

## Meeting of the Cabinet – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Notice of Decisions

**Notice is given** that the Cabinet, at its meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026, made the following decisions in respect of the items listed.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decisions</u>
2026/27 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Medium Term Financial Plan and Rent Setting 2026/27	That the report be withdrawn.
Council Tax Base 2026/27	<p>(1) That a Council Tax base for Dudley of £98,517.83 Band D equivalent properties, for 2026/27, as calculated in Appendix 1 to the report submitted, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, be approved.</p> <p>(2) That it be noted that the tax base, once formally determined, cannot subsequently be altered and will be used when the Council sets the Council Tax for 2026/27.</p>
Review of Winter Maintenance	<p>That the Council be recommended to conduct a full strategic review of the Winter Maintenance Programme, as outlined in the report submitted, to include: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessment of primary and secondary gritting routes.</li><li>• Review of grit bin usage, bin locations and refill protocols.</li><li>• Review of winter maintenance equipment and stock.</li><li>• Assessment of communications.</li><li>• Analysis of enquiry responses and customer feedback.</li></ul>

Dudley Local Plan – Main Modifications and Consultation	(1)	That the update on the progress of the Dudley Local Plan (DLP) Examination in Public and the Inspector’s correspondence, be noted.
	(2)	That the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure, be authorised to approve the proposed Main Modifications to the Plan and their publication for a six-week consultation.
Infrastructure Funding Statement 2025	(1)	That the Infrastructure Funding Statement 2025, be approved.
	(2)	That the available Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies, be noted.
	(3)	That the Neighbourhood CIL funding in 2024/25 financial year, be noted.
Procurement of a Flexible Learning Support Framework for Young People in Dudley	(1)	That the procurement and implementation of a Flexible Learning Support Framework (FLSF) with an initial term of 3 years and extension options up to 5 years (a maximum of 8 years) to improve educational outcomes for children and young people across Dudley, be approved.
	(2)	That the Director of Children and Young People be authorised to award contracts via the framework under the evaluation criteria, as set out in the report submitted.
	(3)	That the Director of Children and Young People be authorised to approve subsequent extensions of the contract under the framework terms.

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Private Session Item

The following reports to the Cabinet contain exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority holding that information).

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Proposal to declare part of the former Coseley School surplus to requirements.	<p>(1) That the principle that part of the former Coseley School, as identified on the plan appended to the report, as surplus to Councils' requirements, be endorsed.</p> <p>(2) That the freehold value of the property on disposal presently estimated to be in excess of the threshold, thereby requiring Cabinet approval to be declared surplus per the land disposal protocol, be noted.</p> <p>(3) That the Group Director of Housing and Assets, be authorised to finalise and agree the terms and conditions of the transaction and any other ancillary agreements to facilitate a disposal.</p> <p>(4) That Legal Services be authorised to complete the necessary legal documentation to facilitate a disposal.</p>
Building Safety and Compliance Contract	<p>(1) That the direct award to a specialist contractor, be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the requirement to respond within the specified time frames for the provision of technical building information, be noted.</p> <p>(3) That the Group Director of Housing and Assets, in consultation with the Council's Monitoring Officer, be authorised to approve the terms of the contract with the specialist contractor.</p>

*(Note: In accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rules, the Chair of the Housing and Assets Scrutiny Committee has agreed that the matter is urgent and should be considered in private session. Any delay in awarding the contract could result in non-compliance with the required legislation.*

*In line with the Council's Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules, the Mayor has also agreed that the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred. The decision will therefore be implemented with immediate effect and reported to the next meeting of Full Council for information).*

Details of the above decisions are set out in the reports considered at the Cabinet meeting. The public reports are available on the [Council's Website](#) or may be obtained by contacting Democratic Services (contact 01384 815238; e-mail [democratic.services@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@dudley.gov.uk)).

Except where otherwise stated, or where matters have been referred to the Full Council, the decisions will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of five working days from 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026, unless a decision is called in for scrutiny.

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*(Display until 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026)*