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26 January 2026
Scrutiny Commission

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To Members of the Scrutiny Commission

Cllr. Nick Brown (Chairman - Scrutiny Commissioner)
Cllr. Neil Wright (Vice-Chairman - Scrutiny Commissioner)

Cllr. Royston Bayliss
Cllr. Adrian Clifford
Cllr. Stuart Coar
Cllr. Luke Cousin

Cllr. Roy Denney
Cllr. Susan Findlay
Cllr. Janet Forey
Cllr. Antony Moseley

Cllr. Tracey Shepherd
Cllr. Matt Tomeo
Cllr. Maggie Wright

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **SCRUTINY COMMISSION** will be held in the Council Chamber on **WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2026** at **5.30 p.m.** for the transaction of the following business and your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully



Gemma Dennis
Corporate Services Group Manager & Monitoring Officer



AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Disclosures of Interests from Members
To receive disclosures of interests from Members (ie. The existence and the nature of those interests in respect of items on this agenda).
3. Minutes (Pages 3 - 8)
To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2025 (enclosed).
4. Annual Complaints Report 2025 (Pages 9 - 34)
To consider the report of the Business Systems & Information Manager (enclosed).
5. Scrutiny of the Administrations Draft 2026/27 Budget Proposals (Pages 35 - 40)
To consider the report of the Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer (enclosed).
6. Scrutiny Work Programme (Pages 41 - 50)
7. Consideration of Forward Plan Items (Pages 51 - 58)
8. Further Actions for Scrutiny arising from Meeting

SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2025

Present:-

Cllr. Nick Brown (Chairman - Scrutiny Commissioner)
Cllr. Neil Wright (Vice-Chairman - Scrutiny Commissioner)

Cllr. Stuart Coar
Cllr. Luke Cousin
Cllr. Susan Findlay

Cllr. Janet Forey
Cllr. Antony Moseley
Cllr. Matt Tomeo

Cllr. Maggie Wright

Officers present:-

Marc Greenwood	- Executive Director - Place
Gemma Dennis	- Corporate Services Group Manager
Luke Raddon-Jackson	- Assets & Major Projects Group Manager
Tracy Gaskin	- Health, Leisure and Tourism Service Manager
Faye Gardiner	- Physical Activity and Health Team Leader
Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Avisa Birchenough	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer
Nicole Cramp	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer

Invitees:-

Councillor Nick Chapman, Health, Community and Economic Development Portfolio Holder

Apologies:-

Cllr. Royston Bayliss, Cllr. Adrian Clifford, Cllr. Roy Denney and
Cllr. Tracey Shepherd

122. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS

No disclosures were received.

123. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2025 as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

124. REVIEW OF THE RIPA POLICY 2025

Considered – Report of the Corporate Services Group Manager.

DECISION

That the annual RIPA report be accepted.

Reason:

Whilst the Council does not actively make use of its RIPA powers as a rule, it is important that members are aware of RIPA, the policy and its usage, or otherwise.

125. OVERVIEW OF THE HEALTH AND LEISURE SERVICES

Considered – Presentation from the Health, Leisure and Tourism Service.

The Chairman, Cllr. Nick Brown welcomed Cllr. Nick Chapman - Health, Community and Economic Development Portfolio Holder, Executive Director – Place, Assets and Major Projects Group Manager, Health, Leisure and Tourism Manager and the Physical Activity and Health Team Leader to the meeting.

Officers covered the following key points from their presentation:

- Strategic themes:
 - Keeping you safe and healthy: Community Health and Wellbeing Plan 2023-2026, Playing Pitch Strategy, Built Facilities Strategy, delivery of Leisure centre contract, Active Travel Strategy, Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan and raising awareness of mental health services.
 - Growing and supporting our economy: delivery of actions in Tourism Growth Plan 2025-2030.
 - Enabling our communities and supporting our vulnerable residents: increasing the number of people accessing A Place to Grow.
- Active Blaby – has seen a growth in the number of attendees, number of programmes delivered and an increase the number of referrals. £137,903 of external funding secured. 1,173 referrals received – the highest in the County. Access to classes for the over 65's has seen a reduction in the number of hospital admissions due to falls and has seen a wider increase in social care savings.
- Health and Wellbeing – obesity project supporting residents to make healthy lifestyle choices has received 40 referrals in the first 2 weeks. Monthly fibroscans have been held at the council offices since May, seeing 61 patients and 32 staff.
- A Place to Grow – has seen 961 attendances with 86 volunteers from April-October 2025. Income has been generated from January 2025 from hiring of plots and private hire. It also supports the Armed Forces and veterans who use the site frequently.
- Leisure Contract and wider offer – current leisure centre contract ends 2029. Enderby Gym is being expanded from October to December reopening to the public on 5 January.
- Tourism – visitor numbers have increased from 2.70m (2023) to 2.77m (2024). Employment figures from 2,058 (2023) to 2,071 (2024). Over the summer the Victory show attracted over 18,000 visitors. The Ice House held 7 tours including sold out dates. The Visit Blaby website has seen a 50% increase from June to August with over 2000 views of the event section.
- Active Travel – 3 new walking and cycling routes. The active travel survey received 186 responses and the active travel working group has been established with staff from 5 different departments.
- Challenges:

- Local Government funding for Health, Leisure and Tourism is challenging.
- At times it's necessary to seek funding from multiple sources, leading to complexity.
- Exploring options for ongoing resource requirements.
- Challenges remain with getting the public active and maintaining healthy lifestyles.
- BDC leisure assets across the district are aging and will require upgrades.
- Community facilities have not received sufficient funding either
- Opportunities:
 - Lubbethorpe leisure offer to be developed.
 - Opportunities to maximise commercial revenue (O&W contract) and access alternative funding routes for investment (s106) are demonstrating a sustainable delivery model.
 - Working closely with partners across health, local government, community and voluntary sector and progress will continue to be made.
 - Identifying, and bidding for, external funding to improve facilities.
 - Working closely with partners to enable them to access support to improve facilities. These include the Blaby Community Grant scheme and external grant funding routes.

Scrutiny was asked if there were any areas of activity the service team should consider engaging with to further improve impact for residents?

Scrutiny responded with the following comments:

- Consideration should be given to S.106 grants being spent in the ward where the planning application was located. Examples were provided of playing pitches.
- Traffic and congestion around the leisure centre.
- Updating noticeboards in the rural areas and increasing communications.
- Increasing work with young people including scouts and girl guides and youth clubs.
- Cycle training in rural areas.
- Utilising the green spaces in Lubbethorpe (e.g. with playing pitches).
- Highlighting any activities held at the leisure centre for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).
- Increasing the opening times of A Place to Grow.
- Working with young people to bring about an awareness of vaping.
- Working with local groups who support male mental health.
- Increased work with Parish Council – they would benefit from the presentation.

Members and officers agreed that it was important to leave a legacy to be proud of, especially considering the impact of Local Government Reorganisation. Scrutiny thanked the Health, Leisure and Tourism service for their detailed and comprehensive presentation.

Cllr. Stuart Coar left the meeting during consideration of the item and did not return.

DECISION

That the presentation and associated actions be accepted.

Reason:

Scrutiny was provided with a comprehensive overview of the Health, Leisure and Tourism Service.

**126. CABINET EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY
RECOMMENDATIONS: REVIEW INTO RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION
OF STAFF**

Considered – report of the Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer, presented by Cllr. Neil Wright – Vice-Chairman of Scrutiny Commission and Chairman of the Scrutiny Review into Recruitment and Retention of Staff.

Cllr. Neil Wright expressed his disappointment at the response provided by Cabinet Executive. Although many of the recommendations had been accepted, Cllr Wright expected that many of the recommendations should have an update on delivery against the actions.

It was noted that there had been no movement in securing a date for Phase 2 of the HR work.

It was agreed that a senior officer would respond to the response at the next Scrutiny Commissioners meeting.

DECISION

That Senior Officers provide an update on the response to Scrutiny recommendations at the next Scrutiny Commissioners meeting.

Reason:

As set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, it is the duty of the Executive to respond to Scrutiny reports and recommendations.

127. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Members accepted the 25/26 Scrutiny Work Programme.

The Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer provided the following update:

- Lightbulb – change of meeting date from 26 November to 24 November.
- Capital Programme meeting on 2 December.
- Local Police meeting on 9 December.

128. CONSIDERATION OF FORWARD PLAN ITEMS

No items were raised for further information or examination.

129. FURTHER ACTIONS FOR SCRUTINY ARISING FROM MEETING

There were no further actions arising from the meeting.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.50 P.M.

**Blaby District Council
Scrutiny Commission**

Date of Meeting 4 February 2026
Title of Report **Annual Complaints Report**
Report Author Business Systems & Information Manager

1. What is this report about?

- 1.1 The annual complaints report provides a summary of the Councils formal complaint handling performance, the nature and volume of complaints, and insight into cases reviewed and investigated by the Local Government Ombudsman (LGSCO).

2. Recommendation(s) to Scrutiny Commission

- 2.1 To review the appended complaints report and consider any relevant comments, feedback, or suggestions relating to the Councils handling of formal complaints.
- 2.2 To review the Councils Complaints, Comments and Compliments Policy and the associated web page information in order to be familiar with our current procedure and be able to comment on this where relevant (please see section 9 – Appendices)

3. Reason for Decision(s) Recommended

- 3.1 It is of value and importance that the Councils Scrutiny Commission has assurance of the organisation's formal complaint handling performance and the opportunity to comment and review this due to their commitment to ensuring better outcomes for our communities.

