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Date: Wednesday, 25 February 2026

To all Members of the Council

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, 5 March 2026 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford to consider the following items of business.

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Yours sincerely



Sara Pregon
Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

Opening Prayer

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest

[Link to further information in the Council's Constitution](#)

3. Minutes of the Meetings held on 20 and 27 November 2025 (Pages 1 - 20)

To receive as a correct record the minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 20 and 27 November 2025.

4. Mayor's Announcements
5. Leader's Announcements
6. Chief Executive's Announcements

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7. Citizens' Questions

[To answer questions submitted by Citizens on the Council or its services.](#)

8. Petitions

9. 2026/27 Budget and Financial Strategy (Pages 21 - 182)

The report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services is attached.

10. Council Tax Resolution 2026/27 (Pages 183 - 192)

The report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services is attached.

11. Update on the Political Composition of the Council and Committee Membership

The report of the Chief Executive is To Follow.

12. Barton in Fabis Community Governance Review (Pages 193 - 212)

The report of the Chief Executive is attached.

13. Notices of Motion

[To receive Notices of Motion](#)

a) Councillor Birch

“Council notes that:

1. Physical cash remains essential for residents who cannot, or choose not to, use digital payment systems.
2. Cash protects personal liberty by providing:
 - autonomy over personal finances without reliance on banks or devices;
 - privacy without mandatory data trails;
 - resilience when digital systems fail or networks go down; and
 - equality for residents excluded by digital-only services.
3. Removing cash acceptance risks making access to council services conditional on technology, wealth, or digital proficiency, which undermines fairness and public confidence.

Council believes that:

- a. Access to cash is a matter of civic freedom and informed

- choice, not nostalgia.
- b. Councils should lead by example in preserving the right to use cash for on-site payments.
 - c. Residents should not be compelled into digital systems to participate in everyday civic life.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Guarantee that physical cash will continue to be accepted as a payment option at all council-owned premises where on-site payments are taken.
2. Require an Equality Impact Assessment and committee approval before any move to cashless operation is considered for a Council service or venue.
3. Instruct the Chief Executive to review current payment arrangements and report within three months on:
 - where cash is currently accepted;
 - where it has been removed in the last five years;
 - options to reinstate cash access where appropriate.

Write to relevant partners and contractors to encourage the continued acceptance of cash in Council-affiliated services.”

b) Councillor Thomas

“The Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the Gamston/Tollerton Sustainable Urban Extension has been subject to full public consultation and revision and was unanimously supported at the cross-party Local Development Forum on 7 January 2026. It was considered by Cabinet on 13 January 2026. Cabinet supported the principle of the SPD but paused the approval process in order to write to various parties – this action has now been taken, and replies have been received showing that considerable progress has been made since this action was taken.

Council recognises both the importance of the SPD to delivery of housing in Rushcliffe and the concerns expressed by residents about potential contamination, flooding and highways matters.

Council supports adoption of the East of Gamston/North of Tollerton Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document at the earliest opportunity.

Council notes that the process going forward requires planning applications for development on any part of the site, necessitating public consultation, and in particular that:

- (a) para 3.23 of the SPD has been amended to expand on safeguards re contamination during the individual application stages;

- (b) highways and access proposals will be published for full public consultation before approval of any planning applications on the site;
- (c) a flood risk assessment will be required to accompany any planning application on the site where this is relevant, to be subject to review by the relevant consultees.”

Membership

Chair: Councillor J Cottee

Vice-Chair: Councillor R Butler

Councillors: M Barney, J Billin, T Birch, R Bird, A Brennan, A Brown, S Calvert, J Chaplain, K Chewings, N Clarke, T Combellack, S Dellar, A Edyvean, S Ellis, G Fletcher, M Gaunt, E Georgiou, P Gowland, C Grocock, R Inglis, R Mallender, S Mallender, D Mason, P Matthews, H Om, H Parekh, A Phillips, L Plant, D Polenta, N Regan, D Simms, D Soloman, C Thomas, R Upton, D Virdi, J Walker, R Walker, L Way, T Wells, G Wheeler, J Wheeler and G Williams

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