



DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

Committee: Budget Planning Committee

Date: Tuesday 15 September 2026

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: 39 Castle Quay, Banbury, OX16 5FD

Membership

**Councillor Edward Fraser
Reeves (Chair)**

Councillor Gordon Blakeway

Councillor Mark Gorman

Councillor David Hingley

Councillor Rob Pattenden

Councillor Dom Vaitkus

Councillor Tom Beckett (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Mark Cherry

Councillor Ian Harwood

Councillor Frank Ideh

Councillor Chris Pruden

Councillor Bryonie Wells

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 7 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on .

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. Fees & Charges Benchmarking 2027/28 (Pages 11 - 46)

Report of the Assistant Director of Finance (S151 Officer)

Purpose of report

This report is to provide information to the Committee on proposed Fees and Charges as compared to some other districts to feed back to the Executive as part of the 2027/28 Budget and Business Planning Process.

Recommendations

The Budget Planning Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To note the benchmarking information between the council's fees and charges and those of other Oxfordshire districts.
- 1.2 To recommend any changes to the fees and charges schedule to Executive when considering the budget.

8. Budget Process 2027-28 (Pages 47 - 66)

Report of Assistant Director of Finance (S151 Officer)

Purpose of report

This report is to inform the Committee of the proposed approach to the 2027/28 Budget Process as recommended to Executive at its meeting 7 September 2026. The report provides context and background information on the existing Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and information on latest government announcements relevant to the Strategy.

Recommendations

The Budget Planning Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To note that the Executive were asked to agree the following recommendations at their meeting on 7 September 2026:
 - 1.1.1 To note the Budget Process for 2027/28.
 - 1.1.2 To note the base assumptions to be used for the 2027/28 budget as a 4.2.

- 1.1.3 To note that a five-year period for the Medium-Term Financial Strategy to 2031/32 and five-year period for the Capital Programme to 2031/32.

(Please note this agenda was published prior to the Executive meeting on 7 September 2026. The decision notice for the meeting will be published on [8 September](#).)

9. Quarter 1 Monthly Finance Performance Report 2026-2027 (Pages 67 - 96)

Report of the Assistant Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

Purpose of report

To report to the committee the council's financial position at the end of quarter one for the financial year 2026-2027.

Recommendations

The Budget Planning Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To note the contents of this report.

10. Exclusion of Press and Public

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3– Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

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“That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph 3 would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

11. Quarter 1 Monthly Finance Performance Report 2026-2027 - Exempt Appendix (Pages 97 - 106)

12. Readmittance of the Public and Press

The Budget Planning Committee to resolve to readmit the public and press to the meeting.

13. Review of Committee Work Plan (Pages 107 - 108)

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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