

OFFICIAL

Cabinet

22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2025

PRESENT:-

Councillors Dad (in the Chair), Dolman, Drake Davis, Ieronimo, Pritchard and Tock.

IN ATTENDANCE:-

I. Anderson (Director of Legal Services and Partnerships), D. Bell (Director of Finance and Transformation), C. Jackson (Director of Regeneration), P. Turner (Director of Children and Young People's Services),

L. Dixon (Assistant Director Legal Services and Governance), T. Parker (Assistant Director Finance and Transformation) and L. Hawkins (Democratic Services Officer).

A. Codd (Assistant Director Economic Development and Regeneration) minute 27 and M. Armstrong (Head of Financial Accounting) minute 30.

APOLOGIES:-

Councillors Chambers, Haines, Quinn and Ross.

Minute No.	Description/Decision	Action By/Deadline
<b>PROCEDURAL ITEMS</b>		
24.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  No declarations were received in relation to the items that follow below.	
25.	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025</b>  <b>Agreed</b> – that, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> July, 2025, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.	
26.	<b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</b>  No public questions were received.	
<b>NON-EXEMPT ITEMS</b>		
<b>Key Decisions</b>		
27.	<b>HULL CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC APPROACH FOR BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG)</b>  The Executive Director of Regeneration submitted a report that requested the Cabinet to determine the strategic approach the	

Council wished to take in managing, resourcing and governing the Biodiversity Net Gain process.  
Members commented that it was good to see co-operation across Council departments; that it was important to have habitat banks in place, and that the relevant Portfolio Holders should be consulted before any habitat banks were approved.

The comments of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Commission held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 were noted.

**Moved by Councillor Dad and seconded by Councillor Drake Davis**

That Cabinet agrees –

- a. To delegate to the Assistant Director Economic Development and Regeneration and Assistant Director Streetscene in consultation with the Assistant Director Property and Assets, the Assistant Director for Housing and Neighbourhoods and the relevant Portfolio holders authority to develop proposals for the creation of habitat banks for BNG purposes on HCC owned land for review by the Deputy Leader;
- b. To delegate to the Deputy Leader, authority to approve by Decision Record, the sites proposed for BNG, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Housing, the Assistant Director Economic Development and Regeneration and Assistant Director Streetscene and the Assistant Director Property and Assets, and
- c. To approve the allocation of the £27k ringfenced grant from DEFRA to support the compliance with the Council's statutory monitoring and reporting BNG duties, pending the development of the longer term business case for establishing the self funded officer capacity to work alongside the Open Space Development Officer (Ecology) in the Council informed by the independent report produced by Atkins Realis.

Executive  
Director of  
Regeneration

**Motion carried.**

Reasons for Recommendations

- It will ensure that Hull City Council complies with legislation, such as meeting the 2050 net zero targets, and uses the opportunity to maximise the benefits that BNG brings to a dense urban environment. As explained in the summary, 10% BNG became a statutory requirement for major planning applications from February 2024, and all other sites from April 2024. As an urban authority with limited open space, we need to take a strategic approach to the allocation and management of

	<p>the open spaces within the city to ensure that they fulfil the requirement of multi-functional areas whilst enabling us to comply with legislation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The creation of a clear strategy for managing BNG will support the delivery of Ambition 5 of the Community Plan, “Responding to the climate and nature emergency”. In addition, well managed open spaces which provide ecological benefits to the local community will support the delivery of Ambition 1 of the Community Plan by supporting the creation of safe and welcoming neighbourhoods.</li> </ul>	
<p>28.</p>	<p><b>INTRODUCTION OF A HIGH RISK BUILDING SAFETY POLICY FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING</b></p> <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships submitted a report which asked the Cabinet to formally approve and adopt the High Risk Building Safety Policy.</p> <p>The Cabinet was informed that the Building Safety Regulator (BSR), Regulator of Social Housing (RSH) and the Housing Ombudsman Service (HOS) expected the Council to have a policy in place. The policy needed to be clear and transparent for both the regulators and residents.</p> <p>A discussion took place and members commented that the safety of residents was important and the proposed policy formalised the procedures that were already in place.</p> <p>The comments of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Commission held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 were noted.</p> <p><b>Moved by Councillor Dad and seconded by Councillor Dolman that</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Cabinet formally approves and adopts the High Risk Building Safety Policy, and</li> <li>b. That delegated authority be granted to the Assistant Director Neighbourhoods &amp; Housing, in conjunction with the designated Portfolio Holder to make future revisions of the High Risk Building Safety Policy where required for legal or regulatory compliance or where required for operational efficiency and best practice in delivering the building safety service to residents.</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion carried.</b></p> <p><u>Reasons for Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A High-Risk Building Safety policy is essential for several key reasons. Firstly, it demonstrates HCC’s commitment to providing a safe place to live for our residents, this sets</li> </ul>	<p>Director for Legal Services and Partnerships</p>

