# MINUTES OF THE Cabinet HELD ON Friday, 13th November, 2026, 1.30 - 1.51 pm

## PRESENT:

## Councillors: Mark Blake (Chair), Tammy Hymas (Vice-Chair), Johann Beckford, Ata Berk Aksit, Dixie-Ann Joseph and Erin Wolson

## ALSO ATTENDING:

## Councillors: Luke Cawley-Harrison

### 96. EXPLANATORY NOTE

**RESOLVED:**

The explanatory note was noted.

### 97. FILMING AT MEETINGS

**RESOLVED:**

The filming at meetings notice was noted.

### 98. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Kuper, Iozzi, Twigg and Khan

### 99. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Beckford declared that they had been appointed by the Council to the membership of the North London Waste Authority in May 2026 by virtue of my Cabinet responsibilities. The North London Waste Authority have a working relationship with the Lee Valley Heat Network referred to in the report and recommendations. Councillor Beckford had been granted special dispensation to vote on matters relating to North London Waste Authority by the Standards Committee in June 2026 and was able to participate in the meeting.

### 100. MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - SELBY URBAN VILLAGE - AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR HEAT SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS

The Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee explained the report and the reasons identified for the Call-In.

It was explained that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had concerns about the information that was contained in the exempt part of the Cabinet report pack and felt that some of the exempt documents contained information that could have been made public. Therefore, the Committee made a recommendation to the Monitoring Officer, that future Cabinet reports are compiled with information that prioritises the public interest, and that exempt information is added as a last resort. This could mean having a document that has redactions of exempt information rather than full exemption of appendices or other papers. However, the Committee did not feel that for this particular decision, that whether the information was public or exempt altered the decision made by the Cabinet.

It was additionally noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that additional exempt information was not presented to Cabinet in the report to them on the 20 October 2026 when they took the decision. It was therefore stressed that this information could have materially changed the Cabinet's decision and that this further information is provided to Cabinet in an additional report to allow them to reconsider their decision with full information to hand.

It was explained that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee did not see a requirement to recommend that the report be referred for refusal, due to the significant financial impact that this would have upon the Council.

The Cabinet had agreed with both of these recommendations, and had responded to both, by implementing additional training for officers and by including the additional exempt information in the agenda pack for consideration.

**RESOLVED:**

That Cabinet:

1. Would reconsider the decision with the additional information in the report to Cabinet: **OFFICER RESPONSE TO MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - SELBY URBAN VILLAGE - AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR HEAT SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS**

2. Agreed recommendation one of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the report writing guidance section on exempt information will be refreshed and circulated to all report authors. There will also be manager training workshop organised to further reiterate the prioritisation of public interest when separating information in a report.

3. Agreed recommendation two of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that further information, as outlined in the call-in report, was provided to Cabinet in an additional report to allow them to consider the decision with full information to hand.

**101. OFFICER RESPONSE TO MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - SELBY URBAN VILLAGE - AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR HEAT SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS**

The Cabinet Member for Placemaking introduced their report.

It was explained that they welcomed the feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the additional information provided. It was explained that the decision that had been taken by Cabinet on 20 October 2026, with the additional information to guide Cabinet, was still a correct one.

**RESOLVED:**

Following acceptance of these recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet, following consideration of exempt and additional exempt information:

1. Agreed to reaffirm the resolutions made at Cabinet on 20 October 2026.

**102. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:**

That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting to consider this exempt information as defined under paragraphs 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**103. EXEMPT - MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - SELBY URBAN VILLAGE - AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR HEAT SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS**

The exempt reports were discussed.

**RESOLVED:**

The exempt reports were noted.

**104. ADDITIONAL EXEMPT APPENDICES - SELBY URBAN VILLAGE - AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR HEAT SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS**

The additional exempt information was discussed.

**RESOLVED:**

The additional exempt information was noted.

CHAIR: Councillor Mark Blake

Signed by Chair ……..

Date ……