

# FINANCE AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4 DECEMBER 2024

## Present:

## Members:

Councillor Freedman (Chair)	Councillor Reynolds
Councillor Elliot (Vice-Chair)	Councillor Silwal
Councillor Douris	Councillor Stevens
Councillor Gale	Councillor A Williams
Councillor Pound	

Councillor Allen – Portfolio Holder, Corporate and Commercial

## Officers:

Catherine Silva Donayre (Strategic Director, Corporate & Commercial)  
Aidan Wilkie (Strategic Director, People & Transformation)  
Mark Brookes (Assistant Director, Legal & Democratic Services)  
Nigel Howcutt (Chief Finance Officer)  
Matt Rawdon (Assistant Director, People)  
Kelvin Soley (Head of Communications)  
Richard Rice (Head of Property Services)  
Trudi Angel (Democratic Support Officer)

Following a joint meeting of the OSC's where a presentation on the draft budget proposals for 2025/2026 were given, the Finance & Resources OSC meeting began at 8:14 pm.

## 1 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

## 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adeleke, Deacon, Guest and Santamaria.

Councillor Douris substituted for Councillor Adeleke.

## 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Douris declared an interest as he is an Independent Director of HITS (Herts Interpreting & Translation Service) which is managed by Community Action Dacorum.

**4**                    **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**5**                    **CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO CALL-IN**

None.

**6**                    **ACTION POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Members were sent the response to the action point from November's meeting earlier today, therefore there were no outstanding action points to be carried forward.

**7**                    **WORK PROGRAMME**

There were no changes to the work programme.

**8**                    **DRAFT 2025/26 BUDGET PROPOSALS**

N Howcutt, C Silva Donayre and A Wilkie presented Members with an overview of the draft budget strategy and proposals.

Please refer to the video minutes for full discussion.

**Outcome**

That the committee reviewed and noted the draft budget proposals for 2025/26.

**The Meeting ended at 9.07 pm**