

Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 29 January 2026
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Constitutional Matters

1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillors Beckett and Goldsack. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes – 11th December 2025 and Action Log

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2025 as a correct record. The action log was noted.

3. Petitions and Public Questions

No petitions or public questions were received.

Other Decisions

4. Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for Period 8 2025-26

It was resolved to:

- a) agree a temporary virement for 2025-26 only to allocate the £5.69m Extended Producer Responsibility Payments grant to the Waste Service within Place and Sustainability to fund waste disposal costs, and to allocate £5.69m of budget to Corporate and Funding Items, as per section 3.1 of Annex A;
- b) authorise the Executive Director of Finance and Resources, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, to receive grant funding of £1.38m for schemes that respond to water scarcity, to make resulting budget revisions and to sign agreements with central government and Water Resources East to take forward the programme, as per sections 4.5.2-8 of Annex A; and
- c) draw-down up to £1.885 million from earmarked reserves per the table at 5.1.3 of Annex A.

5. 2026-31 Financial Sustainability Assessment

It was resolved to scrutinise the Section 151 Officer's assessment and note the conclusions in consideration of the proposed Budget for 2026/27 to Full Council, and the proposed level of reserves set out at Appendix 1.

6. Business Plan and Budget 2026-27 – 2028-29

It was resolved to recommend the following to Full Council:

- a) To approve the 2026-29 Business Plan including the supporting budget and other material, in light of the planning activities undertaken to date and public engagement responses (Appendices 1a-1f)
- b) To approve the new Strategic Framework in section 1 of the business plan (Appendix 1a)
- c) To approve the directorate budget allocations as set out in each directorate table in section 3 of the business plan (Appendix 1c)
- d) To approve a total county budget requirement in respect of general expenses applicable to the whole county area of £1,268,335,000
- e) To approve a recommended county precept for council tax from district councils of £449,060,446.92 (to be received in equal instalments in accordance with the fall-back provisions of the Local Authorities (Funds) (Amendment) Regulations 1995)
- f) To approve a council tax increase for each band of property, based on the number of band D equivalent properties notified to the county council by the district councils (251,515.3), reflecting a 4.99% increase (2.99% in the basic council tax precept, and 2% in the adult social care precept):

Band	Fraction	County council tax charge
A	6/9	£1,190.28
B	7/9	£1,388.66
C	8/9	£1,587.04
D	9/9	£1,785.42
E	11/9	£2,182.18
F	13/9	£2,578.94
G	15/9	£2,975.70
H	18/9	£3,570.84

- g) To approve the Capital Strategy as set out in section 5 of the Business Plan (Appendix 1e) including:
 - i. Commitments from schemes already approved
 - ii. Expenditure on new schemes in 2026-27

- h) To approve the Treasury Management Strategy as set out in section 6 of the business plan (Appendix 1f), including:
- i. The council's policy on the making of the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for the repayment of debt, as required by the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008
 - ii. The affordable borrowing limit for 2026-27 (as required by the Local Government Act 2003)
 - iii. The investment strategy for 2026-27 and the prudential indicators as set out in section 6 of the business plan
 - iv. The delegation to the Executive Director of Finance and Resources contained in the Treasury Management Strategy to alter the council's counterparty and lending list in the conduct of the council's treasury management operations
- i) To authorise the Executive Director of Finance and Resources, as the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, to make technical revisions to the business plan, including the foregoing recommendations to the county council, so as to take into account of any changes deemed appropriate, including but not limited to:
- i. The final tax base, forecast council tax and business rates receipts for 2025-26 from the billing authorities (due by 31 January 2026)
 - ii. The final Local Government Finance Settlement from the Government (expected early February 2026) alongside other grant announcements, outside of the settlement, primarily based on treatment proposed in this report
 - iii. Changes to the accounting code for the Treasury Management Strategy.

Note – the Committee agreed the following [Amendment](#) to the budget.

7. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Statutory Consultation

It was resolved to:

- a) note the letter received by Leader of the Council, from Alison McGovern MP, Minister of State for Local Government and Homelessness, on 17 December 2025 which sets out the indicative timeline for the statutory consultation on LGR for 14 areas, including Cambridgeshire and Peterborough; and

- b) delegate authority to respond to the statutory consultation to the Chief Executive in consultation with Chair and Vice Chair of Strategy Resources and Performance Committee.

8. Corporate Performance Report

It was resolved to scrutinise and comment on the performance information presented.

9. Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan, Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels, and the Appointment of Member Champions

It was resolved to note the agenda and training plans.

Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting and strikethrough indicates deletions.

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