



	Decision	Summary of reasons
20 January 2025		
Draft Empty Property Strategy and Council Tax Premiums	<p>Cabinet resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree the Draft Empty Homes Strategy - Agree the Draft Council Tax Premiums, Discounts and Exemptions - Agree the consultation questions to get out for consultation. 	<p>The updated empty homes strategy and the changes to council tax premiums, discounts and exemptions should help to incentivise the owners of respective empty or second homes to bring them back into residential use.</p>
Draft Budget 2025/26 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (2026/27 to 2029/30)	<p>Cabinet resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve the following to be included in the Draft "Revenue" 2025/26 Budget and MTFS (2026/27 to 2029/30), as detailed in the report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o various service-related budget changes noted in paragraphs 3.5 to 3.13 o various non-service funding budget changes noted in paragraphs 3.14 to 3.23 o Council Tax, Business Rates and Collection Fund related budget changes noted in paragraphs 3.24 to 3.28 o Draft 2025/26 Budget and MTFS (2026/27 to 2029/30) summarised at Table 4. The detailed service budgets are shown at Appendix 1 and 2 o Reserves allocations summarised at Table 5, Appendix 4. o Capital Programme for 2025/26 and for the MTFS (2026/27 to 2029/30) as shown at Appendix 5. 	<p>To provide the opportunity for consultation on the emerging budget position for 2025/26 and the MTFS, with a focus on the revenue budget, reserve allocations and proposals for the capital programme.</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delegation of authority to the Director, Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance & Assets, in respect of capital projects that are impacted by inflation, as shown in paragraph 3.36 - Endorse the continuation of the transformation programme and continuous improvement, thereby ensuring that the Council remains “Committed to Financial Sustainability & Resilience to enable Community Investment”. 	
<p>Devolution White Paper Update</p>	<p>Cabinet resolved to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the leader of the Council, to undertake any such work as is considered necessary to prepare the Council’s response to the White Paper and any Ministerial Letters. - Note that a further report will be brought to Cabinet/Council for consideration prior to any specific proposals being submitted to government. - Note that if required a special meeting of Cabinet /Council be called to consider any draft proposal being submitted to government. 	

Note: this decision list is for guidance only. The text of the minutes, which may be different is definitive.