4. Matters to consider

4.1 Background

The Local Government Act 1974 states that Local Authorities must have reasonable opportunity to investigate and respond to complaints before they are directed to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman. For this reason, Councils (including Blaby District Council) establish a published complaints policy and have an internal procedure for handling complaints received.

When a council finishes its internal investigation and responds to a complaint, it is legally required to inform the complainant of their right to escalate the matter to the Ombudsman if escalations through the local procedure have been exhausted.

Blaby District Council has a two-stage formal complaints process, which is outlined in our Complaints, Comments and Compliments Policy, and aims to resolve all complaints amicably without requiring further escalation to the Ombudsman.

Prior to a formal complaint process, the Council will aim to resolve any issues to an individual's satisfaction before they become a complaint if they can be dealt with quickly and efficiently by the relevant service area. These types of issues are regarded by the Council as 'Service Requests' or 'Informal Service Level Complaints'. These issues are not recorded or monitored by the Council's Information Governance team and do not form part of this report.

The appended report provides an overview of the Council's complaint handling performance, the nature and volume of formal complaints received, and an insight into cases reviewed and investigated by the Local Government Ombudsman (LGSCO).

In February 2024, the LGSCO published a Complaint Handling Code for Council's. Although the LGSCO consider the code to be 'best practice' and 'important advice and guidance' it is not a statutory requirement for Councils to adhere to. However, the 'Code' does state the following.

'We may make a finding of maladministration where local councils policies and procedures depart from the Code without sufficient explanation. We may also make a finding of maladministration where a local council, without good reason, does not meet the standards in the Code when responding to an individual complaint.'

When reviewing the 'Complaints Code' after its publication, Blaby District Council found that our current Policy and procedures already met most of the advice and recommendations outlined in the code and that we typically handle and respond to complaints received in an effective, timely and compliant manner.

However, the Council has identified some ways in which it can improve and comply further with the LGSCO Complaints Code. These are outlined in the appended report.

4.2 Proposal(s)

That Scrutiny Commission members review the appended complaints report, and consider any relevant comments, feedback, or suggestions relating to the Councils handling of formal complaints.

To do this within the context of our current Complaints, Comments and

Compliments Policy and the Local Government & Social Housing Ombudsman's 'Complaint Code'.

4.3 Relevant Consultations

In writing this report, the author has consulted with the Corporate Services Group Manager, who also acts as the Councils Monitoring Officer.

The author has also reviewed the guidance for annual complaint reports outlined in section 8 of the LGSCO's Complaints Code.

4.4 Significant Issues

There are no significant issues addressed as part of this report.

4.5 In preparing this report, the author has considered issues related to Human Rights, Legal Matters, Human Resources, Equalities, Public Health Inequalities and there are no areas of concern.

5. Environmental impact

5.1 There are no environmental impacts of this report or the Councils complaint handling processes.

6. What will it cost and are there opportunities for savings?

6.1 There are no additional costs associated with this report or the Councils complaint handling processes. Resource and associated operational costs are outlined in the Councils annual budget.

7. What are the risks and how can they be reduced?

7.1

Current Risk	Actions to reduce the risks
The Council does not meet the expectations of the Local Government Ombudsman (LGSCO) in its handling and response to formal complaints.	The Council has a published Complaints Policy, outlining its definition of a complaint, how they can be made, and the procedure for handling them. This is supported by robust internal processes ensuring compliance with our policy commitments.

8. Other options considered

8.1 No other options are relevant for this report.

9. Appendix

9.1 Appendix A – Annual Complaints Report Summary

9.2 Appendix B – [BDC Feedback and Complaints Web Page](#) (which contains a link to the Complaints, Comments and Compliments Policy).

9.3 Appendix C – [Complaint Handling Code - Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman](#)

10. Background paper(s)

Not applicable.

11. Report author's contact details

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Annual Complaints Report 2025

Compiled by the Information Governance Team

Presented to Scrutiny Commission on 4 February 2026

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Report Context

- Purpose of this Report

The annual complaints report provides a summary of the Council's formal complaint handling performance, the nature and volume of complaints, and insight into cases reviewed and investigated by the Local Government Ombudsman (LGSCO).

- What is a complaint?

The Council's current Complaints, Comments and Compliments Policy defines a complaint as

“an expression of dissatisfaction about a Council service, whether that service is provided directly by the Council or by a contractor / partner, that requires a response.”

- How are they categorised?

Service Level / Stage 0 Complaint (typically sent directly to service areas and not formally recorded or monitored by the IG team).

Formal Stage 1 Complaint

Formal Stage 2 Complaint (an escalation from Stage 1).

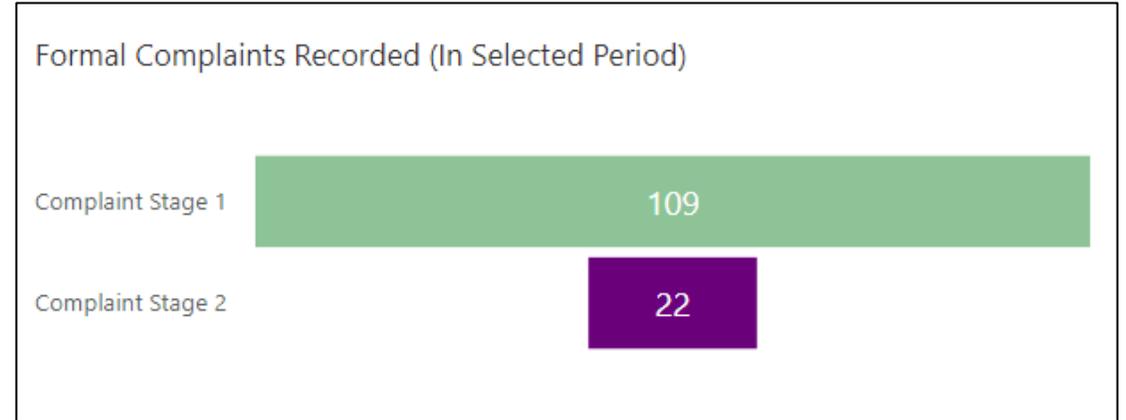
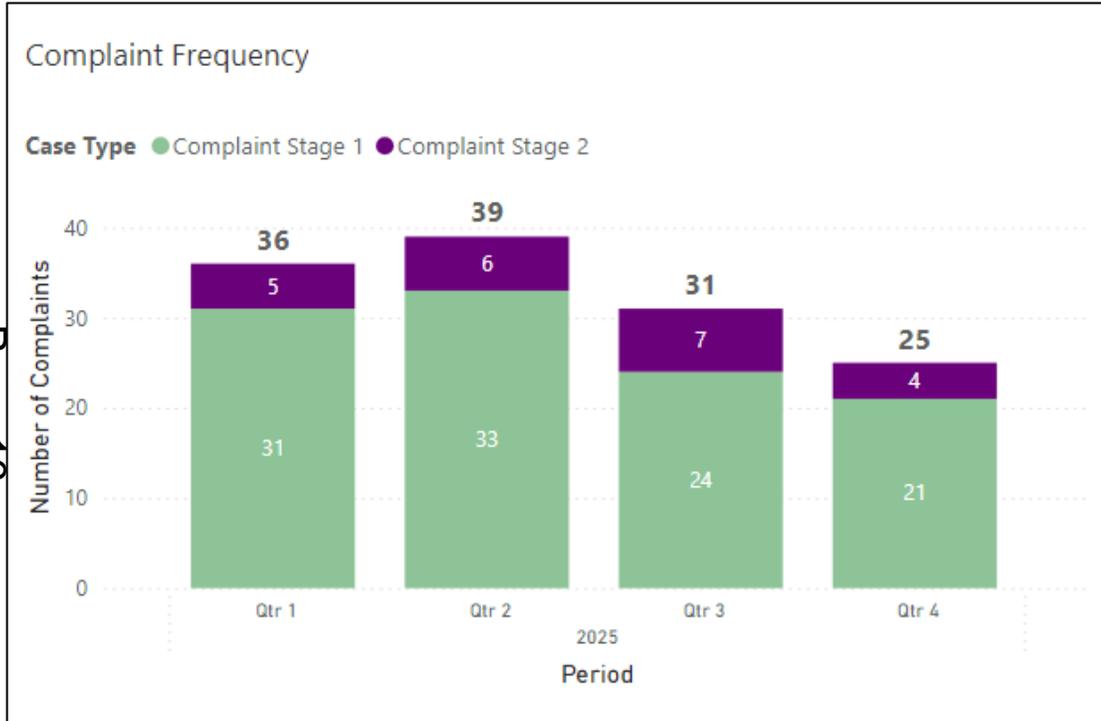
An Ombudsman Investigated Complaint (typically escalated from a Stage 2 complaint).

