

SUBJECT:	2026/27 DRAFT REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET PROPOSALS
MEETING:	PERFORMANCE & OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	10th February 2026
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To allow Committee scrutiny of Cabinet's draft revenue and capital budget proposals for the financial year 2026/27.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS TO PERFORMANCE AND OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 2.1 That the draft revenue and capital budget proposals for 2026/27 are considered as part of the Committee's role to conduct robust financial monitoring and to scrutinise the Council's performance in delivering the corporate objectives outlined in its Community and Corporate Plan.
- 2.2 That Committee relay any resultant observations and recommendations back to the executive (Cabinet), to inform the wider ongoing budget consultation process.

3 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The draft budget proposals are now available for formal public consultation and member scrutiny, including the requirement to consult businesses. The formal consultation period will run for a period of four weeks ending on 18th February 2026.
- 3.2 Whilst there are comparatively fewer budget proposals than in recent years, the Council remains committed to the consultation process and listening to feedback. It is important that Cabinet gain views on items such as the proposed rate of Council Tax increase, budget investments proposed, including those for schools and social care, and how budget risks are being managed. This will in turn inform the final budget proposals that are to be considered in March.
- 3.3 This is the opportunity for Council Members, residents, service users, community groups, and other key stakeholders (e.g. town and community councils) to consider the budget proposals and make comments on them.

- 3.4 Cabinet will not be prepared to recommend anything to Council that has not been subject to a Future Generations Assessment and Equality Impact Assessment, and therefore a deadline to receive alternative budget proposals has been set as 18th February 2026.
- 3.5 Final budget proposals following consultation and receipt of the final settlement will go to the Cabinet meeting on 4th March 2026 and approval of Council Tax and final budget proposals is scheduled for full Council on 5th March 2026.

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1	2026/27 Budget consultation presentation
Appendix 2	Cabinet meeting 21st January 2026 – 2026/27 Draft Budget papers

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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