

Resources and Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Panel – 18 September 2025

Financial Strategy Task and Finish Group - Actions Update

Purpose	For Review
Classification	Public
Executive Summary	This report provides an update to the actions portfolio members were tasked with as presented to Panel 21 November 2024.
Recommendation(s)	That the Resources and Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Panel note the contents of the report.
Reasons for recommendation(s)	To provide assurance on the overall financial strategy of each portfolio in supporting various workstreams, including maximisation of resources and delivery of corporate plan priorities.
Ward(s)	All
Portfolio Holder(s)	Councillor Jeremy Heron - Finance & Corporate
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Introduction and background

1. The Financial Strategy Task and Finish Group – Outcome report presented to Panel 21 November 2024 summarised the review undertaken by the group and laid out actions for each portfolio holder to complete regarding their portfolio budgets.
2. Appendix 1 provides Panel with the latest updates regarding progress against these actions.

Corporate plan priorities

3. The role of the Financial Strategy Task and Finish Group, this report and its contents support all of the council's corporate plan priorities throughout the budget setting process.

Consultation undertaken

4. Internal consultation between finance officers, service managers and budget holders has informed the latest assumptions included in the report and will continue throughout this process.

Financial and resource implications

5. This is an update report, all financial and resource implications have been or will be resolved in the regular MTFP and budget setting reports.

Legal implications

6. There are no direct legal implications from this report.

Risk assessment

7. None at this stage.

Environmental / Climate and nature implications

8. There are no direct environmental, climate or nature implications from this report.

Equalities implications

9. There are no direct equalities implications from this report.

Crime and disorder implications

10. There are no direct implications regarding crime and disorder as a result of this report.

Data protection / Information governance / ICT implications

11. There are no direct implications regarding data protection, information governance or ICT as a result of this report.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Financial Strategy
Task and Finish Group – Actions
2025/26 Update to Panel

Finance Task and Finish Group –
Actions 202526 - Update to
Panel.docx

Background Papers:

Resources and Transformation
Overview and Scrutiny Panel 21
November 2024 – Financial
Strategy Task and Finish Group –
Outcome Report

[Resources and Transformation
Overview and Scrutiny Panel
Report.pdf](#)