Part 1 – Formal Complaint Volumes

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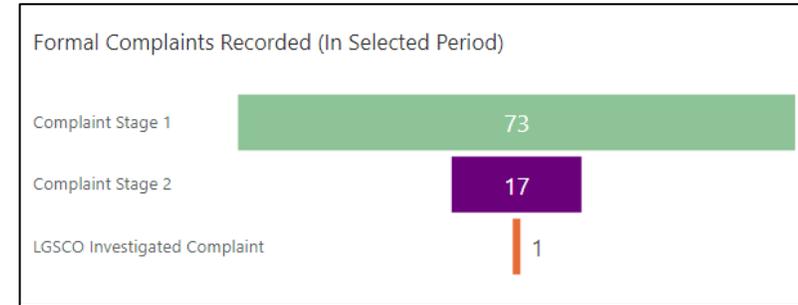
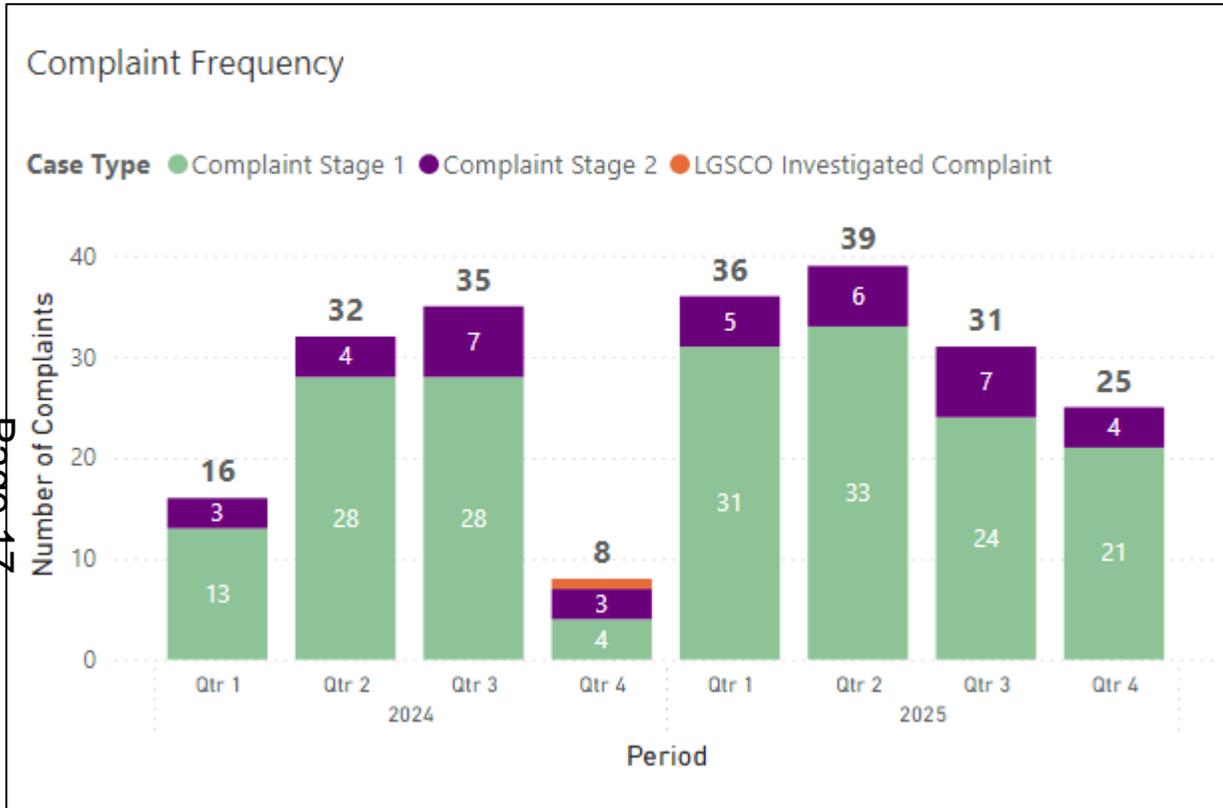
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- Comparison to Previous Year Data
- Volumes by Service Area – Current & Previous Year Comparison

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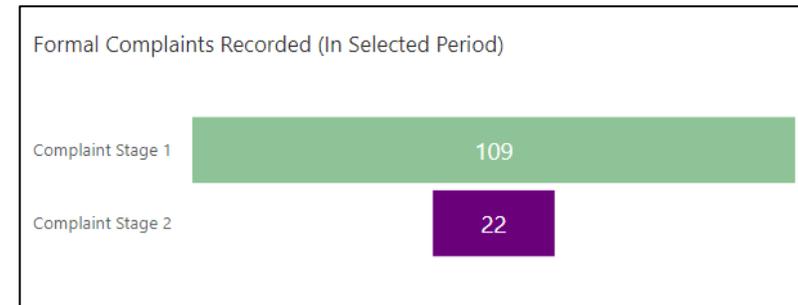


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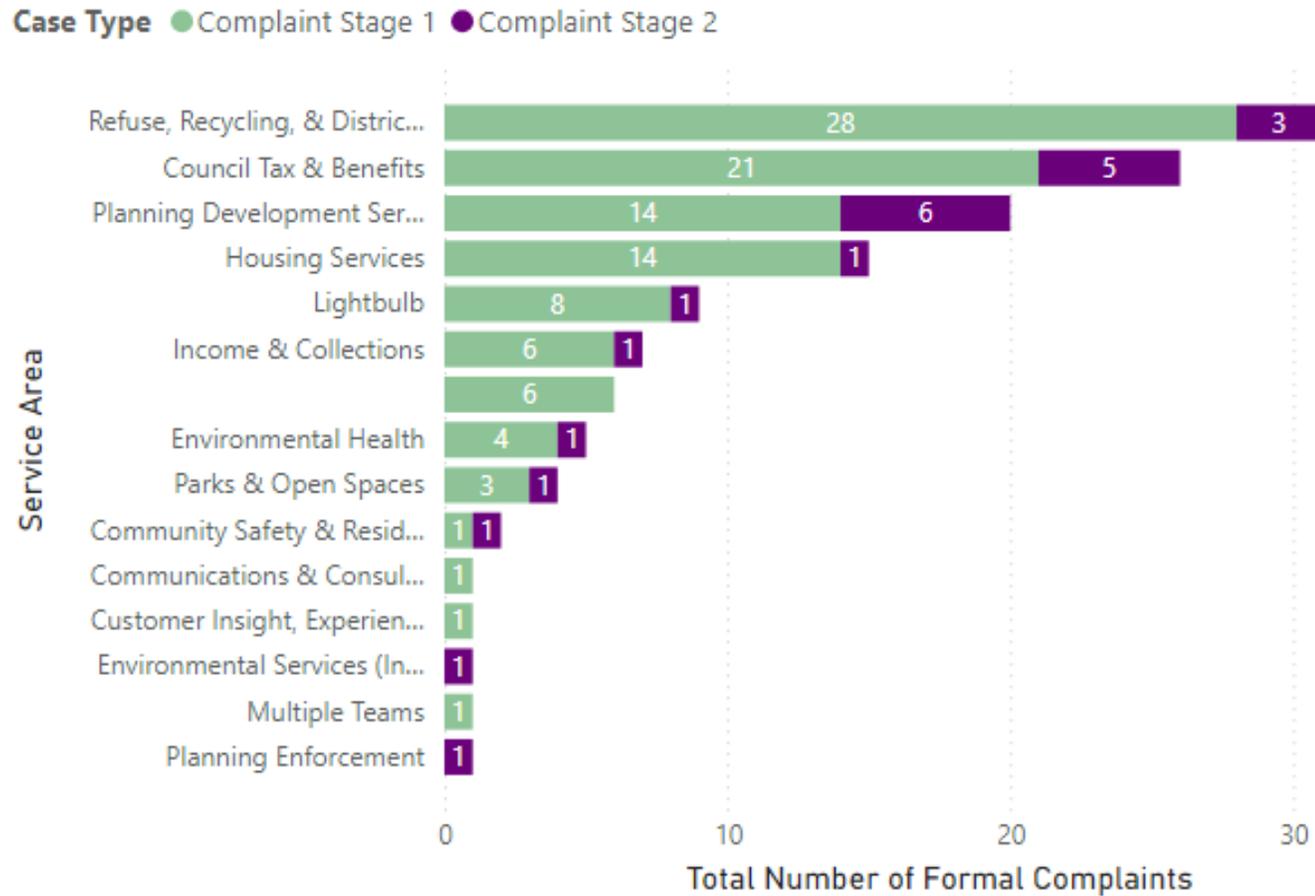
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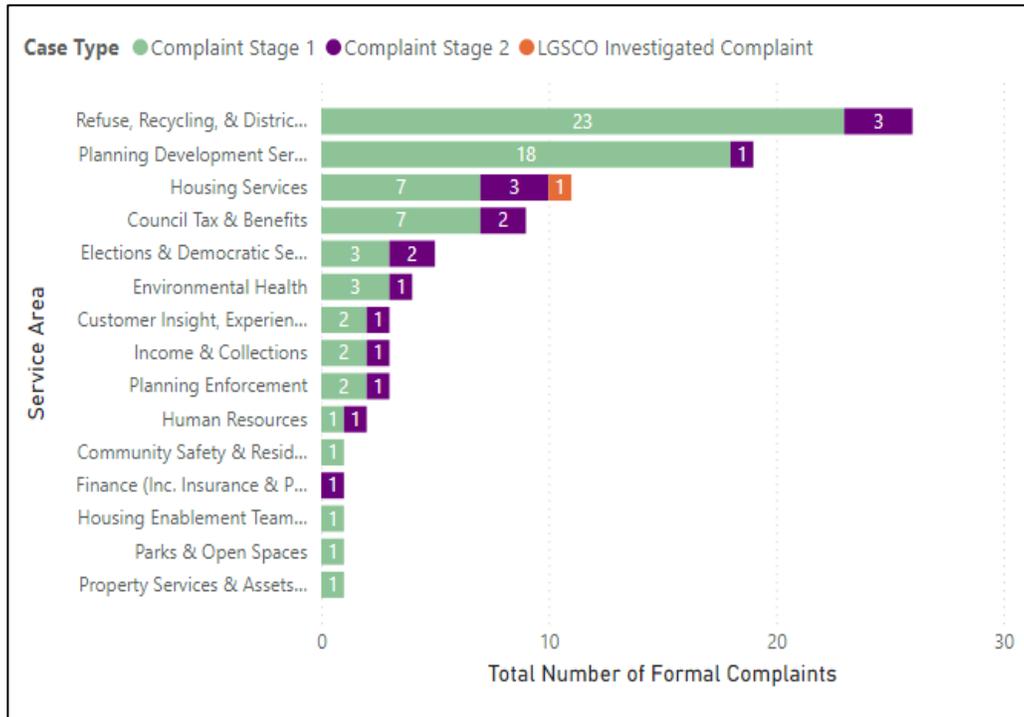
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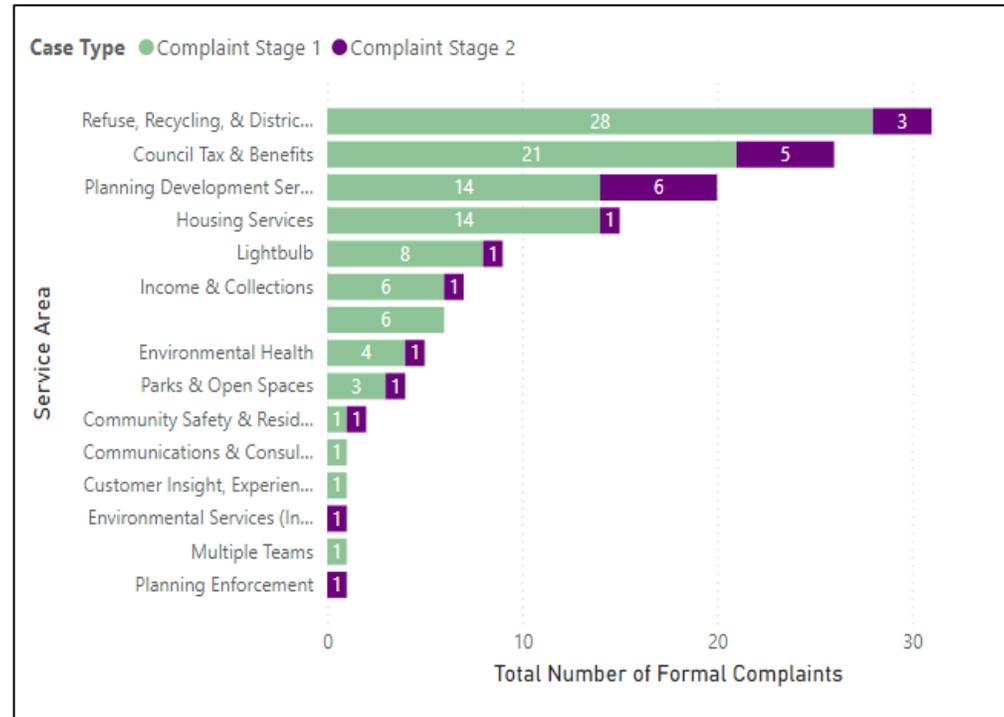
Formal Complaint Volumes

