

North East Derbyshire District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Thursday, 15 January 2026

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4	Medium Term Financial Plan 2025/26 - 2029/30	<p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>1. That all recommendations below are referred to the Council meeting of 26 January 2026.</p> <p>The following recommendations to Council are made:</p> <p>2. That the view of the Director of Finance & Resources, that the estimates included in the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2025/26 to 2029/30 are robust and that the level of financial reserves are adequate at this time, is accepted.</p> <p>3. That officers report back to Cabinet and the Services Scrutiny Committee on a quarterly basis regarding the overall position in respect of the Council's budgets.</p> <p><u>General Fund</u></p> <p>4. A Council Tax increase of £6.48 will be levied in respect of a notional Band D property (2.99%).</p>	<p>This report presents a budget for consideration by Cabinet. It seeks to secure approval to recommend budgets to Council in respect of the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account, and the Capital Programme.</p>	<p>The Council is required to set a budget each year. There are no alternative options being considered at this time.</p>

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		<p>5. The Medium-Term Financial Plan in respect of the General Fund as set out in Appendix 1 of this report was approved as the Current Budget 2025/26, as the Agenda Item 4 Original Budget 2026/27, and as the financial projections in respect of 2027/28 to 2029/30.</p> <p>6. That the General Fund Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 4 was approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2025/26, and as the Approved Programme for 2026/27 to 2029/30.</p> <p>7. That budget under spends be transferred to the Resilience Reserve to provide increased financial resilience for future years of the plan.</p> <p><u>Housing Revenue Account (HRA)</u></p> <p>8. That Council set its rent levels for 2026/27 in consideration of the Social Housing Rent Standard increasing</p>		
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		<p>rents by 4.8% from 1st April 2026.</p> <p>9. The Medium-Term Financial Plan in respect of the Housing Revenue Account as set out in Appendix 3 of this report was approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2025/26, as the Original Budget in respect of 2026/27, and the financial projection in respect of 2027/28 to 2029/30.</p> <p>10. That the HRA Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 4 was approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2025/26, and as the Approved Programme for 2026/27 to 2029/30.</p> <p>11. That the Management Fee for undertaking housing services at £13.962m and the Management Fee for undertaking capital works at £1.1m to Rykneld Homes in respect of 2026/27 was approved.</p> <p>12. That Members noted the requirement to provide Rykneld Homes with a</p>		
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		<p>'letter of comfort' to the company's auditors and granted delegated authority to the Council's Director of Finance & Resources (S151 Officer) in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council to agree the contents of that letter.</p> <p>This was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.</p>		
5	Update on Local Plan Progress	<p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>That Cabinet noted the contents of this report and endorsed its inclusion on the agenda for the Council meeting on 26 January 2026 and the next available Environment Scrutiny Committee meeting after that date.</p> <p>This was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.</p>	<p>This report is for noting as an update from Officers as to progress against the LDS, with the objective being submission of the draft Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate by the end of 2026. Officers have made professional observations about the challenges and risks involved in the process, as considered appropriate, given the very tight nature of the programme.</p> <p>Officers consider that the level of engagement from the public has been healthy and constructive and we have used innovative technology and focus groups to reach as broad a spectrum of</p>	<p>The alternative to progression of the Local Plan under the current examination system alternative is to await the implementation of new planning guidance and/or the new plan-making system. This was rejected on the basis that significant changes are imminent and to do nothing would put the Council at greater risk of 'speculative' development</p>

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			<p>views as possible. We are learning about the areas that we need to refine in relation to these new ways of working and open to feedback as we progress to the next phases of consultation.</p> <p>Engagement with the LPWG will continue during 2026 and it is important that the Council makes significant decisions about the strategy to be pursued in order to meet the housing need identified by the standard method in the early part of the year.</p>	for an additional extended period of time, by virtue of not having an up to date Local Plan. Awaiting the new system will also not change the housing target or the difficult decisions that need to be faced to develop a strategy for delivering the required level of growth in the district.
6	Local Timetable Update	<u>RESOLVED</u> That the item was deferred.		