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### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Tony Dale and Lisa Spivey.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest from Members.

#### 3. Minutes

There were no amendments to the minutes.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2024 be approved as a correct record.

### 5. Public Questions

There were no public questions.

#### 6. Member Questions

There were no Member questions.

# 7. Issue(s) Arising from Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit and Governance

There were no issues arising from the Overview and Scrutiny or Audit and Governance Committees.

### 8. Council Tax Support Scheme 2025/2026

The purpose of the item was to consider and recommend to Full Council the revised Council Tax Support Scheme for the financial year 2025/2026.



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The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance introduced the item.

The recommendations were proposed by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and seconded by the Leader.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet RECOMMENDED to Full Council to:

- 1. AGREE the increase to income bands as detailed within paragraphs 3.2, 3.3 and Annex A of this report from 1 April 2025.
- 2. AGREE that any surplus in the Hardship Fund to be transferred over to 2025/2026 for reasons detailed in paragraphs 3.6 and 3.7 of the report.

# 9. Update on the Council's involvement in and support for Cost of Living related initiatives

The purpose of the item was to update the Cabinet on the Council's work to support people affected by the cost of living crisis.

The Cabinet Member for Cost of Living and Inclusion introduced the item.

The recommendations were proposed by the Cabinet Member for Cost of Living and Inclusion and seconded by the Leader.

#### **RESOLVED: That Cabinet:**

- 1. NOTED the Council's work to support communities with the cost of living.
- 2. REQUESTED that the Cost of Living Steering Group continues to consider further opportunities to support communities with the cost of living.

## 10. Draft Budget 2025/26 and Medium Term Financial Strategy

This report sets out the Budget Strategy to support the preparation of the 2025/26 revenue and capital budgets and presents an updated Medium Term Financial Strategy forecast.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance introduced the item.



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The recommendations were proposed by the Deputy Leader and seconded by the Cabinet Member for Health, Leisure and Parking.

#### **RESOLVED: That Cabinet:**

- 1. APPROVED the 2025/26 Budget Strategy as outlined in the report.
- 2. APPROVED the revised Capital Programme including the additional expenditure on Disabled Facilities funded by Disabled Facilities Grant, as set out in Annex B.

# 11. Schedule of Decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and/or Individual Cabinet Members

The purpose of the report was to note the decisions taken by the Leader and/or Individual Cabinet Members.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet NOTED the decisions taken

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