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Decision Summary

Committee:

Date:

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TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2026

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Chair

Councillor Carole Pattison

Councillors Attended

Councillor Beverley Addy

Councillor Moses Crook

Councillor Nosheen Dad

Councillor Tyler Hawkins

Councillor Viv Kendrick

Councillor Amanda Pinnock

Councillor Jane Rylah

Councillor Graham Turner

Observers

Councillor Tanisha Branmwell

Councillor Andrew Cooper

Councillor Jo Lawson

Councillor Sue Lee-Richards

Councillor Mohan Sokhal

8: Our Council Plan 2026-2029 (Reference to Council)

To consider the approval of the 2026/2027 – 2028/2029 Council Plan.

Contact: Stephen Bonnell, Policy Partnerships and Corporate Planning

RESOLVED –

1) That the Council Plan 2026-2029, as presented at Appendix 1 of this report, be received and noted.

2) That the feedback provided by the Overview and Scrutiny Management

Committee, as provided in section 5 of the report, be noted.

3) That the report be submitted to the Meeting of Council on 25 February 2026 with a recommendation of approval.

9: Council Annual Budget Report 2026-2027 and following years, incorporating Capital, Treasury Management, General Fund, Revenue and Housing Revenue Account (Reference to Council)

To consider and recommend a budget to Council for General Fund Revenue, Capital and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and approve the Council Treasury Management Strategy.

Contact: Kevin Mulvaney, Finance

RESOLVED –

1) That the feedback from the Meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee held on 16 January 2026, as summarised at paragraph 5 of this report, in reaching decisions regarding the final budget recommendations for 2026/27 within this report, be noted.

2) That the feedback from the Budget Consultation at paragraph 4 of this report and Appendix L be noted.

3) That the Budget Motion be submitted to the Meeting of Council on 25 February 2025 with a recommendation that;

(i) General Fund Revenue

- the Revenue Budget for 2026/27 to deliver a balanced position, as attached at Appendix A, be approved.
- the forecast spending and funding plans for the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 period, as as set out at Appendix A, be noted.
- the forecast levels of statutory and other Council reserves as set out at Appendix C be noted.
- the strategy for the use of balances and reserves (paragraph 2.17 refers) be approved.
- the Council's flexible capital receipts policy for 2026/2027 (paragraph 2.14 and Appendix G refer) be approved.
- the Council Tax requirement for 2026/2027, as set out at Appendix M, be approved.
- the Council's Statutory s151 Officer's positive assurance statement as to the robustness of the forecasts and estimates and adequacy of financial reserves, as set out at paragraph 2.22, be noted.
- authority be delegated to the Council's Statutory s151 Officer to amend how the finally approved precepts are recorded in the Council's revenue budget in line with the final notifications received following decisions by the West Yorkshire Mayor Police and Crime Commissioner, the Fire & Rescue Authority and Parish Councils should these be received after 25 February 2026

(paragraph 3.1.3 refers).

(ii) Treasury Management

- the borrowing strategy be approved (paragraphs 2.15 to 2.27 refer).
- the investment strategy be approved (paragraphs 2.28 to 2.36 and Appendices A and B refer).
- the policy for provision of repayment of debt (minimum revenue provision) be approved (paragraphs 2.37 to 2.38, Appendix C refer).
- the treasury management prudential indicators be approved (Appendix D refers).
- the Investment Strategy (non-treasury investments) be approved (Appendix F refers).

(iii) Capital

- the updated Capital Plan for 2025-2033 be approved (Appendix F refers).
- the Capital Strategy (including Prudential Indicators) be approved (Appendix I refers).

(iv) Housing Revenue Account

- the HRA Budget for 2026/2027 be approved (Appendix K refers).
- the strategy for the use of HRA reserves (Appendix K refers) be approved.

10: Kirklees' School Funding Arrangements for the Financial Year 2026/2027

To consider approval for funding arrangements for the Dedicated Schools Grant for the financial year 2026/2027.

Contact: John Bartlett, Accountancy / Martin Wilby, Education Places and Access

RESOLVED –

- 1) That approval be given to the proposed local formula factors for the distribution of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), Schools Block funding for 2026/2027, as set out in Appendix A.
- 2) That the decisions made by Schools Forum in terms of central budgets, delegated budgets and a fund for significant growth for 2026/27, as detailed in the report and the accompanying appendices, be noted.
- 3) That approval be given to the submission of the schools' local funding formula to the Department for Education (DfE) for 2026/2027.
- 4) That the disapplication request made to the DfE, which has now been agreed, be noted.
- 5) That the DfE exceptions application be noted.
- 6) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director (Children's Services), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Cabinet Member for Education, to take account of the

outcomes of the provider consultation, the views of the Early Years and Childcare Reference Group and Schools Forum and make a final decision on the Early Years local funding formula 2026/27 and the value of the Special Education Needs and Disability Inclusion Fund.

11: Consideration to Establish an Alternative Provision Free School

To consider approval of the progression of the project to establish a 125 place Alternative Provision School.

Contact: Jo-Anne Sanders, Learning and Inclusion

RESOLVED –

That approval be given to (i) confirm with the Department for Education that Kirklees should progress with the establishment of a 125 place Alternative Provision Free School and (ii) delegate authority to the Executive Director (Children and Families) and the Cabinet Member for Education to work with the Department for Education and the appointed Multi Academy Trust, Delta, to take forward the project.

12: CQC's Inspection Report and Rating for Adult Social Care

To receive and note the CQC's Inspection Report and Rating for Adult Social Care.

Contact: Alexia Gray, Quality Standards and Safeguarding Partnerships (Adults and Health)

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the content of the CQC published report: Local authority assessment reports - Care Quality Commission be noted.
 - 2) That the content of the report, along with the accompanying draft improvement plan as set out at Appendix 1, be noted.
 - 3) That Cabinet be updated on the progression of the improvement plan to achieve the required improvements.
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13: Homes and Neighbourhoods Annual Report 2024/2025

To receive the Annual Housing Report for the Homes and Neighbourhoods Service for the year 2024–2025.

Contact: Erran Taylor, Housing Governance and Assurance

RESOLVED - That the content of the Annual Housing Report 2024–2025 be

noted.

14: Local Transport Plan Approval

To consider approval of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) Local Transport Plan (LTP4).

Contact: Ilyas Ramjan, Major Projects

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the contents of this report, and the LTP4 document (Appendix A) and LTP4 Consultation report (Appendix B) be noted.
 - 2) That approval be given to LTP4, to support adoption by West Yorkshire Combined Authority.
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