

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources
held at 11.00 am on Wednesday, 15 July 2026

Present:

Members: Councillor R Brown (Cabinet Member)
 Councillor F Beechey (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Other Members: Councillor S Gray

Employees (By Service
Area):

Finance and Resources P Stafford, B Strain

Law and Governance T Robinson

Public Business

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

3. Corporate Debt Recovery Strategy

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources considered a report of the Director of Finance and Resources which set out the detail of the Council's proposed Corporate Debt Recovery Strategy, recommending the strategy be adopted. The strategy covered various forms of income due to the council, including local taxation, penalty charge notices and sundry fees and charges.

Additionally, the strategy formally documented the Council's current approach to debt management and did not propose any material changes to current approaches to the recovery of debt. Specifically, the report outlined the four key principles of the Council's approach to debt recovery: Robust and proportionate collection; Efficient administration; Financial inclusion; and Minimise arrears and bad debt.

The Cabinet Member, Councillor R Brown, and officers emphasised the importance of balance in debt recovery – to emphasise financial sustainability and maximise collection but protect its most vulnerable residents. Information was also provided on debt collection techniques and the support available to the most vulnerable residents.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources approves the adoption of the Council's Corporate Debt Recovery Strategy as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the report.

4. **Any other items of public business which the Cabinet Member decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.**

(Meeting closed at 11.20 am)