

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – TUESDAY, 7  
JANUARY 2025**



<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>DRAFT BUDGET 2025/26</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Paul Stone Strategic Director of Resources	
<b>Background Papers</b>	<a href="#">Budget Setting 2024/25</a> - Council 22 February 2024	<b>Public Report:</b> Yes
<b>Financial Implications</b>	Any financial implications are detailed in the Cabinet reports	
	<b>Signed off by the Section 151 Officer:</b> Yes	
<b>Legal Implications</b>	Any legal implications are detailed in the Cabinet reports	
	<b>Signed off by the Monitoring Officer:</b> Yes	
<b>Staffing and Corporate Implications</b>	Any staffing and corporate implications are detailed in the Cabinet Reports	
	<b>Signed off by the Head of Paid Service:</b> Yes	
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	For Corporate Scrutiny Committee to provide any comments on the four budget reports being considered by Cabinet on the 9 January 2025.	
<b>Recommendations</b>	<p><b>THAT CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE PROVIDES ANY COMMENTS IT MAY HAVE ON THE FOLLOWING CABINET REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY CABINET ON 9 JANUARY 2025:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. DRAFT 2025/26 ROBUSTNESS OF BUDGET ESTIMATES</b></li> <li><b>2. DRAFT CAPITAL STRATEGY, TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS</b></li> <li><b>3. DRAFT 2025/26 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX</b></li> <li><b>4. DRAFT HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET AND RENT SETTING</b></li> </ol>	

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Council's 2025/26 Draft Budget reports are due to be considered by Cabinet on 9 January 2025 prior to the commencement of the public consultation on 10 January 2025.
- 1.2 The Corporate Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider the following Cabinet Reports and provide any comments to Cabinet:

1. [Draft 2025/26 Robustness of Budget Estimates](#)
2. [Draft Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators](#)
3. [Draft 2025/26 General Fund Budget and Council Tax](#)
4. [Draft Housing Revenue Account \(HRA\) Budget and Rent Setting](#)

1.3 The final budget reports will be considered by Cabinet on 28 January 2025 and Cabinet will make a recommendation to Council for approval at its meeting on 20 February 2025.

<b>Policies and other considerations, as appropriate</b>	
Council Priorities:	Please refer to the tables in the above Cabinet reports.
Policy Considerations:	Please refer to the tables in the above Cabinet reports.
Safeguarding:	Please refer to the tables in the above Cabinet reports.
Equalities/Diversity:	Please refer to the tables in the above Cabinet reports.
Customer Impact:	Please refer to the tables in the above Cabinet reports.
Economic and Social Impact:	Please refer to the tables in the above Cabinet reports.
Environment, Climate Change and zero carbon:	Please refer to the tables in the above Cabinet reports.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Please refer to the tables in the above Cabinet reports.
Risks:	Please refer to the tables in the above Cabinet reports.
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