



Colchester
City Council

Cabinet Meeting

**Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, High Street,
Colchester, CO1 1PJ
Wednesday, 10 July 2024 at 18:00**

The Cabinet deals with the implementation of all Council services, putting into effect the policies agreed by Full Council and making recommendations to Full Council on policy issues and the budget.

Information for Members of the Public

Access to information and meetings

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<https://colchester.cmis.uk.com/colchester/MeetingCalendar.aspx>.

Most meetings take place in public. This only changes when certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual are considered. At this point you will be told whether there are any issues to be discussed in private, if so, you will be asked to leave the meeting.

Have Your Say!

The Council welcomes contributions and representations from members of the public at most public meetings. If you would like to speak at a meeting and need to find out more, please refer to the Have Your Say! arrangements here:

<https://colchester.cmis.uk.com/colchester/HaveYourSay.aspx>.

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Access

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Security Procedures

It is a condition of entry that members of the public are searched on arrival. This is conducted by a member of the Council Hall Keeping team. This may include a search of your person and bags with an electronic device or by hand. Please inform the Hall Keeping Team if you have a health condition. The team will always include a female member. The team are Security Industry Authority trained and the searches are conducted in line with the relevant regulations. Please note that placards, large bags, umbrellas, food and items that might disturb the meeting must be left in reception for collection on exit.

Facilities

Toilets with lift access are on each floor of the Town Hall. A water dispenser is available on the first floor.

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Leader and Chair	Councillor King Councillor Cory Councillor Goss Councillor Jay Councillor Luxford Vaughan Councillor Smith Councillor Sommers
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AGENDA
THE LIST OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING
(Part A - open to the public)

Live Broadcast

Please follow this link to watch the meeting live on YouTube:

[\(107\) ColchesterCBC - YouTube](#)

1 Welcome and Announcements

The Chair will welcome members of the public and Councillors to the meeting and remind those participating to mute their microphones when not talking. The Chair will invite all Councillors and Officers participating in the meeting to introduce themselves.

2 Urgent Items

The Chair will announce if there is any item not on the published agenda which will be considered because it is urgent and will explain the reason for the urgency.

3 Declarations of Interest

Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the agenda about which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the item or participating in any vote upon the item, or any other registerable interest or non-registerable interest.

4 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Cabinet will be invited to confirm that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2024 are a correct record.

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5 **Have Your Say! (Hybrid Cabinet Meetings)**

Up to eight members of the public may make representations to Cabinet meetings on any item on the agenda or any other matter relating to the business of Cabinet. Each representation may be no more than three minutes. Members of the public wishing to address Cabinet **must** register their wish to address the meeting by e-mailing democratic.services@colchester.gov.uk by 12.00 noon on the working day before the meeting. In addition, a written copy of the representation should be supplied.

6 **Decisions Reviewed by the Scrutiny Panel**

Cabinet will consider the outcome of a review of a decision by the Scrutiny Panel under the call-in procedure. At the time of the publication of this agenda, there were none.

7 **Resources**

7(i) **Financial Planning Framework 2025/26 to 2029/30**

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Cabinet will consider a report setting out a proposed approach to Financial Planning for the next five years (2025/26 to 2029/30) in the light of both the financial impact of external factors and the Council's own internal financial drivers.

7(ii) **Progress of External Audit**

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Cabinet will consider the recommendation made by the Governance and Audit Committee at its meeting on 18 June 2024.

8 **Housing**

8(i) **Housing Ombudsman Report**

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Cabinet will consider a report informing Cabinet of the findings made in a recent report by the Housing Ombudsman in relation to Colchester Borough Homes.

9 **General**

9(i) **Progress of Responses to the Public**

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Cabinet will consider a report setting out the progress of responses to members of the public who spoken under the Have Your Say provisions at recent meetings of Council, Cabinet and the Council's Committees and Panels.

10 **Exclusion of the Public (Cabinet)**

In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in accordance with The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt information (for example personal, financial or legal advice), in Part B of this agenda (printed on yellow paper) can be decided. (Exempt information is defined in Section 100I and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

Part B
(not open to the public including the press)

11 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Cabinet will be invited to confirm that the not for publication extract from minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2024 are a correct record.

05-06-24 not for publication extract

- This report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (financial / business affairs of a particular person, including the authority holding information).
- This report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (claim to legal professional privilege).