



DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

Committee: Budget Planning Committee

Date: Tuesday 16 September 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 meeting held on 8 July 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. Quarter 1 Finance Monthly Performance Report 2025-2026 (Pages 11 - 40)

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 2025-2026.

Recommendation

The Budget Planning Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To note the contents of this report.

8. Budget Process 2026/27 (Pages 41 - 56)

Report of Assistant Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

Purpose of the report

This report is to inform the Committee of the proposed approach to the 2026/27 Budget Process, as approved by the Executive at its meeting 2 September 2025. The report provides context and background information on the existing Medium-Term Financial Strategy and information on latest government announcements relevant to the Strategy.

Recommendations

The Budget Planning Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To note the Budget Process for 2026/27.
- 1.2 To note the base assumptions to be used for the 2026/27 budget.
- 1.3 To note that a five-year period for the Medium-Term Financial Strategy to 2030/31 and five-year period for the Capital Programme to 2030/31 has been set.

9. Review of Committee Work Plan (Pages 57 - 58)

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.

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