

2027/28 BUDGET SETTING - DETAILED BUDGET TIMETABLE

2027/28 Budget & Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) (includes budget proposals and consultation process)

Internal Review of MTFP	June 2026 - August 2026
Cross Party Engagement and Oversight, including Monthly Financial Resilience Working Group meetings.	July 2026 - January 2027
Development of budget proposals - Fortnightly Policy Development Group (PDG)	June 2026 - November 2026
All Elected Member Briefing - MTFP Update and 2027/28 Budget Development approach and timetable.	July 2026
Revenue - High level submissions for consideration and potential inclusion in the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP)	31 July 2026
Capital - High level proposals to be submitted for early consideration, prioritisation, and alignment with emerging MTFP and capital strategy assumptions	31 July 2026
Executive agenda circulation	29 September 2026
Revenue - Detailed submissions, including full financial workings and supporting evidence	30 September 2026
Detailed capital submission including full financial appraisals, funding sources, deliverability, and risk assessments, to be submitted via Finance Business Partners using agreed templates.	30 September 2026
Executive - 2027/28 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2027/28 to 2030/31 Update	7 October 2026
All Elected Member Briefing - 2027/28 Budget and Medium-Term Plan (MTFP) 2027/28 to 2030/31 Update	October 2026
Local Government Finance Policy Statement (Published by Government)	October 2026 (subject to confirmation)
Executive agenda circulation	3 November 2026
Executive - Approval of Council Tax Base for 2027/28	11 November 2026
Executive – draft budget proposals agenda circulation	1 December 2026
All Elected Member Briefing - draft budget proposals	1 December 2026
Executive – 2027/28 Draft Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2027/28 to 2020/31	9 December 2026
Budget consultations period with public, political groups, OSB, Business community and other stakeholders	10 December 2026 - 14 January 2027
All Elected Members Briefing – 2027/28 Draft Budget Proposals	December 2026
Consider Provisional 2027/28 Local Government Finance Settlement and effect on budget proposals	Late December 2026 (date subject to confirmation)
Amend budget proposals considering consultation, feedback, updated officer advise and consider any alternative budget proposals.	January 2027
All Elected Member Briefing – 2027/28 Budget Proposals	Late January 2027 / early February 2027
Consider Final 2027/28 Local Government Finance Settlement	Early February 2027 (date subject to confirmation)
Executive agenda circulation	26 January 2027
Executive Report – 2027/28 Revenue Budget, 2027/28 Council Tax, revised MTFP to 2030/31 and Capital Strategy 2027/28	3 February 2027
Full Council agenda circulation	16 February 2027
Full Council – to consider and set 2027/28 Revenue Budget, 2027/28 Council Tax, revised MTFP to 2030/31 and Capital Strategy 2027/28	24 February 2027
Full Council (reserve budget setting)	10 March 2027

Consultation on 2027/28 budget proposals and MTFP

Political parties / members briefings	December 2026
Public Consultation Meetings	December 2026
Overview and Scrutiny Board	December 2026
Chamber of Commerce consultation	December 2026

2027/28 Council Tax Base

Executive agenda circulation	3 November 2026
Executive	11 November 2026

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

All Member Briefings	July 2026 (MTFP Update & Budget development approach & timetable) September (MTFP Update) December 2026 (Draft Budget) February 2027 (Final Budget)
Policy Development Group	Every 2 weeks starting June 2026
Financial Resilience Working Group (all political parties)	Monthly July - January 2027 (exact dates TBC)