



	Decision	Summary of Reasons
<p><u>Final Budget 2024/25 & the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (2025/26 to 2028/29)</u></p>	<p>Cabinet agreed to :</p> <p>A. recommend to Council the approval of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fees & Charges Schedule (Appendix 2, Annex D); including the delegation to the S.151 officer to vary Fees & Charges throughout the year in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, with retrospective reporting to Council • The Consolidated Final Budget 2024/25 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy (2025/26 to 2028/29) at Appendix 2. <p>• In respect of the 2024/25 Final Budget, this includes a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget Requirement of £17.9m ○ Council Tax Requirement of £6.9m ○ Freeze Council Tax (0%) giving a Band D charge of £177.97 (2023/24; £177.97) ○ Capital Programme of £30m. 	<p>To present to Cabinet the Final Budget and MTFS prior to presentation to Full Council, along with the results of the consultation with stakeholders and the equalities analysis.</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In respect of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy, by 2028/29 a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget Requirement of £15m ○ Council Tax Requirement of £8.1m ○ “Notional” increase in Council Tax of 2.99% (and notionally for each year of the MTFS). <p>B. note the comments of the Director of Resources (& S.151 Officer) in respect of the “Robustness of the 2024/25 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 to 2028/29”.</p> <p>C. comment on the Equalities Analysis (Appendix 3) in respect of implications of the Final Budget 2024/25 and MTFS (2025/26 to 2028/29)</p>	
<p><u>Approval of 5 Contracts over £50,000 to enable preparation of the new Harborough Local Plan and Granting Extended Delegated Authority to the Director of Planning, in consultation with the</u></p>	<p>It was RESOLVED that :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the award of the contracts set out in Appendix A to the report be approved. 	<p>To minimise delays in procuring key evidence studies and specialist technical support required to prepare the new local Plan in accordance with the programme set out in the approved Local Development Scheme.</p> <p>Approving the five contracts recommended in this report and delegating authority to the</p>



<p><u>Planning Portfolio Holder, to award future such contracts</u></p>	<p>2. Authority be delegated to the Director of Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Planning, to approve the award of Local Plan preparation related contracts up to the value of £100,000 for a temporary period up to the end of June 2026, unless there is a timely Cabinet meeting available to approve those contracts.</p> <p>3. Authority be delegated to the Director of Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Planning and the Head of Legal Services, authority to negotiate and finalise the contracts, including minor variations.</p>	<p>Director of Planning in consultation with the Planning Portfolio Holder to approve similar contracts with a value of up to £100,000, unless there is a timely cabinet meeting available to approve them, will ensure delays to plan making are minimised.</p>
<p><u>Supply and Installation of a Solar PV System for Harborough Innovation Centre</u></p>	<p>It was RESOLVED that :-</p> <p>1. The award of a contract be approved for the supply and installation of solar panels at Harborough Innovation Centre to contractor 1 as detailed in Appendix A to the report.</p> <p>2. Authority be delegated to the Director of Resources (& s.151), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Economic Development and the Head of Legal Services, to negotiate and finalise the contract, including minor variations.</p>	<p>i. To ensure that the Council appoints a suitable contractor to undertake the supply and install works as described.</p> <p>ii. The evaluation panel agreed that Contractor 1 should be offered preferred provider status based on the tenders submitted.</p> <p>iii. Awarding a contract based on the tender submitted by Contractor 1 offers the best option and value for money for this project.</p>



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