

Cabinet – 16 March 2026

Report Title

Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-wide

Summary

1.1 Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) met on 11 March 2026 to scrutinise the following reports that would be considered at the Cabinet meeting on 16 March 2026.

- Best Start Plan 2026-2029 (Listed as Item 9 on the Cabinet agenda)
- Transport Capital Programme 2026/27 (Listed as Item 14 on the Cabinet agenda)

1.2 Having reviewed the reports and the recommendations, the Board, resolved as follows in respect of these items listed:

Item	Recommendations
Best Start Plan 2026-2029 (Listed as Item 9 on the Cabinet agenda)	<p>Resolved: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board supported the recommendations that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the activity to date to improve early years outcomes and tackle inequalities. 2. Approve the Best Start Local Plan for implementation from April 2026. <p>An additional recommendation to Cabinet was that:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYPS work with the DPSE to identify information in relation to specific neighbourhoods, and this informs the development and work of the Best Start Local Plan.
<p>Transport Capital Programme 2026/27 (Listed as Item 14 on the Cabinet agenda)</p>	<p>Resolved: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board supported the recommendations that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the schemes and allocations of funding, as set out in paragraph 2.3, subject to approval of the Council Budget on 4 March 2026. 2. Approves the schemes and allocations of funding outlined in Section 2 of this report, including the reallocation of savings made on capital projects delivered within budget as described in paragraph 1.6. 3. Delegates authority to the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy, to determine the schemes to be delivered in 2026-27 through to 2029-30 with the Minor Works allocation, subject to approval of the Council Budget in March 2026. 4. Delegates authority to the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy, to determine the schemes to be delivered in 2026-27 with the School Crossing Patrol Improvements allocation referred to in paragraph 2.2.6. 5. Delegates authority to the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy, to determine the use of any underspends across the Transport Capital Programme to fund the delivery of other approved transport programmes, or the progression of designs for potential future projects.

Recommendation

That Cabinet has regard to the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board when making decisions in respect of the above matters.

List of Appendices Included

None

Background Papers

None