

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – THURSDAY, 22  
JANUARY 2026**



<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>DRAFT BUDGET 2026/27</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Cllr Keith Merrie Corporate and Finance Portfolio Holder	
<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Council 20 February 2025</b> <a href="#">Budget Setting 2025/26</a>	<b>Public Report:</b> Yes
<b>Financial Implications</b>	The financial implications are detailed in the attached Cabinet reports.	
	<b>Signed off by the Section 151 Officer:</b> Yes	
<b>Legal Implications</b>	Any legal implications are detailed in the attached 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 attached 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 3 February 2026.	
<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 3 FEBRUARY 2026:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. DRAFT 2026/27 ROBUSTNESS OF BUDGET ESTIMATES (APPENDIX A);</b></li> <li><b>2. DRAFT CAPITAL STRATEGY, TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS (APPENDIX B);</b></li> <li><b>3. DRAFT 2026/27 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX (APPENDIX C); AND</b></li> <li><b>4. DRAFT 2026/27 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET AND RENT SETTING (APPENDIX D).</b></li> </ol>	

## 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	
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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