Volume by Service Area
(2025 Calendar Year)

Formal Complaint Volumes - Volume by Service Area (2025 v 2024)



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Formal Complaint Outcomes

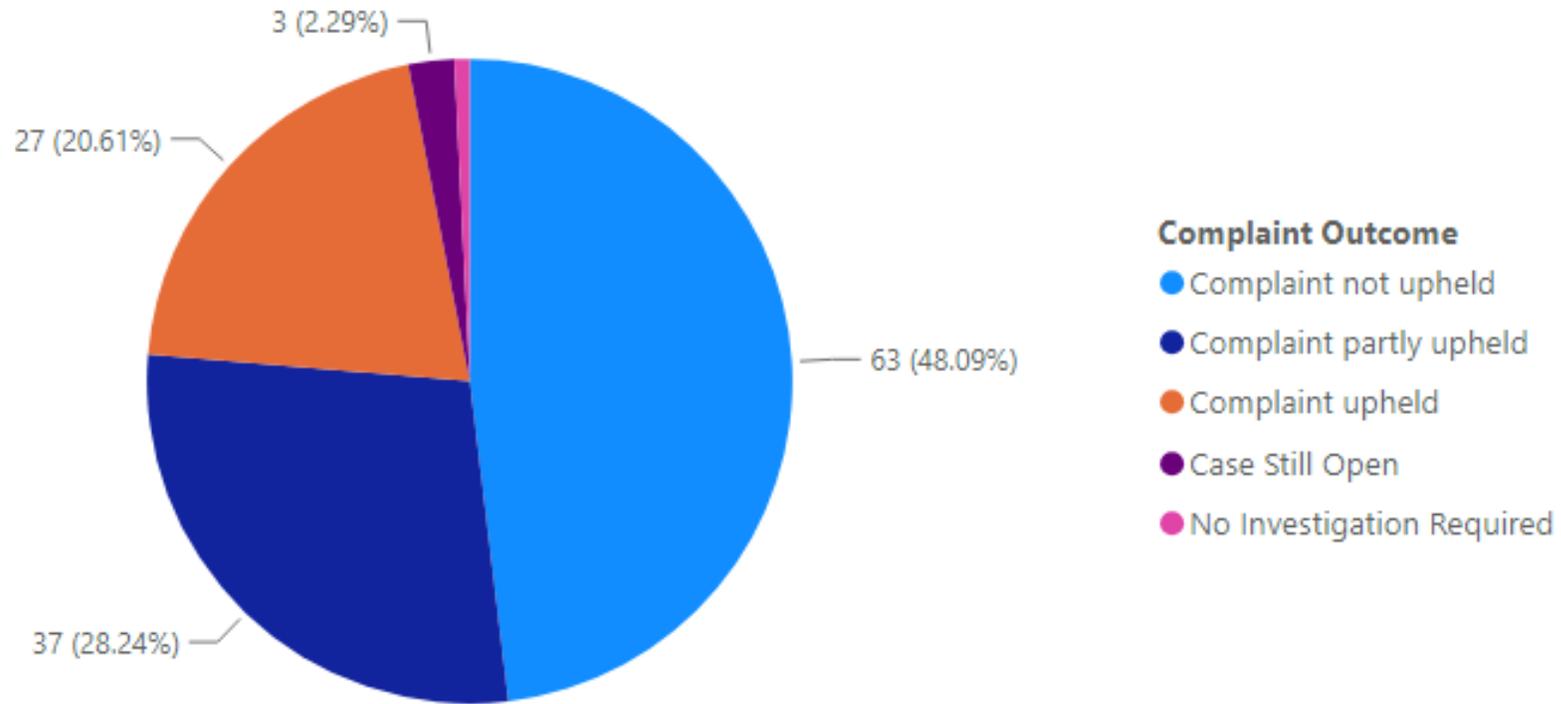
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- Current Year Data
- Comparison to Previous Year Data

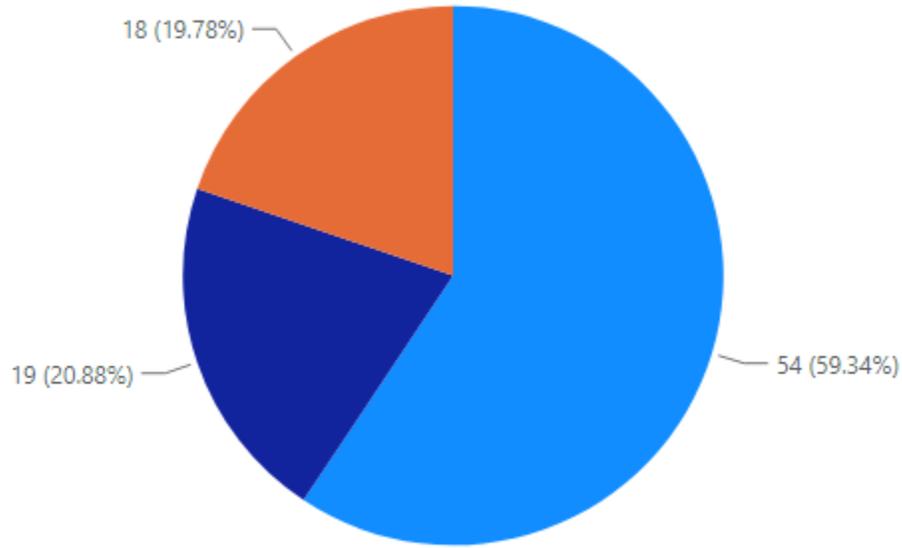
Formal Complaint Outcomes - Overview

- Upon completion of the investigation of a formal complaint and as part of the final response, the responding officer is required to state one of the following outcomes.
 - **Complaint Upheld** – Where the Council take full responsibility for service failures outlined by the complainant.
 - **Complaint Partly Upheld** - Where the Council takes partial responsibility for service failures outlined by the complainant.
 - **Complaint Not Upheld** – Where the Council does not accept responsibility for service failures outlined by the complainant.

