



DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

Committee: Budget Planning Committee

Date: Tuesday 8 July 2025

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: 39 Castle Quay, Banbury, OX16 5FD

Membership

**Councillor Edward Fraser
Reeves (Chair)**

Councillor Tom Beckett

Councillor Mark Cherry

Councillor Frank Ideh

Councillor Rob Pattenden

Councillor Les Sibley

Councillor Dom Vaitkus (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blakeway

Councillor Andrew Crichton

Councillor Robert Parkinson

Councillor David Rogers

Councillor Barry Wood

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3. Minutes (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 4 March 2025 and 21 May 2025.

4. Chair's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chair.

5. Requests to Address the Meeting

The Chair to report on any requests to address the meeting.

6. Urgent Business

The Chair to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

7. Finance Monitoring Report (Pages 11 - 54)

Report of Assistant Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

Purpose of report

To report to the committee the council's financial position at the end of the financial year 2024-2025.

Recommendation

The Budget Planning Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To note the contents of this report.

8. Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2026/27 (Pages 55 - 62)

Report of Assistant Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

Purpose of Report

To enable members to consider the proposed banded scheme for Council Tax Reduction (CTR) for 2026/27.

Recommendations

The Budget Planning Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To note the contents of the report, and any financial implications for the Council.
- 1.2 To recommend to Executive that the current scheme is retained for 2026/27.

9. Business Rates Reset Consultation (Pages 63 - 198)

Report of Assistant Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

Purpose of report

To update Budget Planning Committee (BPC) on the Business Rates Reset consultations; one of which took place in April and a follow up that was launched 20 June for responses in mid-August. These consultations relate directly to the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2026/27 – 2030/31.

Recommendations

The Budget Planning Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To note the council's response to the Business Rates Reset consultation which was open between 8 April and 2 June.
- 1.2 To note the Fair Funding 2.0 consultation that was launched on 20 June with a closing date of 15 August.

10. Review of Committee Work Plan (Pages 199 - 200)

To review the Committee Work Plan.

Councillors are requested to collect any post from their pigeon hole in the Members Lounge at the end of the meeting.

Information about this Meeting

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Declarations of Interest

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Queries Regarding this Agenda

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