

2026/27 BUDGET SETTING - DETAILED BUDGET TIMETABLE

2026/27 budget & Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) (includes budget proposals and consultation process)

Internal Review of MTFP	June - August 2025
Fair Funding Review Consultation published by Government	20 June 2025
Response to Government - Fair Funding Review Consultation	15 August 2025
Executive agenda circulation	26 August 2025
Executive - Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) update and 2026/27 budget development approach and timetable (also Q1 budget monitoring)	3 September 2025
All Elected Member Briefing - Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) update and 2026/27 budget development approach and timetable	September 2025
Local Government Finance Policy Statement (published by Government)	expected late September 2025 / early October 2025
Provisional 2026/27 Local Government Finance Settlement	expected late November 2025
Executive – draft budget proposals agenda circulation	25 November 2025
All Elected Member Briefing - draft budget proposals	25 November 2025
Executive – draft budget proposals	3 December 2025
Start of budget consultation period	4 December 2025 (5 weeks)
End of budget consultation period	7 January 2026

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Final 2026/27 Local Government Finance Settlement	expected late January 2026
Executive agenda circulation	27 January 2026
All Elected Member budget briefing	27 January 2026
Executive (Also Q3 Budget Monitoring)	4 February 2026
Full Council agenda circulation	10 February 2026
Full Council (budget setting)	18 February 2026
Full Council (reserve budget setting)	4 March 2026

Consultation

Political parties / members briefings	December 2025
Public Consultation Meetings	December 2025
Overview and Scrutiny Board	December 2025
Chamber of Commerce consultation	December 2025

2025/26 Council Tax Base

Executive agenda circulation	25 November 2025
Executive	3 December 2025

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

All Member Briefings	September 2025 (MTFP Update & Budget development approach & timetable) December 2025 (Draft Budget) February 2026 (Final Budget)
Policy Development Group	every 2 weeks starting early September 2025
Financial Resilience Working Group (all political parties)	Monthly September - December 2025 (exact dates TBC)