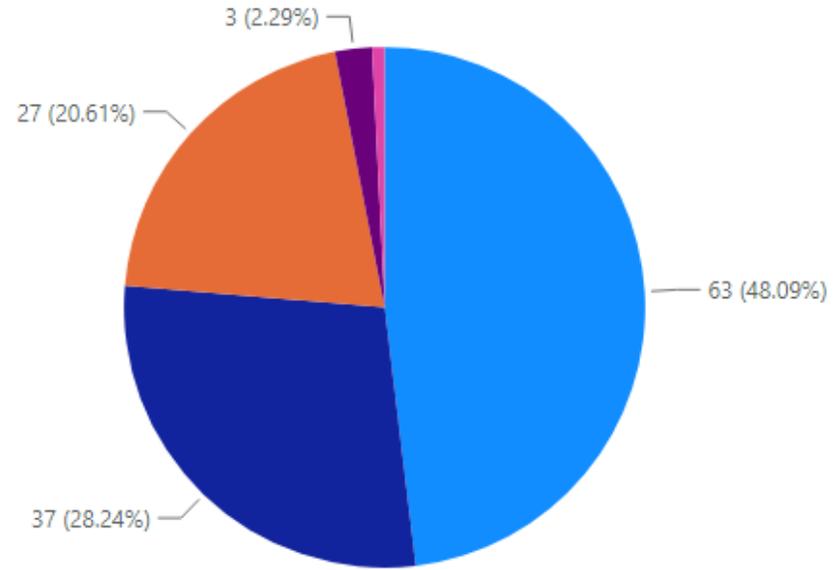
Formal Complaint Outcomes (2025 Calendar Year)



Formal Complaint Outcomes - (2025 v 2024)



2024



2025

Complaint Outcome

- Complaint not upheld
- Complaint partly upheld
- Complaint upheld
- Case Still Open
- No Investigation Required

Formal Complaint Types (Nature of Complaint)

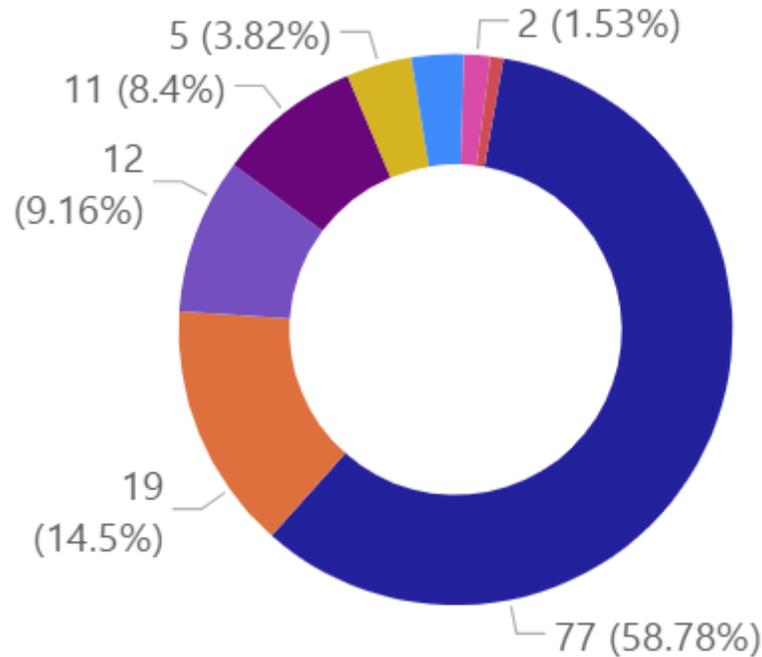
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- Overview
- Current Year Data
- Comparison to Previous Year Data

Formal Complaint Types (Nature of Complaint) - Overview

- The type or nature of complaints received can vary significantly. However, to enable improved analysis and improvement, the Council groups complaints into the 7 categories listed below.
 - Failure to provide a service at the level or standard agreed.
 - Neglect or delay in answering a query or responding to a request for service.
 - Unhelpful attitude of a Council employee.
 - Failure to follow Council Policy or Procedure.
 - Failure to consider relevant issues when making a decision.
 - Data Protection Issues
 - Other
- The breakdown of complaints in each category is shown in the following slides.

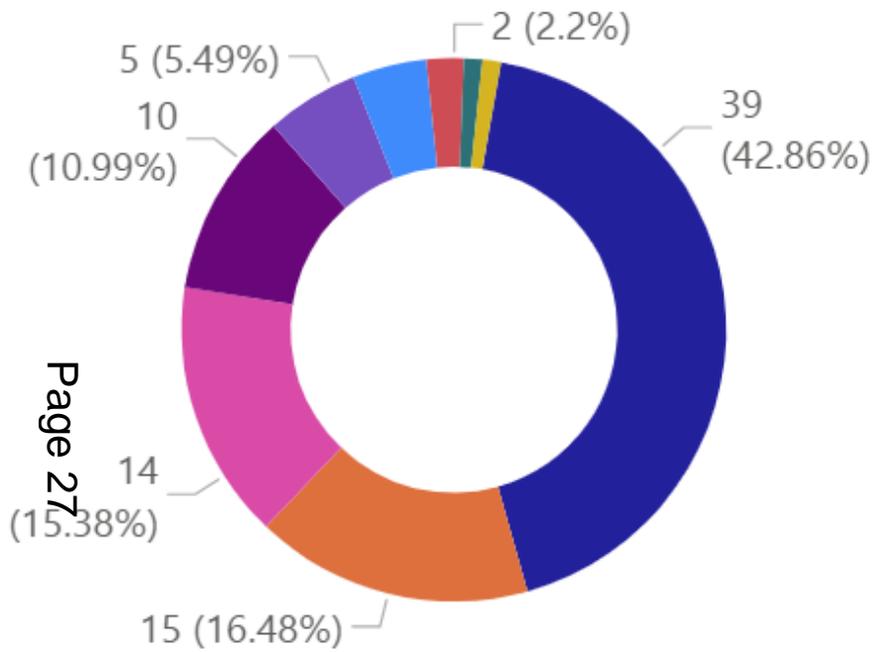
Formal Complaint Types (Nature of Complaint) - 2025 Calendar Year



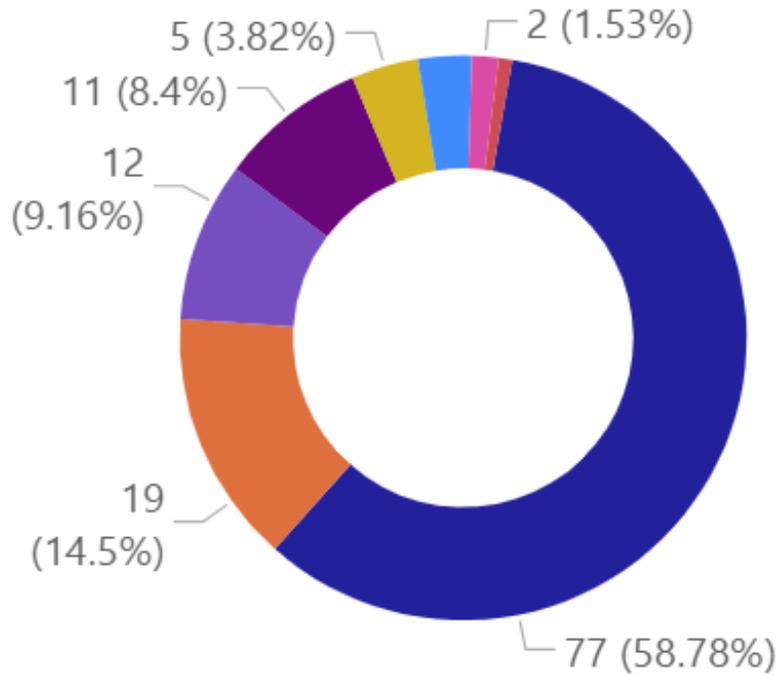
Nature of Complaint

- Failure to provide a service at the level or standard agreed
- Other
- Neglect or delay in answering a query or responding to a request for a service
- Unhelpful attitude of a Council Employee
- Awaiting Classification (case still open)
- Failure to follow agreed Council procedure or Policy
- Failure to consider relevant issues when making a decision
- Data Protection Issues

Formal Complaint Types (Nature of Complaint) - 2025 v 2024



2024



2025

Nature of Complaint

- Failure to provide a service at the level or standard agreed
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Complaints Handled by the Local Government & Social Housing Ombudsman (LGSCO)

- The link below provides an overview of complaints about Blaby District Council that have been handled by the LGSCO.
- It also provides a focus on complaints the LGSCO decided to investigate and includes the following additional data.
 - Number of investigated complaints that were upheld
 - Number of upheld investigated complaints where the LGSCO recommendations were satisfactorily complied with by Blaby District Council.
- Click the link to review this data.

[Blaby District Council Complaints Dashboard](#)

[Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman \(LGSCO\)](#)

Lessons Learnt

- Overview

Upon completion of a formal complaint response, the responding officer is asked to complete a monitoring form to confirm the outcome, categorise the complaint nature, and state any lessons learnt arising from their investigations. This is particularly relevant if the complaint outcome is fully or partly upheld.

The following slide provides the 2025 data for the proportion of upheld and partly upheld complaints that include recorded lessons learnt provided by the responding officer.

Complaint Outcome Filter

- Case Still Open
- Complaint not upheld
- Complaint partly upheld
- Complaint upheld
- No Investigation Required

Lessons Learnt Data - 2025

69% of fully or partly upheld complaints (stage 1 & 2) identify the lessons that have been learnt from the complaint.

