



CABINET DECISION NOTICE

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At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 18th February 2026 the following matters were discussed. The decisions of Cabinet are set out below each item along with reasons for the decision and other options considered.

Present: Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)
Councillors Dawkins, Cracknell, Harness, Hudson, Shepherd, Shreeve and S. Swinburn.

DN.75 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received for this meeting.

DN.76 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests made from Members with regard to items on the agenda for this meeting.

DN.77 BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2026/27 – 2028/29

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2026/27 – 2028/29 for consideration prior to Full Council.

RESOLVED –

That Cabinet recommended to full council, approval of:

- **The 2026/27 Budget and summary 2026/27 – 2028/29 Medium Term Financial Plan ('MTFP') contained within**

- Appendix 1 (Annex 4).**
- **An increase in Council Tax of 2.50% in 2026/27 and an increase in the Adult Social Care precept of 2% in 2026/27**
 - **The business plans contained within Appendix 1 (Annex 1)**
 - **The Capital Investment Strategy included within Appendix 1 (Annex 3)**
 - **The 2026/27 - 2028/29 Capital Programme set out in Appendix 1 (Annex 2)**
 - **The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Policy included within Appendix 1 (Annex 7)**

REASON FOR DECISION – The Council must determine how it is to operate within the forecast financial resources over the medium term. To comply with its legal obligations, the Council must set a balanced budget for 2026/27 and provide a realistic financial forecast for the medium-term financial planning period.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

1. Option appraisals have been undertaken in setting the budget.
2. A range of options have been considered when considering service delivery within defined financial resources to support the delivery of the Council's outcomes.