

Meeting	<b>CABINET</b>
Time/Day/Date	5.00pm on Tuesday, 17 February 2026
Location	Board Room, Council Offices, Coalville
Officer to contact	Democratic Services (01530 454512)

**NOTICE UNDER THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS) (MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012**

The Chairman of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee has been consulted and has agreed that the following additional item is to be considered as a Key Decision under the special urgency provisions of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

**2026/27 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX**

Report of the Strategic Director of Resources  
Presented by the Finance and Corporate Portfolio Holder

The reason why compliance with Regulation 9 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 was impracticable is as follows:

On 9 Feb 26, the Government announced the Final Finance Settlement for 26/27, introducing substantial modifications in comparison to the Provisional Finance Settlement presented in Dec 25. This level of change is unprecedented and marks the first instance of such significant variation between the Provisional and Final Settlements. Historically, any differences have been minimal and communicated verbally to the Council.

Council will review recommendations for the General Fund Budget 26/27 at its meeting on 19 Feb 26. The next Cabinet meeting is set for 24 Feb 26, after the meeting. In accordance with the Constitution, it is a requirement that the Cabinet makes recommendations to the Council for decisions of this magnitude. As a result, waiting until the next scheduled Cabinet meeting would not allow sufficient time for the necessary recommendations to be considered and approved within the statutory deadlines. Therefore, an earlier meeting or alternative arrangements must be made to ensure compliance with the constitutional process.