



Joint Cabinet Committee
Thursday 28 May 2026
Record of Decisions

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Agenda Item		Decision
1.	Appointment of Chair	Councillor Juned was appointed as Chair for the meeting
2.	Apologies for Absence	These will be detailed in the minutes
3.	Disclosure of Interest	These will be detailed in the minutes
4.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The minutes were approved

<p>5</p>	<p>South Warwickshire Local Plan – Publication (Regulation 19 Plan)</p>	<p>It is recommended to the Council meetings of Stratford-on-Avon District Council (8 June 2026) and Warwick District Council (1 June 2026) that both Councils:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) note that the large number of properties to be built over the plan period is almost completely determined by Central Government, not by local Authorities; that both Councils are highly sceptical of the methodology, reasoning and levels of certainty used to determine the number of houses they are being required to allocate. (2) , notwithstanding the above recommendation, note the importance of a having sound, up-to-date local plan to prevent the uncoordinated delivery of potentially less favourable sites for development and maximise the delivery of infrastructure to support development, noting also the particular importance of this given that neither district currently can demonstrate a five-year supply of housing land. (3) note the importance of submitting a Local Plan to the Secretary of State by 31 December 2026 in light of the Government’s declared intention that Local Plans prepared under current regulations cannot be submitted after that time. (4) endorse the extensive work that has been undertaken by officers and Councillors to prepare the South Warwickshire Local Plan and the previous public consultations that have been undertaken on it, and note that further work on plan viability was underway which will be presented as an addendum to this report. (5) agree to temporarily delay consideration of the Publication draft South Warwickshire Local Plan (appendix 1) together with appendices 2 to 7, and the supporting evidence base (together the “proposed submission documents”) for a minimum six-week public consultation (period for representations) in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulation 2012, subject to the other Council also approving these documents. Ask officers, during this short delay to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. remove from the plan some of the worst performing sites in Warwick District, totalling between 1500 and 2000 homes
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6.	Urgent Business	There was no urgent business.