9m with a renewed focus on responding to financial hardship and crisis and strengthening financial resilience, reducing inequalities and helping individuals, families and communities to better withstand future economic challenges be approved; and** **c) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Housing, Commercial & Customer Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Unlocking Opportunities for All, to take the necessary steps to implement the recommendations within the Cost of Living Strategy 2026–2029, including the approval and allocation of funding from the Crisis and Resilience Fund, together with any other funding awarded to the Council, to support residents and businesses to manage the impact of cost of living pressures and build longer-term financial resilience throughout the duration of the Strategy within approved budgets and in accordance with**

Note: In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Decision Notices are only published for Key Decisions taken by Cabinet. Any non-Key Decisions considered at the meeting are recorded in the minutes of the meeting but are not subject to call-in and are therefore not included within this notice.

		the Council's Constitution, Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules.
6	Council House Building Programme	**RESOLVED – that:** **a) the delivery of 300 new Council owned homes over the next 3 years, as set out in the report, significantly expanding the Council's stock ownership and:** • **increasing the quantity of social and affordable rented properties, managed by the Council, for local residents;** • **maximising delivery of social rented properties including a range of sizes and locations to support both individuals and families;** • **including specialist and supported housing targeted to need be supported;** **b) that a Council Homes Fund is included in the Medium Term Financial Strategy reflecting the level of investment outlined in this report be supported and recommended to Full Council for approval;** **c) the wider work that is being done to increase the availability of affordable and specialist accommodation in the Borough to meet residents needs be noted; and** **d) delegated authority be granted to the Director: Housing, Commercial & Customer Services and Director: Finance, People & IDT in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Safer Streets & Better Housing to approve investment, subject to business case and enter into any documentation necessary to give effect to the recommendations in this report.**