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| Title of Report | DRAFT BUDGET 2026/27 | |
| Presented by | Cllr Keith Merrie Corporate and Finance Portfolio Holder | |
| Background Papers | Council 20 February 2025 <u>Budget Setting 2025/26</u> | Public Report: Yes |
| Financial Implications | <p>The financial implications are detailed in the attached Cabinet reports.</p> <p>Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes</p> | |
| Legal Implications | <p>Any legal implications are detailed in the attached Cabinet reports.</p> <p>Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes</p> | |
| Staffing and Corporate Implications | <p>Any staffing and corporate implications are detailed in the attached Cabinet Reports.</p> <p>Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes</p> | |
| Purpose of Report | For Corporate Scrutiny Committee to provide any comments on the four budget reports being considered by Cabinet on the 3 February 2026. | |
| Recommendations | <p>THAT CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE PROVIDES ANY COMMENTS IT MAY HAVE ON THE FOLLOWING CABINET REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY CABINET ON 3 FEBRUARY 2026:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> DRAFT 2026/27 ROBUSTNESS OF BUDGET ESTIMATES (APPENDIX A); DRAFT CAPITAL STRATEGY, TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS (APPENDIX B); DRAFT 2026/27 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX (APPENDIX C); AND DRAFT 2026/27 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET AND RENT SETTING (APPENDIX D). | |

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Council's 2026/27 Draft Budget reports are due to be considered by Cabinet on 3 February 2026, and Cabinet will make a recommendation to Council for approval at its meeting on 19 February 2026.
- 1.2 The Corporate Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider the following draft Cabinet Reports and provide any comments to Cabinet:
 1. 2026/27 Robustness of Budget Estimates (Appendix A);
 2. Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators 2026/27 (Appendix B);
 3. 2026/27 General Fund Budget and Council Tax (Appendix C); and
 4. 2026/26 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Rent Setting
- 1.3 The above reports may have changes when the final versions are submitted to Cabinet on the 3 February 2026.

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