

**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
CABINET
TUESDAY, 14 APRIL 2026**

Held at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber B, Rushcliffe Arena,
Rugby Road, West Bridgford
and live streamed on Rushcliffe Borough Council's YouTube channel

PRESENT:

Councillors N Clarke (Chair), A Brennan (Vice-Chair), R Inglis, R Upton, D Virdi
and J Wheeler

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

D Banks	Director of Neighbourhoods
A Hill	Chief Executive
P Linfield	Director of Finance and Corporate Services
S Pregon	Monitoring Officer
H Tambini	Democratic Services Manager

The Leader advised that there had been a change to the published agenda and Item 7 was being withdrawn. Further information was required before the report could be considered to address concerns of stakeholders. A report on the Local Development Order would now be brought to Cabinet on 12 May for consideration.

72 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

73 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 March 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2026 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

74 Citizens' Questions

There were no Citizens' questions.

75 Opposition Group Leaders' Questions

The Leader advised that a question was submitted by Cllr J Walker but as it was connected to Item 7, which had now been withdrawn, the question no longer met the criteria for Opposition Group Leaders' Questions, as outlined in the Constitution and it had therefore also been withdrawn.

76 **Update to the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy 2026-2031**

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing, Councillor Upton, presented the report of the Director – Neighbourhoods, which detailed the updated Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy 2026-2031.

Councillor Upton stated that Cabinet was asked to consider and approve the adoption of a new Policy, to ensure compliance with the Renters Rights Act 2025, which would come into force on 1 May 2026, with details of the Policy outlined in Appendix 1 to the report. Councillor Upton referred to the changes to private rented sector tenancies, which would come into force from 1 May, as detailed in paragraph 4.4 of the report. The Policy gave information on how the Council intended to enforce compliance with the legislation, including housing conditions in Private Sector and Registered Provider properties, and landlords' obligations in the Private Rented Sector. Councillor Upton confirmed that the updated Policy retained all the existing Housing Act 2004, licensing, public health and environmental health enforcement processes from the version approved in 2024 and it remained part of the Council's Corporate Enforcement Policy.

In seconding the recommendation, Councillor Inglis welcomed this report for the benefits it brought to tenants, with new powers afforded to officers and landlord responsibilities, in advance of the Renters Rights Act coming into force. He stated that whilst the majority of landlords were responsible, Councillors were all aware of tenants' complaints related to rented accommodation and factors negatively affecting their quality of life and health. The Policy addressed many of those issues and detailed how they would be managed and enforced where necessary. He felt that it was essential that the Policy was adopted to align with the new legislation coming into effect on 1 May 2026.

It was RESOLVED that:

- a) the new Housing Enforcement Policy 2026-31 at Appendix 1 to the report be adopted, to take effect from 15 April 2026; and
- b) the Director – Neighbourhood be granted delegated authority to make minor changes to the adopted Policy to comply with legislation, guidance and good practice.

The meeting closed at 7.06 pm.

CHAIR