Number of Complaints (Based on Filter Selections)
64

Lessons Learnt Not Reported / Identified (Based on Filter Selections)
20

Lessons Learnt Data – 2025 (Examples of Lessons Learnt)

Selected Examples of Recorded Lessons Learnt Arising From Complaints Received During 2025
Cover cases in sickness absence
Training to be completed with all temporary staff
Operative spoken to and apology offered
Crews spoken to regarding the positioning of the bin following collection
Spoken to staff with regards to the manoeuvres made and not to do this again
Crew spoken to about returning bins and not blocking driveways
Discussed with officer to make sure they establish if customer is homeless or threatened with homelessness before asking them to complete form
Change in process for office staff to escalate if repeated calls in are not being actioned
Changed process for filing emails. Spoken to member of staff with regards to missed cardboard
Reminded officers of service standards and to ensure these are met.
Empathy required for complex cases. Will discuss at team meeting.
The matter is being dealt with internally and the Development Services Team Leaders will be working with the case officer to ensure such a circumstance does not reoccur
Training undertaken with the Council Tax team, and review of information on our website.
Reminder to admin staff about the standardised email previously created to ensure contractors are aware that cancellation invoices cannot be paid by Lightbulb. Any costs needs to be discussed with the customer prior to any works to begin the removal.
1. Poor communication between agent and officer including Statutory consultees. - This has been reinforced by the Service Manager regarding this matter. 2 - Lack of adherence to Service standards - Officers spoken to about reinforcing these and the wider impact when not followed. 3 - Further application required to remedy the matter from a planning perspective - Application has been submitted and is being dealt with appropriately.
Training provided to staff for validating Planning applications
Officer spoken to about attention to detail and checking work. GDPR breach form completed.
Added a joint caseworker to the homelessness case. Outlined clear routes for client to contact the council

Improvements & Development

- Improved compliance with LGSCO Complaints Code
 - Ensuring annual complaints data and reports are published and available for Scrutiny review each year.
 - Procedural review to exclude stage 0 complaints from the complaints policy and re-categorise these as service requests.
 - Adopting the Complaints Code definition of a complaint and a service request within our Policy.
 - A more robust process for capturing and implementing lessons learnt from upheld and partially upheld complaints.
- Improved internal complaints process and support
 - Response templates to guide effective complaint responses at each stage.
 - An updated and more detailed complaints procedure for employees.
 - Supportive training resources for complaint responders.

End of Report

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Blaby District Council Scrutiny Commission

Date of Meeting	4 February 2026
Title of Report	Scrutiny of the Administrations draft 2026/27 Budget Proposals
Report Author	Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer

1. What is this report about?

- 1.1 To detail the findings and conclusions from the Budget Scrutiny sessions for consideration and approval by Scrutiny Commission prior to submission to Cabinet Executive on 23 February 2026.

2. Recommendation(s) to Scrutiny Commission

- 2.1 That Scrutiny Commission considers the report and approves the proposed Statement on the Administrations 2026-27 Draft Budget Proposals for submission to Cabinet Executive on 23 February 2026. (To Follow)

3. Reason for Decision(s) Recommended

- 3.1 Scrutiny Commission has a mandate to scrutinise the Administration's draft budget proposals and make recommendations to Cabinet which it is obliged to consider before making final recommendations on the Budget to Council.

4. Matters to consider

4.1 Background

The Administration's 2026/27 draft Budget proposals for the General Fund Revenue Account have been fully considered by the Scrutiny Commission and non-executive members.

Cabinet Portfolio Holders and Senior Officers attended Scrutiny budget meetings to answer questions relating to the draft budget proposals as follows:-

14 January 2026 - Budget Context and Overview

21 January 2026 – Portfolio Holder Question Sessions for:

- Leader
- Finance, People & Transformation

- Health, Community and Economic Development
- Neighbourhood Services & Assets
- Housing, Community Safety & Environmental Services
- Planning and Strategic Growth

All figures are as presented at the time scrutiny meetings took place, and do not take account any minor adjustments that may have been made to the budget after those dates.

Key issues raised by the Executive Director (S.151 Officer):

The key elements of the Local Government Statement that impact on the budget position for 2026/27 are:

- Confirmation of provisional settlement figures for 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 i.e. a three-year settlement. Confirmation of a one-year settlement for 2025/26.
- Confirmation that New Homes Bonus was discontinued.
- Council Tax increase thresholds.
- Changes to Business Rate Baseline.
- Information relating to additional funding streams.

The Settlement will result in considerable redistribution of funding between authorities. The Relative Needs Formulas have seen major changes and many grants have either been rolled into the Settlement Funding Assessment or into one of four Consolidated Grants. Alongside this there has been a Full Baseline Reset for Business Rates.

Whilst there has been redistribution of funding through the formula to those authorities with higher needs, the inclusion of business rate growth and business rate pooling income has perhaps lessened the impact of redistribution for Blaby, as these income streams have been protected to some extent.

Funding the Budget

The table below illustrates how the budget is funded and how the grants provided in the Settlement have contributed to reducing the budget gap forecast in the MTFS.

Sources of funding are as follows:-

	2025/26 Approved Budget £	2025/26 Revised Estimate £	2026/27 Proposed Budget £	Variance Compared to Approved Budget
Income from Business Rates	(5,510,635)	(5,933,121)	(2,303,193)	(3,207,442)
Contributions (from) To Business Rates Reserves	1,649,329	2,395,987	0	1,649,329
S31 Grant - Business Rates Compensation	(2,738,694)	(3,054,466)	(920,274)	(1,818,420)
Revenue Support Grant	(95,767)	(95,767)	(7,474,028)	7,378,261
New Homes Bonus Grant	(426,048)	(426,048)	0	(426,048)
Funding Guarantee	0	0	0	0
Funding Floor	(1,573,114)	(1,573,114)	0	(1,573,114)
Services Grant	0	0	0	0
Damping/ Transitional Funding	0	0	(715,020)	715,020
Sub Total	(8,694,929)	(8,686,529)	(11,412,515)	2,717,586
Council Tax (Surplus)/Deficit	42,056	42,056	7,468	34,588
Council Tax Demand on Collection Fund	(6,754,058)	(6,754,058)	(6,803,487)	49,429
				0
Funding Envelope	(15,406,931)	(15,398,531)	(18,208,534)	2,801,603

The table above illustrates that the Council's overall funding has increased despite the Core Spending Power decreasing. This is due mainly to the Council being compensated for the Business Rate Baseline reset over and above the income that feeds directly from Business Rates. Both elements of the historic growth and Business Rate Pool income from the levy have been protected and are now included in the Revenue Support Grant. Funding has also been included to introduce the Food Waste Service from April 2026.

This reflects:

- Redistributed NNDR has been forecast at the moment to reduce significantly due to the resetting of the baseline. Moving from £6.6m down to £3.2m. This is before any release of the Business Rate Reserve. Whilst this reduction is shown within the Business Rate funding lines a compensatory entry is included within the Revenue Support Grant which provides a 95% income protection floor.
- Revenue Support Grant (RSG) increased to £7.4m from £96k – now the grant through which the majority of government funding is provided.
- Funding Floor Grant – no longer provided. Awarded £1.573m in 2025/26.
- New Homes Bonus (NHB) Grant – no longer provided. Awarded £426k in 2025/26.
- Transitional Funding (Damping) – Awarded £715k in 2026/27. This increases as RSG reduces over the three-year Settlement.
- Council Tax precept has increased by £49k. This is before any increase is applied but reflects the increase in the tax base (increase in properties) in the district.

Total Budget Requirement Proposal

The proposed General Fund Revenue Account Net Budget Requirement for 2026/27 is £19.731M.

Budget Gap

The budget gap arising for the 2026/27 Financial Year is £1.522m. Scrutiny noted the measures proposed to reduce/close the gap:

	£
Budget Gap	1,521,987
Contribution to Property Fund Reserve	10,200
Contribution from Leisure Man't Contractual Lossess Support Reserve	(63,750)
Contribution from Business Rate Pool for ED function	(326,855)
Contribution from NNDR Reserve	(765,698)
Contribution from Blaby Priorities Reserve for Capital Grants Programme	(54,500)
Contribution from Homelessness Reserve	(64,000)
Council Tax Increase	(203,426)
	(Surplus)/Deficit <u>53,958</u>

4.2 Proposal

Statement on the Administrations 2026-27 Draft Budget

The Scrutiny Commission is asked to approve the following statement for submission to Cabinet Executive in response to the Administrations draft 2026-27 Budget Proposals. **To Follow**

4.3 Relevant Consultations

All Non-Executive Members, Portfolio Holders, Senior Officers.

4.4 Significant Issues

In preparing this report, the author has considered issues related to Human Rights, Legal Matters, Human Resources, Equalities, Public Health Inequalities and there are no areas of concern.

5. Environmental impact

- 5.1 No Net Zero and Climate Impact Assessment (NZCIA) is required for this report.

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Date:	Item	Detail	Attendance required	Forum	Progress
11 June 2025	Food Waste Collection	<p>Members were provided with an update on Food Waste Collection as part of the Kerbside Waste Collection policy update. A further update will be provided to Commission in due course.</p> <p>Scrutiny also requests an update on the Electric Vehicles, following the information which was provided on 11th June.</p>	Paul Coates Ashley Hatfield	Scrutiny Commission	Complete (pending update on electric vehicle fleet)
<p>Thursday 10 July 2025</p> <p>Thursday 18 September 2025</p> <p>Thursday 13 November 2025 (previously 6 November)</p>	iPlan Workshop (Corporate Measures)	To examine areas of concern, trends and performance through iPlan – the Council’s Corporate Measures system.	Luke Clements	Working Group	<p>3 April 2025 – Members reviewed responses from SLT, reviewed current P1 Measures. Members also requested the attendance of the Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager and the Principal Planning Policy Officer to discuss 5 Year Housing Land Supply Measures. Members received a demonstration on Business intelligence and AI and its uses at the Council.</p> <p>10 July 2025 – Members addressed 5 questions: 1) Should P1 measures be our statutory obligations and District Plan Objectives. 2) What are BDC Statutory Obligations, how are we measuring these? 3) How are we measuring District Plan Objectives 4) What are we measuring and why? What are we reviewing? What are we reporting? 5) Renaming workshop to</p>

