



**Resources and Public Realm
Scrutiny Committee**
21 January 2026

**Report from the Deputy Director,
Democratic and Corporate
Governance**

Budget Scrutiny Task Group Findings

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Not Applicable
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
List of Appendices:	Appendix A – Budget Scrutiny Task Group Findings Report (Draft Budget 2026/27)
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Executive Summary

- 1.1 To present the Budget Scrutiny Task Group Findings report for adoption by the Committee (please see Appendix A).

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Budget Scrutiny Task Group Findings report is agreed and submitted to Cabinet and Full Council as part of the budget setting process.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Contribution to Borough Plan Priorities & Strategic Context

- 3.1.1 Borough Plan 2023-2027 – all strategic priorities

3.2 Background

- 3.2.1 The Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee established a Budget Scrutiny Task Group on 2 September 2025 to review the Council's Draft Budget 2026/27.
- 3.2.2 The Task Group has now concluded and agreed 7 recommendations for adoption by the Committee, and for referral to Cabinet for consideration at its meeting on 9 February 2026. These can be found on page 3 of Appendix A.

4.0 Stakeholder and ward member consultation and engagement

- 4.1 While the Task Group engaged with ward councillors, more substantive engagement with partners will take place through the RPR Committee as savings plans are developed and refined throughout 2026/27.

5.0 Financial Considerations

- 5.1 There are no financial implications for the purposes of this report.

6.0 Legal Considerations

- 6.1 There are no legal implications for the purposes of this report.

7.0 Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Considerations

- 7.1 There are no EDI considerations for the purposes of this report.

8.0 Climate Change and Environmental Considerations

- 8.1 There are no climate change and environmental considerations for the purposes of this report.

9.0 Communication Considerations

- 9.1 There are no communication considerations for the purposes of this report.

Report sign off:

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