

ITEM 7 - 2026/27 ROBUSTNESS OF BUDGET ESTIMATES**COMMENTS ON THE 2026/27 ROBUSTNESS OF BUDGET ESTIMATES REPORT MADE BY THE CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING ON 22 JANUARY 2026****Date considered by Cabinet: 3 February 2026**

	Comments/recommendations from scrutiny	Advice provided by officers at the meeting	Cabinet response
C1	It was noted that there was an error in the table at paragraph 4.14. There was a casting error on the totals.	Officers agreed to update, noting that last-minute changes to the General Fund likely caused the table error.	
C2	Paragraph 6.2 in respect of Transformation references that it needs to be flexible to adapt to potential local government changes. Suggestion that it should also say that it can also look to improving services if the financial position improves.	Agreed to add this additional narrative.	
C3	Rare position where there is headroom and we should look at investing whilst be careful not to squander reserves, but also not to squander the opportunity to make a difference to the Council. It's important to engage with the community and local economy so there needs to be a balance between prudence and forward thinking, and we do the very best for our constituents.	Nothing from officers.	