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Date:	Item	Detail	Attendance required	Forum	Progress
					<p>'Measuring Corporate Performance. Members requested a list of statutory objectives the Council collects/reports data on for the next meeting.</p> <p>18 September – The Performance and Information Service Manager presented a refined list of the statutory duties placed on local authorities. Cllr. Neil Wright requested further work on the list for the next meeting to enable a discussion of how to proceed with shaping the Councils performance reporting.</p> <p>13 November – the meeting was closed due to it being inquorate. Cllr Neil Wright requested that the purpose of the group be reviewed at the next Commissioners meeting on 20 November.</p> <p>20 November - Commissioners agreed that the Business Systems, Performance & Information Manager and the Executive Director be invited to the next Commissioners meeting in January to carry out a scoping exercise and review Corporate Performance.</p> <p>iPlan meetings currently being reviewed.</p>
Amended date: 24 November	Lightbulb	Scrutiny requests a breakdown of Blaby's contribution compared to other partner authorities.	Caroline Harbour	Task & Finish	Complete – pending the following actions arising from the meeting:

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Date:	Item	Detail	Attendance required	Forum	Progress
(was previously 26 November)		Exploration of Lightbulb pilots and suggested outcome.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A brief initially for the Scrutiny Commissioners to understand how the new Renters Rights bill will impact Lightbulb and residents who rent. To also be rolled out to all Members • Update on the 2-year extension of the pilot schemes • Note– the concerns of the Officers employed in the pilot schemes for 12/24 months are receiving all entitlements ie pension and entitlements linked to length of service etc.
22 December	Capital Programme 26/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examine delivery of capital programme • consider latest update 	All non-executive members are invited	Task and finish	Complete
TBC	Local Police	<p>Updates are not consistently provided from local police to ward members/parishes. Why?</p> <p>Examine the level of communication between local police with ward members/parish councils.</p> <p>Scrutiny wishes to consider how members receive updates on their local policing issues via the CSP, and to explore how it can encourage more information</p>	Caroline Harbour Rebecca Holcroft Carol Parker	Task & Finish	Update to be provided at Scrutiny Commissioners meeting on 12 January 2026.

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Date:	Item	Detail	Attendance required	Forum	Progress
		sharing from the CSP specifically related to Blaby issues.			
14, 21, 28 January 2026	Consideration of the 2026/27 Budget Proposals	14 January – Budget context setting 21 January – Portfolio Holder sessions 28 January – Draft Scrutiny response Consider financial picture in context of setting a balanced budget. Examine and respond to Portfolio Holder proposed draft budgets and funding priorities.	All SLT/Cabinet Executive All non-executive Members	Scrutiny of the 25/26 Administration's Budget Proposals	
4 February 2026	Annual Complaints Report	This is reviewed annually by Scrutiny. Scrutiny wish to receive information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging themes • Trends over the last 5 years • Outcomes of complaints • Number of complaints related to calls received 	Luke Clements	Scrutiny Commission	
3 March 2026 6:30pm – Council Chamber	Joint Community Safety Partnership Overview & Scrutiny Committee	To consider the annual update from the Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership.	Scrutiny Members from both Blaby and HBBC	-	

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Date:	Item	Detail	Attendance required	Forum	Progress
10 September 10 March 2026	Review of Member Champion roles	<p>Following the addition of 2 new member Champion roles at Annual Council, bringing the total number to 5 champions, Scrutiny wish to explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value added • Priorities of champions <p>The process for creating new champion positions</p>	Leader of the Council Chief Executive	Scrutiny Commission	<p>10 September – it was agreed that a Task & Finish Group be created to enable Scrutiny to consider roles and responsibilities of each Champion, how they are held accountable, how they are appointed (e.g. on expertise and knowledge). The Task and Finish Group would also allow the Champions to share their ambitions, priorities and background on what's expected of them in their Member Champion roles.</p> <p>10 March 2026: That all Member Champions be invited to the meeting.</p>
25 March	HR – Phase 2	<p>This work will examine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current days lost to sickness including a breakdown of how many lost to stress and mental health issues. • How are managers supported? • What support is provided to staff? • A timeline of when the next Workplace Health Needs Assessment or Staff Survey or similar is planned. <p>What consideration have been given to the possible impact on recruitment and retention of LGR</p>	TBC	Working Group	<p>Note from Officers: Would please like a later date request on this – early 2026 if possible. We are currently recruiting into new (approved) roles within the team and they will have a key part to play in this piece of work. We also have a key project looking at data extraction to support scrutiny of areas such as sickness absence which we would like to be in a position to share as part of this piece of work with Scrutiny Working Group</p>

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Date:	Item	Detail	Attendance required	Forum	Progress
26 th June 28 th October 22 April 2026	Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution	<p>2 July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rationale behind the need to request additional establishment resource at cabinet less than 2 months after the budget was approved • To discuss the approach of other authorities and where the District Councils sit in relation to this • To discuss central government's response to the District Council proposal • What will be BDCs legacy after LGR? <p>22 April 2026: For Scrutiny to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A blueprint for implementation and an understanding as to what actions have been taken to date amongst councils to seek to share resources, work on alignment of policies and terms etc. 2. What type of learning and development is being provided for staff to ensure that they are prepared for the merger? 3. Examine the FAQ's that staff have put forward. 	Directors	Working Group	<p>28 October – All non-executive Members were invited to consider the draft proposal 'The Case for Three Unitary Councils in a Future Leicestershire & Rutland'.</p> <p>Members considered the draft proposal with Scrutiny Commission Members providing the final response for Cabinet to consider at their meeting on 20 November. Scrutiny Commission has also requested early involvement in the next stage of LGR and Devolution to ensure it can make a meaningful contribution to the development of future plans and implementation.</p>

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Date:	Item	Detail	Attendance required	Forum	Progress
TBC	Review of Asset Disposal process	To gain an understanding of the decision-making processes of how council assets are disposed or sold.	Executive Directors and Group Manager for Assets	TBC	That an update on the procedure be brought to Scrutiny Commission
TBC	Car Park Strategy	To evaluate whether the strategies set out in the Car Parks Strategy are fit for purpose.	Caroline Harbour	Task & Finish	
Items removed from the Work Programme					
	Review of the use of external agencies and consultants	To explore cost and outcomes and if the value of these are evaluated	Directors	Scrutiny Commission	Commissioners reviewed the data provided and agreed that no further action was required.
	Communicating with residents	To explore the reintroduction of a paper communication to be sent to households, specifically with the goal of keeping residents informed on the progress of Local Government Reorganisation.			Response from Officers circulated at Commissioners meeting on 4 June. It was agreed that the item be removed given the evidence provided which demonstrated the lack of public appetite for a paper communication and the high cost of reintroduction.
	Biodiversity	What plan or policy is in place to maintain and improve the biodiversity within the district? Are developers delivering on their requirements? What is Blaby District Council doing to promote biodiversity?			Initial briefing note was provided to Commissioners which they felt sufficiently addressed their queries. It was agreed the briefing note would be shared with all members. The item has now been removed from the Work Programme.
	Inbound calls to Blaby District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of calls dropped after transfer to departments 			Commissioners were provided with a breakdown of customer satisfaction survey results which indicated a positive

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Date:	Item	Detail	Attendance required	Forum	Progress
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer satisfaction survey results • Statistics on the number of calls received, to which departments, number of complaints related to calls received 			resident experience. It was agreed this was not an area that Scrutiny could add further value and it was therefore removed from the Work Programme.
TBC	Temporary Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To examine the management of temporary accommodation properties. How is the management company being resourced and how the Council is expecting to 'scale up' on the basis of bringing more properties on board. 	Portfolio Holder Sarah Pennelli Caroline Harbour, Ian Jones/John Crane	TBC	Deferred to 26/26 Work Programme

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Available Scrutiny Dates

Available Scrutiny Dates		Scrutiny Topic:	Scrutiny Commission Dates		Scrutiny Topic:
Date of meeting:	Report deadline		Date of Meeting	Report Deadline	
17 July	8 July, publish 9 July	n/a	11 June	2 June, publish 3 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Exec response to budget recommendations • Kerbside Collection Policy, Food Waste Collection and update on electric vehicles
16 October	7 October, publish 8 October	n/a	10 September	1 September, publish 2 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of the District • Review of Member Champion roles
NEW: 28 October	19 October, publish on 20 October	Consideration of draft LGR proposal	12 November	3 November, publish 4 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Health and Leisure • RIPA
NEW: 29 October	20 October, publish 21 October	Cancelled	04 February 2026	26 January, publish 27 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Complaints Report •
13 November	4 November, publish 5 November	Cancelled	22 April	13 April, publish 14 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGR
24 November	13 November, publish 14 November	Lightbulb	17 June	8 June, publish 9 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
2 December	21 November, publish 24 November	Capital Programme 26/27	9 September	28 August, publish 1 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
10 March	27 February, publish 2 March	New: Member Champions	4 November	26 October, publish 27 October	
25 March	16 March, publish 17 March	New: HR – Phase 2			
29 April	20 April, publish 21 April	New: Local Police			

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**BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL
Forward Plan
FOR THE PERIOD: January to May 2026**

What is the Plan?

It is a list of the Key Decisions to be taken by the Cabinet Executive during the period referred to above. The Council has a statutory duty to prepare this document, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended). The Plan is published 28 clear days before a meeting of Cabinet Executive is to be held. The Plan is available to view at the Council's main offices in Narborough, or on the Council's website, www.blaby.gov.uk.

What is a Key Decision?

Definition of a key decision as detailed in Part 2 Article 11 of the Council's Constitution:

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- (i) Is, in value, worth more than £50,000 of the annual revenue budget for the service or function or of the capital allocation to the scheme concerned, or
 - (ii) Has a significant impact because it either:
 - Affects individuals or organisations outside the District;
 - Affects individuals or organisations in more than one Ward; or
 - Will have a long term (more than 5 year) or permanent effect on the Council or District
 - (iii) Involves significant changes to the policy and budget framework (involves the adoption or amendment of a policy or strategy or to the budgets which the Executive has the power to adopt).