	<p>out HCC approach to ensure the buildings within scope are safe and meet regulatory requirements set out in the Building Safety Act and provides clear lines of responsibility. The policy should help drive tenant satisfaction residing in the building within scope, with resident engagement strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A well-defined High Risk Building Safety policy helps ensure compliance with regulatory compliance and requirements, which include Certification, Fire Risk Assessments, Mandatory Reporting, use of Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs), Fire Door Surveys and Management, Fire Signage, operation of a relevant complaints system, External Wall Assessment and Building Safety Cases.</li> <li>• By establishing clear processes and guidelines, the policy should aid in the efficient allocation of resources for High-Risk Building Safety Management. This is particularly important in the context of rising costs and the need for budget protection. However, it is important to note that the content of the new Policy largely covers existing practices already in place and the Policy shall formalise these, albeit some of these processes require a documented procedure or, updating of existing written procedures for which there is currently a plan in place. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HCC Neighbourhoods &amp; Housing Repairs &amp; Maintenance Policy - now in place approved by Cabinet July 2025.</li> <li>○ City wide Building Safety Resident Engagement Strategy for High Rise Buildings - currently in place. However, it is within the action plan to develop strategies for each individual high rise block.</li> <li>○ A Serious Incident Policy and Procedure – currently under development expected to go to Cabinet November 2025.</li> <li>○ Tenancy Management Procedure (Relevant Section – Removal of Belongings from Communal Parts) – currently under review.</li> <li>○ Mobility Scooter Policy – currently in place. Although this is to be reviewed to include E-Scooters and E-Bikes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Formal written procedures are required for the following activities which sit under the High Risk Building Safety Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Risk Building Relevant Complaint Procedure</li> <li>• Fire Risk Assessment Procedure</li> <li>• Mandatory Reporting Procedure</li> <li>• Residential Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) Procedure</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Door Survey &amp; Management Procedure (inc No Access)</li> <li>• In summary, a High-Risk Building Safety policy is crucial as it enhances clarity,</li> <li>• ensures tenant satisfaction, maintains regulatory compliance, and optimizes resource management.</li> <li>• As highlighted above, the proposed Policy reflects many existing / established processes and is reflective of the standard Tenancy Agreement which has been in place since 2011. Whilst there is a need for the procedures to be formalised, in the main the Policy does not bring any significant changes to current practices or tenant/landlord responsibilities.</li> <li>• Delegated authority to the Assistant Director Neighbourhoods &amp; Housing in conjunction with the designated Portfolio Holder for future revisions is also being requested, for legal or regulatory compliance or where required for operational efficiency and best practice in delivering the building safety service to council tenants.</li> <li>• There are no financial implications as a result of implementing this Policy.</li> </ul>	
<p>29.</p>	<p><b>CITYWIDE FENCING – PRE-PROCUREMENT APPROVAL</b></p> <p>The Director for Legal Services and Partnerships submitted a report which sought Cabinet approval for the recommended procurement route and tender assessment criteria for the procurement of citywide fencing works, for an initial period of 3 years.</p> <p>The Cabinet was informed that the contract would be tendered in two lots, Lot 1 would be for citywide repairs, maintenance and voids and would be awarded to a single supplier. The second lot would be for citywide community fencing and would be awarded to two supplier. A primary supplier would be awarded the work and a secondary supplier for additional capacity or in the event the primary supplier could not deliver the work.</p> <p>A discussion took place and members commented that the contracts would need to be monitored on a regular basis.</p> <p>The comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025 were noted.</p> <p><b>Moved by Councillor Dad and seconded by Councillor Drake Davis that</b></p> <p>a. That Cabinet approve an Open Tender procurement to award contractors to undertake citywide fencing works, for an initial period of 3 years, with an option to extend contract arrangements beyond the initial term for a period not exceeding an additional 12 months in total, with a</p>	<p>Director for Legal Services and Partnerships</p>

	<p>forecasted value of £650,000 per annum, total possible value £2.6 million if extension is taken;</p> <p>b. That the contract commences on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 and will directly follow on from the existing but outgoing contractual arrangements due to expire on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025;</p> <p>c. That the contract will be tendered as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fencing Lot 1 – Citywide Repairs, Maintenance and Voids. (£500,000 per annum) – Single Supplier Framework 2.</li> <li>2. Fencing Lot 2 – Citywide Community Fencing. (£150,000 per annum) – a framework with two suppliers will be awarded, a primary supplier with a secondary supplier. The primary supplier will be awarded all work and the secondary reserve supplier for additional capacity or when the primary supplier cannot deliver.</li> </ol> <p>d. That the tenders for this contract will be evaluated using a price/quality split of 60% price and 40% quality, including a 5% social value.</p> <p>e. That delegated authority is given to the Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing to appoint the supplier(s), in consultation with the Director of Legal Services and Partnerships and the Assistant Director of Legal, providing the most advantageous bid(s) by Decision Record with an accompanying tender outcome report.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The open tender procurement route will enable the continuous delivery of fencing works across the city and will provide the maximum opportunity for the participation of local fencing contractors in the tender process.</li> <li>• The framework agreement will be awarded for an initial 3-year period with an option to extend contract arrangements beyond the initial term for a period not exceeding an additional 12 months in total, as agreed by the Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing, in consultation with the Assistant Director of Legal.</li> <li>• This new contract commencing on 1 December 2025 and will follow on from the outgoing current arrangements.</li> </ul>	
<p>30.</p>	<p><b>TREASURY MANAGEMENT – ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT 2024/25</b></p> <p>The Director of Finance and Transformation submitted a report that provided the Cabinet with an update on the Treasury Management activity for 2024/25 compared to the strategy.</p> <p>The Head of Accounting explained that the any borrowing had only been undertaken for capital purposes; that the statutory</p>	

<p>borrowing limit (the authorised limit) had not been breached, and that local authorities were now required to include leases on the balance sheet.</p> <p>The comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025 were noted.</p> <p><b>Moved by Councillor Dad and seconded by Councillor Ieronimo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. That Members note the report, the investment returns achieved during 2024/25 and performance against the prudential and treasury indicators as stated at Appendix 1, and</li> <li>b. That Members confirm that they remain content with the approved investment strategy for 2025/26 as shown at Appendices 2 to 4.</li> </ul> <p><u>Reason for Recommendations</u> As required by the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2024/25, approved by Council in February 2024, delegation for considering the Annual Treasury Report is to the Cabinet Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Director of Finance and Transformation</p>
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The above Executive Decisions will come into force and may be implemented on expiry of five working days after the publication of the decisions i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025, unless called in by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

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