

Summary of Comments made on the Cabinet Agenda for Thursday 16 October 2025

4. Annual Treasury Management Report

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee thanked officers for the report.

The Committee reminded Cabinet that the report was an opportunity to explain how lending is secured as well as borrowed.

The Committee congratulated officers for their work which had led to exceeding peer group performance on treasury management.

14. Kenilworth School Sites (Confidential item)

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee thanked officers for the report.

The Committee asked Cabinet and officers to review the need for confidentiality of reports and pre-scrutiny questions and answers to avoid excessive confidentiality where possible.

The Committee reminded Cabinet of the significant risks of the project.

The Committee emphasised the need for the forthcoming report to come to Cabinet in February 2026.

The Committee asked that clarity for residents and other interested parties could be ensured.

5. Fees and Charges 2026-2027

The Budget Review Group asked that Cabinet prioritise the Commercial Strategy and ensure resources are put behind it. The Group expressed disappointment that it is yet to be circulated.

There was concern amongst several Members regarding the absence of the Parking Strategy from the Fees and Charges and the Group's ability to scrutinise the budget as a whole in its absence.

The Group had a good level of discussion regarding Green Bin Fees and Members were concerned about the impact on finances. The Group emphasised the importance of understanding the reasons for customer behaviour and the data behind it to allow the correct decisions to be made.

The Group discussed Bereavement Services and noted the work of Commercial Gov in this area.

The Group asked that a conversation regarding the costs of the new Everyone Active facility in Castle Farm, Kenilworth, happen as soon as possible to enable Councillors to be aware of cost consistency across the leisure facilities in the District.