

# **SCRUTINY OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET PROPOSALS**

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

**WEDNESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2026**

## **Present:-**

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

Cllr. Dr John Bloxham	Cllr. Susan Findlay	Cllr. Terry Richardson
Cllr. Lee Breckon JP	Cllr. Janet Forey	Cllr. Tracey Shepherd
Cllr. Adrian Clifford	Cllr. Paul Hartshorn	Cllr. Roger Stead
Cllr. Luke Cousin	Cllr. Richard Holdridge	Cllr. Maggie Wright
Cllr. Tony Deakin	Cllr. Mark Jackson	Cllr. Jane Wolfe
Cllr. Roy Denney	Cllr. Antony Moseley	

## **Officers present:-**

Julia Smith	- Chief Executive
Sarah Pennelli	- Executive Director - S.151 Officer
Marc Greenwood	- Executive Director - Place
Louisa Horton	- Executive Director - Communities
Paul Coates	- Neighbourhood Services Group Manager
Caroline Harbour	- Environmental Health, Housing & Community Services Group Manager
Gemma Dennis	- Corporate Services Group Manager
Jonathan Hodge	- Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager
Katie Hollis	- Finance Group Manager
Luke Raddon-Jackson	- Assets & Major Projects Group Manager
Joanne Davis	- Accountancy Services Manager
Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Nicole Cramp	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer
Avisa Birchenough	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer

## **Cabinet Executive Members in attendance:-**

Cllr. Ben Taylor, Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore, Cllr. Nick Chapman, Cllr. Nigel Grundy,  
Cllr. Les Phillimore and Cllr. Mike Shirley

## **Apologies:-**

Cllr. Stuart Coar, Cllr. Alex DeWinter, Cllr. Helen Gambardella, Cllr. Dillan Shikotra,  
Cllr. Matt Tomeo and Cllr. Bob Waterton

## **1. 2026/27 DRAFT PORTFOLIO BUDGET PROPOSALS**

The Chairman, Cllr. Nick Brown welcomed Members and Officers to the meeting. Lines of questioning for the Portfolio Holders had been drafted and circulated to all Members following the previous meeting on 14 January 2026.

The Chairman invited each Portfolio Holder to provide a short introduction to their portfolio.

The Chairman invited Members to ask supplementary questions of Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. Ben Taylor – Leader’s Portfolio
- Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore - Finance, People and Transformation Portfolio
- Cllr. Nick Chapman - Health, Community and Economic Development Portfolio
- Cllr. Nigel Grundy - Neighbourhood Services & Assets Portfolio
- Cllr. Les Phillimore - Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services Portfolio
- Cllr. Mike Shirley - Planning and Strategic Growth Portfolio

## **2. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 28 January 2026 – to formulate Scrutiny’s response to the draft budget proposals.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7.42 P.M.**