

# **BUDGET & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**When: Thursday 2 January 2025 at 19:00**

**Where: Room 1.02, Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ. This meeting will not be live streamed, but a recording of the meeting will be available on [YouTube](#) as soon as practical after the meeting.**

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## Members of the Budget & Resources Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Montague (Chair)

Councillors Geary (Vice-Chair), Cannon (Vice-Chair), Bamisile, A Carr, Clarke, M Khan, Long and Soden

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## **Agenda**

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## **Agenda**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair to welcome members of the Committee, officers, any external witnesses, and the public to the meeting and introduce committee members, officers and witnesses who are present.

**2. Apologies**

To receive any apologies.

**3. Disclosures of Interest**

Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests, or non-registerable interests (including other pecuniary interests) they may have in the business to be transacted, and officers to declare any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.

**4. Local Government Finance Settlement 2025/26**

The Committee will receive a presentation from the Finance Team explaining the 2025/26 Local Government Finance Settlement and the likely impact on the Council's Budget for 2025/26.

**5. Draft Council Budget 2025/26 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2025/26 to 2028/29 (Pages 5 - 280)**

To consider the contents of the draft budget 2025/26 initially noted and endorsed at Cabinet on 3 December 2024.

The Committee may need to consider excluding the public and press in accordance with Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, should it wish to discuss specific exempt proposals.

Any recommendations the Committee may formulate from this item will be included in the Committee's report on draft budget proposals which will be presented to Cabinet and Council in February.