Who makes Key Decisions?

Under the Council's constitution, Key Decisions are made by:

- Cabinet Executive
- The Leader or Deputy Leader (in matters of urgency only)
- Individual officers acting under delegated powers. (it is rare for any decision delegated to an officer to be a Key Decision)

Are only Key Decisions published on the Plan?

The Council has a statutory obligation to publish Key Decisions in the Plan. However, the Council has voluntarily decided to list non-key Cabinet Executive and Council decisions as well. To clarify matters, Key Decisions will be identified on the Plan with a Yes, non-key decisions with a No.

What does the List tell me?

The List gives information about:

- Upcoming Key and Non-Key Decisions (identified by **Yes** or **No** next to them)
- Whether the decision will be made in public or private.
- When decisions are likely to be made.
- Who will make these decisions.
- Who you can contact for further information.

Who are the members of the Cabinet Executive?

The members of the Cabinet Executive and their areas of responsibility are:

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| • Cllr. Ben Taylor | Leader of the Council & Cabinet Executive | cldr.ben.taylor@blaby.gov.uk |
| • Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore | Deputy Leader and Finance, People & Transformation | cldr.cheryl.cashmore@blaby.gov.uk |
| • Cllr. Nick Chapman | Health, Community and Economic Development | cldr.nick.chapman@blaby.gov.uk |
| • Cllr. Nigel Grundy | Neighbourhood Services & Assets | cldr.nigel.grundy@blaby.gov.uk |
| • Cllr. Les Phillimore | Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services | cldr.les.phillimore@blaby.gov.uk |
| • Cllr. Mike Shirley | Planning and Strategic Growth | cldr..mike.shirley@blaby.gov.uk |

What is the role of Overview and Scrutiny?

The Council's Scrutiny Commission's role is to contribute to the development of Council policies, scrutinise decisions of the Cabinet Executive and hold them to account and to consider any matter affecting Blaby District or its citizens. Dates of these meetings can be found on the Council's website.

Who do I contact, and how?

Each entry on the Plan indicates the names of the people to contact about that item. They can be contacted via the switchboard on 0116 275 0555.

Request to view Background Papers

Should you wish to request copies or extracts of any documents listed under the column entitled 'Background Papers', for items which are considered to be Key Decisions, please contact Democratic Services at, Blaby District Council, Desford Road, Narborough, Leicestershire, LE19 2EP. Please note that copies or extracts of documents which contain information of a confidential or exempt nature cannot be disclosed to the public.

Submission of Additional Documents

Additional documents which are deemed relevant to a particular Key Decision item may be submitted to the Cabinet Executive for consideration. Copies of such documents may also be requested under the same process for requesting to view Background Papers.

Confidential and Exempt Information

This list may also include items to be considered which contain confidential or exempt information, but will not disclose any detail of a confidential or exempt nature. Such items will be identified with '(Exempt)' in the report title.

Report Title and Expected Decision	Background Papers	Decision Maker	Date of Decision	Key Decision?	Report Available/ Portfolio Holder/ Contact Officer	Decision to be taken in public or private session?
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February 2026

<p><u>Scrutiny Commission response to the Administrations 2026/27 Draft Budget Proposals</u></p> <p>That Cabinet Executive considers the comments and recommendations of Scrutiny Commission in respect of the draft 2026/27 budget proposals before making final recommendations to Council.</p>	None	Cabinet Executive	23 February 2026	No	13 February 2026 Sandeep Tiensa, Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer	Public
<p><u>Quarter 3 Budget Review 2025/26</u></p> <p>This report gives Members an overview of the financial performance against the budget for the third quarter of 2025/26</p>	None	Cabinet Executive	23 February 2026	Yes	13 February 2026 Councillor Cheryl Cashmore Joanne Davis, Accountancy Services Manager	Public
<p><u>Quarter 3 Treasury Management Update 2025/26</u></p> <p>That the latest position in respect of treasury activities, and the prudential indicators, are accepted.</p>	None	Cabinet Executive	23 February 2026	Yes	13 February 2026 Councillor Cheryl Cashmore Katie Hollis, Finance Group Manager	Public
<p><u>Blaby District Business Grant Scheme</u></p> <p>To seek Cabinet Executive approval to establish a one year pilot Blaby Business Grant Scheme for micro and small enterprises in the district, providing accessible small scale funding to support business growth and resilience, including productivity, digital improvements, premises improvements, decarbonisation and shop front enhancements.</p>	None	Cabinet Executive	23 February 2026	No	None Councillor Nick Chapman Luke Raddon- Jackson, Assets & Major Projects Group Manager	Public

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<p><u>Housing Enablement Team Contract Extension</u></p> <p>The Housing Enablement Team (HET) Business Case is being presented to Cabinet because approval is required for future governance arrangements and hosting continuation of the service beyond the current agreement period.</p> <p>As HET is a cross-authority, system-wide service supported through pooled budgets and partner contributions, any changes to its financial commitments or operating model are agreed externally with no financial implications for Blaby District Council.</p>	None	Cabinet Executive	23 February 2026	Yes	13 February 2026 Councillor Les Phillimore Shanice Senghor, Housing Enablement Service Manager	Public
<p><u>Lightbulb Partnership Extension</u></p> <p>To enable effective delivery of Lightbulb service across Leicestershire and Blaby district council to continue to host the service across the next 24 months.</p>	None	Cabinet Executive	23 February 2026	Yes	13 February 2026 Councillor Les Phillimore Shanice Senghor, Housing Enablement Service Manager	Public
<p><u>Quarter 3 Capital Programme Review 2025/26</u></p> <p>This report provides Members an update on expenditure against the Capital Programme for the third quarter of 2025/26.</p>	None	Cabinet Executive Council	23 February 2026 24 February 2026	No	Cabinet Executive: 13 February 2026 Council: 13 February 2026 Councillor Cheryl Cashmore Joanne Davis, Accountancy Services Manager	Public

Report Title and Expected Decision	Background Papers	Decision Maker	Date of Decision	Key Decision?	Report Available/ Portfolio Holder/ Contact Officer	Decision to be taken in public or private session?
<p><u>5 Year Capital Programme 2026/27 to 2030/31</u></p> <p>This report sets out the Council's proposed Capital Programme and resources for the next five financial years commencing in 2026/27. The Capital Programme covers our planned expenditure on the acquisition, construction and/or enhancement of non-current assets, i.e., those assets with a useful life of greater than one year.</p> <p>The report also presents the Council's updated Capital Strategy in accordance with the requirements of the Prudential Code.</p>	None	Cabinet Executive Council	23 February 2026 24 February 2026	No	Cabinet Executive: 13 February 2026 Council: 13 February 2026 Councillor Cheryl Cashmore Katie Hollis, Finance Group Manager	Public
<p><u>Prudential Indicator & Treasury Management Strategy 2026/27</u></p> <p>This report lays down the guidelines and rules that Officers are required to follow when making decisions to borrow or when investing Council funds. Such decisions are made daily under delegated authority. The report outlines the Council's prudential indicators for 2026/27 to 2030/31 and sets out the expected treasury management activities for that period. The report also sets out the financial institutions the Council may invest in, the maximum investment level and the periods over which the investments can be made.</p>	None	Cabinet Executive Council	23 February 2026 24 February 2026	No	Cabinet Executive: 13 February 2026 Council: 13 February 2026 Councillor Cheryl Cashmore Katie Hollis, Finance Group Manager	Public

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<p><u>Council Tax 2026/27</u></p> <p>The Council is required to set out the total amount that needs to be raised from the collection of Council Tax in the forthcoming year. This is known as the Council Tax Requirement for Blaby District Council and forms part of the funding towards the services provided by the Council. The report sets the amount of Council Tax charged to each household in the district.</p>	None	<p>Cabinet Executive</p> <p>Council</p>	<p>23 February 2026</p> <p>24 February 2026</p>	No	<p>Cabinet Executive: 13 February 2026</p> <p>Council: 13 February 2026</p> <p>Councillor Cheryl Cashmore</p> <p>Katie Hollis, Finance Group Manager</p>	Public
<p><u>General Fund Budget Proposals 2026/27</u></p> <p>The report sets out the Council's General Fund budget proposals for the forthcoming year. This includes details of the financial settlement that will support service delivery, and a high level summary of planned expenditure by portfolio. The Council holds a number of reserves that it can draw upon to fund future expenditure. The level of reserve is noted within this report, along with an update of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.</p>	None	<p>Cabinet Executive</p> <p>Council</p>	<p>23 February 2026</p> <p>24 February 2026</p>	No	<p>Cabinet Executive: 13 February 2026</p> <p>Council: 13 February 2026</p> <p>Councillor Cheryl Cashmore</p> <p>Sarah Pennelli, Executive Director - S.151 Officer</p>	Public

April 2026

<p><u>Proposed Draft Blaby Local Plan for Regulation 19 Publication</u></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to provide members with the draft Local Plan and to seek approval to formally go out for public consultation.</p>	None	Council	14 April 2026	No	<p>02 April 2026</p> <p>Councillor Mike Shirley</p> <p>Vicky Chapman, Development Strategy Manager</p>	Public
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<u>Annual Corporate Action Plan 26/27</u> That members review the actions outlined in the Corporate Action Plan for 2026-27	None	Council	14 April 2026	No	02 April 2026 Councillor Ben Taylor Luke Clements, Business Systems & Information Manager	Public
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May 2026

<u>Corporate Action Plan 2025/26 Closure Report</u> That members review the progress made towards the Corporate Action Plan 24-25 via this Closure Report.	None	Council	12 May 2026	No	30 April 2026 Councillor Ben Taylor Luke Clements, Business Systems & Information Manager	Public
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