

BUDGET SCRUTINY OVERVIEW

Budget Setting 2026-27

**TIMELINE****Budget Scrutiny 21, 22 & 28 January 2026**Day One:

- Session 1: Strategic Overview – Revenue and Capital Budgets
- Session 2: Children's Social Care and Education
- Session 3: Health and Adult Social Care

Day Two:

- Session 4: Strategic Planning, Transport and Environment
- Session 5: Housing, Homelessness and Communities

Day Three:

- Session 6: Wash Up (Chief Executive, Director of Children's Services and other CMT Members as required)
- Session 7: Formalise Recommendations

9th February: Cabinet – Budget Report 2026/27**23rd February:** Full Council Meeting – Approval of Budget 2026/27**Budget Scrutiny Schedule:**

Time	Session Contents	Chair and speakers
Day 1 (21 January 2026)		
09:30	<u>Welcome</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies and Substitutions • Declarations of Interest • Chair's Urgent Business • Draft Aims and Objectives 	Cllr Mark Coker (Chair)
09:45 (1.5 hrs)	<u>SESSION ONE</u> Leader of the Council Cabinet Member for Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overview of the Council and its resources 	Cllr Tudor Evans OBE Cllr Mark Lowry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary Walbridge (Strategic Director for Adults, Health and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Corporate Plan • Economy and Enterprise; including Freeport • Regional and Local Economic Strategy • Strategic and commercial projects • Revenue Budget • Capital programme • Revenues and municipal enterprise 	<p>Communities / Acting Chief Executive)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Si Bellamy (Chief Operating Officer) • Paul Barnard (Service Director, Strategic Planning and Infrastructure) • David Draffan (Service Director, Economic Development) • Glenn Caplin-Grey (Strategic Director for Growth) • Olliver Woodhams (Head of Finance) • Helen Slater (Assistant Head of Finance)
11:15 (15 mins)	Break	
11:30 (2 hrs)	<p><u>SESSION TWO</u></p> <p>Deputy Leader & Cabinet Members for Children's Social Care, Culture and Communications</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Apprenticeships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children Safeguarding and protection (Children's Social Care) • Children in Care and Care leavers • Children in Need • Children's Social Care • Children's mental health • Early Intervention, Prevention and Targeted Support • Youth Justice and Youth Services • Post 16 – Education and training • Apprenticeships • Schools • Early Years • Adult Education • Skills and Employability • SEND 	<p>Cllr Jemima Laing Cllr Sally Cresswell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Davies (Service Director, Children, Young People and Families) • Amanda Davis (Service Director, Education, Participation and Skills)
13:30 (30 mins)	Lunch	

14:00 (2 hrs)	<u>SESSION THREE</u> Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people's services • Mental Health services • Physical disability services • Drug & alcohol services • Learning disabilities services • Adult public health • Adult Safeguarding • Health and social care • Children's and adult's dental health • Children's public health 	Cllr Mary Aspinall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary Walbridge (Strategic Director for Adults, Health and Communities) • Professor Steve Maddern (Director of Public Health) • Julia Brown (Service Director for Adult Social Care)
16:00 (15 mins)	Break	
16:15 (20 mins)	Reflections on Day One	Cllr Mark Coker (Chair)

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Day 2 (22 January 2026)		
09:30 (2 hours)	<p><u>SESSION FOUR</u></p> <p>Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial and infrastructure planning • Strategic transport policy including public transport, active travel, community transport, concessionary fares and non- commercial routes • Flood risk management • Highways operations and maintenance • Pavements • Parking • Marine services • Climate change • Plymouth Net Zero Action Plan • Climate Emergency Investment Fund • Energy policy, decarbonisation and renewable energy initiatives • Commercial and domestic waste management • Environmental enforcement • Parks, recreation and sports pitches • Street cleaning 	<p>Cllr John Stephens</p> <p>Cllr Tom Briars-Delve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenn Caplin-Grey (Strategic Director for Growth) • Andy Sharp (Services Director for Street Services) • Paul Barnard (Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure)
11:30 (15 mins)	<u>BREAK</u>	
11:45 (2 hours)	<p><u>SESSION FIVE</u></p> <p>Cabinet Member for Housing, Co-operative Development and Communities</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Customer Experience, Sport, Leisure, HR and OD</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Events, Libraries, Cemeteries and Crematoria</p>	<p>Cllr Chris Penberthy</p> <p>Cllr Kate Taylor</p> <p>Cllr Sally Haydon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary Walbridge (Strategic Director for Adults, Health and Communities) • Professor Steve Maddern (Director of Public Health)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan for Homes and associated initiatives Homelessness Community engagement Customer services Sports and Leisure Environmental health Trading standards Crime and Anti-social behaviour Civil Protection and resilience Library service Bereavement and Crematoria HR & Workforce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Garrett (Service Director for Community Connections) Jackie Kings (Head of Housing Standards) Si Bellamy (Chief Operating Officer) Chris Squire (Service Director, HROD) Paul Barnard (Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure) Nick Carter (Head of Housing and Regeneration) Graham Smith (Head of Bereavement) Nicola Horne (Head of Environmental Protection and Taxis)
13:45 (30 mins)	Lunch	
14:15 (30 mins)	Informal Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary Discussions of Day 1 & 2 Areas for further clarity Potential Recommendation discussions 	Cllr Mark Coker (Chair)

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Day 3 (28 January 2026)		
17:00 (1.5 hrs)	<u>SESSION SIX</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash Up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) David Haley (Director of Children's Services) Other CMT members and Cabinet members as required
18:30 (1.5 hr)	<u>SESSION SEVEN</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formalise Recommendations 	Cllr Mark Coker (Chair)