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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 September 2025 were APPROVED as a correct record and SIGNED by the Leader.
5.	Draft Budget Report 2026/2027	<p>The Cabinet had before it a report * from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) Officer and the Head of Finance, Property and Climate Resilience on the draft Budget 2026/27.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council moved an AMENDMENT that ‘and Amber’ be removed from recommendation 1,2,3 and 4 and recommendation 5 be deferred to the next Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>Upon a vote being taken the AMENDMENT was declared to have been CARRIED.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Green pressures on the General Fund within Appendix 1 be AGREED. 2. The Green savings options for the General Fund for services reporting directly into the Cabinet, as shown within Appendix 2 be AGREED. 3. The Green savings options for the General Fund for services reporting into the five Policy Development Groups Cabinet within Appendix 3, taking into account the recommendations from the Policy Development Groups as noted in paragraph 2.11 be AGREED. 4. The Green savings options for the Housing Revenue Account within Appendix 4, taking into account the recommendations from the Homes Policy Development Group as noted in paragraph 2.11 be AGREED. 5. The pressures / savings options with a Red risk/deliverability rating within

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		<p>Appendices 1 – 4 and if any should be included within the 2026/27 Budget; was AGREED to be deferred to the next meeting of the Cabinet.</p> <p>6. Any additional suggestions to balance the remaining shortfall for both the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account and any further savings identified by the Policy Development Groups and recommended back to Cabinet for approval, be considered.</p> <p>Note: *Report previously circulated</p>
6.	Corporate Performance Report	<p>Cabinet had before it and NOTED a report * from the Corporate Performance and Improvement Manager and the Head of People, Performance & Waste on the Corporate Performance.</p> <p>Note: *Report previously circulated</p>
7.	Corporate Risk Report	<p>Cabinet had before it and NOTED a report * from the Corporate Performance and Improvement Manager and the Head of People, Performance & Waste on the Corporate Risk.</p> <p>Note: *Report previously circulated</p>
8.	Public Space Protection Order Dog Variation Order- Silverton	<p>Cabinet had before it a report * from the Head of People, Performance & Waste and Environment and Enforcement Manager recommending the commencement of statutory procedures (including consultation) to vary by order the Mid Devon (Public Spaces Protection) (Dog Control) Order 2024 and to delegate authority to decide whether to make the order of variation after consultation has taken place.</p>

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		<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On being satisfied that the statutory grounds for varying the Mid Devon (Public Spaces Protection) (Dog Control) Order 2024 (“the Dog Control PSPO”) were met, as detailed in the report, to allow officers to commence statutory consultation for the following: 2. The Dog Control PSPO be varied by including the prohibition that dogs were excluded from the area known as the recreation ground Silverton (as shown on the plan at Appendix 1). To grant Delegated Authority to the Director of Legal, People & Governance (Monitoring Officer) to draft the necessary order varying the Dog Control PSPO that could then go out to consultation. 3. Delegated authority be given to the Operations Manager for Street Scene and Open Spaces, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement etc. to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the responses to the necessary consultation, publicity and notification • Decide whether to refer the matter back to Cabinet for a decision or to decide in the light of the responses received whether to make the Variation Order and to authorise the Director of Legal, People and Governance (Monitoring Officer) to seal the order • Authorise, if it is considered appropriate, the Director of Legal, People and Governance (Monitoring Officer) to make any minor amendments to the draft of the variation order prior to sealing the variation order.

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		<p>4. A general delegation be made to the Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement to decide any further future variations to the Dog Control PSPO proposed by the Operations Manager for Street Scene and Open Spaces following the necessary statutory consultation, publicity and notification requirements for future PSPOs.</p> <p>5. Delegation be given to the Director of Legal, People and Governance (Monitoring Officer) to make orders of variation, following decisions from the Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>(i) *Report previously circulated</p> <p>(ii) Cllr J Wright declared a personal interest as he was a member of Silverton Parish Council.</p>
9.	Public Spaces Protection Order- Alcohol Prohibition	<p>Cabinet had before it a report * from the Head of People, Performance & Waste and Environment and Enforcement Manager recommending the approval of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in order to tackle anti-social behaviour associated with the public consumption of alcohol in Crediton Town Centre.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>1. On being satisfied that the statutory grounds for making the Crediton Order were met, authorisation be given to the Operations Manager for Street Scene and Open Spaces to carry out the necessary statutory consultation, publicity and notification for the proposed Crediton Order.</p>

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		<p>2. Delegated authority be granted to the Director of Legal, People & Governance (Monitoring Officer) to draft the Crediton Order to go out to consultation.</p> <p>3. Delegated authority be given to the Operations Manager for Street Scene and Open Spaces, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement, to then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the responses to the necessary consultation, publicity and notification • Decide, in light of the responses received to the consultation, whether to not proceed with the order if there were numerous material objections, or to authorise the Director of Legal, People and Governance (Monitoring Officer) to seal the order. • To authorise the Director of Legal, People and Governance (Monitoring Officer) to make any minor amendments to the draft of the Crediton Order prior to sealing. <p>Note:</p> <p>(i) *Report previously circulated.</p> <p>(ii) Cllr J Downes declared a personal interest as he was a member of Crediton Town Council and residing in Crediton.</p>
10.	Bin it 123- Next steps and additional recycling	Cabinet had before it a report * from the Head of People, Performance & Waste and Operations Manager Street Scene and Open Spaces reviewing the progress made to date by Bin-It 123 and which considered the key elements of the next strategic phase

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		<p>that were necessary to maximise recycling rates as well as increase resident engagement and support.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Following discussion at the Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement PDG on the 15 September 2025, Cabinet were asked to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The strategy regarding the direction of travel for increasing resident awareness and participation with the Bin-It 123 schemes. This was APPROVED. 2. A request for an evidence-based paper from Officers on the impact of the potential additional recycling collections, including pilots of these collections, for review before consideration was given. This request was APPROVED. <p>Note: *Report previously circulated</p>
11.	Variation of Tenancy Agreement	The Leader of the Council stated that the Variation of Tenancy Agreement would be deferred to the next meeting of the Cabinet.
12.	Mid Devon Housing (MDH) Mobility Scooter in Flats Policy	<p>Cabinet had before it a report * from the Head of Housing and Health setting out the proposed new policy in relation to mobility scooters in flats.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p>

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		<p>Cabinet recommends to Council to adopt the Mobility Scooter in Flats Policy and Equality Impact Assessment contained in Annexes A and B respectively as recommended by the Homes Policy Development Group.</p> <p>Note: *Report previously circulated</p>
13.	Play Area Inspection Policy	<p>Cabinet had before it a report * from the Head of Finance, Property and Climate Resilience reviewing the Council's management of play area risk assessment and safety.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The continued approach for the inspection and risk assessment of the council's play areas and that these were brought back for future review no later than 2028 as recommended by the Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group be APPROVED.</p> <p>Note: *Report previously circulated</p>
14.	Memorial Tree and Seat Policy	<p>Cabinet had before it a report * from the Head of Finance, Property and Climate Resilience reviewing a proposed new policy for Memorial Seats and Trees on Council property.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>To recommend to Full Council the adoption of the Memorial Benches and Memorial</p>

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		<p>Tree Policy as recommended by the Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group</p> <p>Note: *Report previously circulated</p>
15.	Notification of Key Decisions	<p>The Cabinet had before it, and NOTED, the Notification of Key Decisions.</p> <p>Note: * Key Decisions Report previously circulated.</p>