

Scrutiny Management Board



Date of meeting:	12 November 2025
Title of Report:	Budget Scrutiny Overview
Lead Member:	Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance)
Lead Strategic Director:	Ian Trisk-Grove (Service Director for Finance)
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Your Reference:	
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

The Budget Scrutiny plan for Plymouth City Council's 2026/27 budget outlines a comprehensive two-day review process. The committee, chaired by Councillor Coker, will evaluate the Cabinet's budget implementation plan, focusing on organisational priorities. The review will include sessions with various Cabinet members and officers, covering topics such as the Council's resources, children's social care, health and adult social care, housing, strategic planning, and climate change. The aim is to ensure effective budget planning and implementation, with findings and recommendations reported directly to the Cabinet.

Recommendations and Reasons

- I. That the Scrutiny Management Board considers the draft plan and makes any recommendations for amendment.

Reason: To provide input into the proposals for 2026/27 budget scrutiny.

Alternative options considered and rejected

- I. None – budget scrutiny is a key element of the budget planning process.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

- I. This report is fundamentally linked to delivering the priority "Spending Money Wisely".

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

This report outlines the approach to budget scrutiny of the 2026/27 budget, which will form the base year of the next Medium Term Financial Plan to be issued and approved alongside.

Financial Risks

There are no financial risks arising specifically from this report.

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

There are no impacts directly arising from this report.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

** When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

N/a

Appendices

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Background papers:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Ian Trisk-Grove (Service Director for Finance)											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 03/11/2025											

Cabinet Member approval: *Cllr Mark Lowry approved by email*

Date approved: 03/11/2025