



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

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

## **Budget Scrutiny Task Group Findings**

<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Key or Non-Key Decision:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Open or Part/Fully Exempt:</b> (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
<b>List of Appendices:</b>	Appendix A – Budget Scrutiny Task Group Findings Report (Draft Budget 2026/27)
<b>Background Papers:</b>	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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