MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2026, 3:30PM – 3:40PM

PRESENT: Councillor Johann Beckford, Cabinet Member for Finance & Corporate

In attendance: Enrico Borrello Essa, Business Relationship Manager and Nazyer Choudhury, Principal Committee Co-Ordinator

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Cabinet Member referred to the notice of filming at meetings and this information was noted.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / QUESTIONS

There were none.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT TO MERCHANT ACQUIRER RE-PROCUREMENT

The 'Re-Procurement of Merchant Acquirer Services and award of Contract' report was initially approved by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services on Wednesday, 6 May 2026. However, following a review by legal colleagues of the contract, there was an administrative error in respect of the company referred to within the report (i.e. Global Pay and Global Payments).

Whilst the company traded as Global Payments, the correct legal company name for contracting purposes is GPUK LLP. Therefore, the report sought to correct the administrative error in the original report and replace any previous reference to Global Pay or Global Payments with the contracting entity GPUK LLP.

The Cabinet Member RESOLVED

1. To note the administrative error in the original report referring to Global Pay and Global Payments;

2. To approve the administrative amendment to the correct legal entity being GPUK LLP for the purposes of awarding and entering into the contract as originally approved by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services on 6th May 2026.

Reasons for decision

The name of the company referred to in the initial report was incorrect and the Council was unable to proceed to enter the contract until the name was amended to the correct legal entity.

By re-procuring the Council's merchant acquiring services via CCS Framework 6325 with the existing provider, the Council would secure materially improved commercial terms and address a significant budget pressure.

To ensure the Council could proceed with the re-procurement, approval was therefore sought from the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services to amend the original report and replace any previous reference to Global Pay or Global Payments with the contracting entity GPUK LLP.

Alternative options considered

If the Council did not change the company name, then the re-procurement could not proceed.

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor Johann Beckford

Signed by Cabinet Member ……..

Date ……28 October 2026……