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**Part A – Items considered in public**

4.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 December 2025 were <b>APPROVED</b> as a correct record and <b>SIGNED</b> by the Deputy Leader.
5.	Draft Budget Report 2026/27	<p>The Cabinet had before it a report * from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) on providing a further update on the progress towards balancing the budget for 2026/27 and future years.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The updated General Fund budgetary position included within Section 2 was <b>NOTED</b>.</li> <li>2. The headline update from the recently announced Local Government Finance Settlement within Section 3, and that work continues to understand the implications for the Council be <b>NOTED</b>.</li> <li>3. The updated Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budgetary position included within Section 5 was <b>NOTED</b>, and the specific savings proposals contained within paragraph 5.4 were <b>AGREED</b>.</li> </ol> <p>Note: *Report previously circulated</p>

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6.	Multi- Storey Solar Project	<p>The Cabinet had before it a report * from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) to consider the Phoenix Lane Solar and Battery Energy Storage System.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Phoenix Lane Solar and Battery Energy Storage System project as outlined within Option 3 be <b>APPROVED</b>.</li> <li>2. That delegated authority be granted to the Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk - in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive s151 and the Head of Finance, Property and Climate Resilience - to deliver the Phoenix Lane Solar and Battery Energy Storage System project.</li> </ol> <p>Note: *Report previously circulated</p>
7.	Crediton GP Surgery- Additional Loan	<p>The Cabinet had before it a report * from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) to consider an additional long-term loan to the Redlands Primary Care in Crediton.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delegated authority be granted to the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) to top-up c£70k of the original loan taking the outstanding balance back to the original £2.175m.</li> <li>2. An additional loan to the GP Practice of £150k be <b>APPROVED</b>.</li> </ol>

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		<p>3. Both loans are repaid by June 2048 on an annuity basis at a commercially fixed interest rate, subject to the completion of legal due diligence and documentation be <b>APPROVED</b>.</p> <p>Note: *Report previously circulated</p>
8.	Green Enterprise Grants	<p>The Cabinet had before it a report * from the Head of Finance, Property and Climate Resilience and Climate and Sustainability Specialist proposing to continue and improve the current scheme, to build on the success whilst learning from experience thus far.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Green Enterprise Grant scheme to continue to run for a new phase April 2026 to December 2028 inclusive be <b>APPROVED</b>.</li> <li>2. That delegated authority be granted to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with the Head of Finance, Property and Climate Resilience, to deliver the Green Enterprise Grant scheme.</li> <li>3. An interim performance review report after the 2026- 2027 financial year and a final review report when the scheme ends be presented to Cabinet.</li> </ol> <p>Note: *Report previously circulated</p>

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9.	Northern Devon Railway Development Alliance	<p>The Cabinet had before it a report * from the Strategic Manager Growth, Economy and Delivery introducing the work of the Northern Devon Railway Development Alliance (NDRDA) to develop a strategic outline business case for significant capital investment in the North Devon Line between Exeter and Barnstaple.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Mid Devon District Council supports the Northern Devon Railway Development Alliance (NDRDA) by officially joining the alliance to achieve delivery of a modernisation programme for the North Devon (Tarka) Line passenger rail services between Exeter and Barnstaple, to achieve the associated economic, social and environmental benefits for our local communities and businesses.</li> <li>2. A financial contribution of £1,000 to support the third annual convention of the NDRDA scheduled for March 2026 at a location in Mid Devon be <b>APPROVED</b>.</li> </ol> <p>Note: *Report previously circulated</p>

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10.	Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) Annual report	<p>The Cabinet had before it a report * from the Director of Legal, People and Governance (Monitoring Offer) providing an update to Cabinet Members on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA).</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Council's policy for ensuring compliance with Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) was appropriate and shall remain as currently drafted;</li> <li>b) That the Council had not used its powers under RIPA since March 2014 be <b>NOTED</b>.</li> </ul> <p>As recommended by the Community, People and Equality PDG.</p> <p>Note: * Report previously circulated.</p>
11.	Leisure Pricing Strategy	<p>The Cabinet had before it a report * from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) presenting the proposal on the Leisure Pricing Strategy.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A freeze on membership prices for the forthcoming year to support affordability and encourage sustained participation, while increasing pay as you go tariffs in line with inflation and market rates be <b>APPROVED</b>. The charges proposed were in section 3.10 of this report.</li> </ul>

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		<p>This report had previously been <b>NOTED</b> by the Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement PDG</p> <p>Note: *Report previously circulated</p>
12.	Access to Information- Exclusion of Press & Public	<p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the meeting remain in Part 1.</p>
13.	Padel Business Case	<p>The Cabinet had before it a report * from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) on the Padel Business Case.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet <b>APPROVED</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All three tennis courts at Active Tiverton be converted to Padel courts.</li> <li>2. One tennis court at Active Crediton be converted to one Padel court and one Pickleball court.</li> <li>3. The relocation of the tennis courts to Amory Park.</li> <li>4. To finalise any due diligence/obtaining of references deemed necessary before the legal agreement was finalised.</li> <li>5. That Delegated Authority be granted to the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) officer and Director of Legal, People and Governance (Monitoring Officer) to sign and approve the legal agreement.</li> </ol> <p>Note: *Report previously circulated</p>

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<b>14.</b>	Notification of Key Decisions	The Cabinet had before it, and <b>NOTED</b> , the Notification of Key Decisions.  Note: * Key Decisions Report previously circulated.