

**FINANCE & 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 2025/2026 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.