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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA	DECISIONS	ACTION
1. Declarations of Interest See guidance note below.	None	
2. Questions from County Councillors	None	
3. Petitions and Public Address	None	
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2026 and for the Chair to sign them as a correct record.	The minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2026 were confirmed by the Chair as correct.	
5. Updating Thresholds for Section 19 Flood Investigation Reports <i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment and Economy <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2026/105 <i>Key Decision</i> <i>Contact:</i> James Linnane, Senior Flood Risk Management Officer Report by Director of Economy and Place (CMDEE5). To consider proposals to update the Section 19 Flood Investigation reports. The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to: a) Recognise the statutory	Recommendation Approved	DPE(J Linnane)

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duties of the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, including the role of thresholds in triggering formal investigations. b) Acknowledge the extent of the 2024 flooding events and the significant number of Section 19 flood investigations undertaken. c) Consider the findings of the review of current Section 19 thresholds, informed by analysis of recent investigations and their effectiveness. d) Approve the proposed simplification and update of the thresholds for initiating Section 19 investigations to support clearer, more consistent, and timely decision-making.		
6. DSIT 5G Innovation Regions Project – England’s Connected Heartland <i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment and Economy <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2026/178 <i>Key Decision</i> <i>Contact:</i> Craig Bower, Programme Director – Digital Connectivity Report by Director of Economy and Place (CMDEE6). Request to authorise delegated approval of change control to an increase the programme budget to £6.14M by change control by acceptance of £0.54M of	Recommendation approved	DPE (Craig Bower)

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additional grant funding and additional ringfenced Digital Infrastructure gainshare of £0.9M due to an extension of the project timelines to as a result of technical challenges which have required design changes.

**The Cabinet Member is
RECOMMENDED to:**

- a) **Approve acceptance of two additional Department for Science, Innovation and Technology grant payments for the 5G Innovations Regions Project, totalling £540,000, increasing the total grant funding for the programme to £4,340,000.**
- b) **Approve an additional £900,000 investment from the Digital Infrastructure Gainshare fund, increasing total Gainshare funding for the programme to £1,800,000 and the overall programme budget to £6,140,000;**
- c) **Delegate authority to the Director of Economy and Place in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the Head of Legal and Governance Services to finalise the associated funding contract changes within the approved budget envelope.**