

Appendix – Explanation of Items on the Cabinet Forward Plan

Bereavement Services – Burial Strategy

To provide a clear and formal process in maintaining the Council's provision for burial to the local community across both Bromsgrove and Redditch, this will help monitor and support budget planning, fees and charges, as well as burial capacity and future provision

Expansion of Septic Tank Emptying Service

To formalise a new Commercial food waste service to support existing commercial customers and safeguard our customer base, increasing the number of vehicles and staff to support both of these elements and also increase Council resilience.

Homelessness Prevention Grant and Domestic Abuse Grant

The purpose of the ringfenced Homelessness Prevention Grant and Domestic Abuse Grant fund is to give local authorities control and flexibility in managing homelessness pressures and supporting those who are at risk of homelessness.

Medium Term Financial Plan Tranche 1 Budget Report 2026/27

The Council proposes to set its budget in two Tranches for 2026/27 to 2028/29 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) process. This Tranche 1 report is the initial budget proposal to be considered for approval in Autumn 2025, after consultation.

Quarter 2 2025/26 Finance and Performance Monitoring Report

To provide a current financial position in relation to Revenue Budgets for the period July to September 2025 (2025-26). The report also provides a position on the organisational performance measures, as of Quarter 2 (up to end of September 2025).

Treasury Management half Yearly Report 2024/25

A half yearly update on the Council's Capital and Treasury Management Strategies, including all prudential indicators.

Windsor Street Site

To consider the future use of the Windsor Street and associated delivery options.

Climate Change Strategy 2026 to 2031

The Climate Change Strategy is building on the existing 3-year carbon reduction strategy which comes to an end in 2025. The new strategy is to coincide with BDC's commitment to have reached 50% net zero by 2030 and looks to highlight progress and actives on other aspects of climate change mitigation, such as Biodiversity and supporting our residents on the wider net zero journey across the District.

Council Tax Base Report 2026/27

To consider a report on the Council Tax Base for 2026-27.

Council Tax – Empty Homes Discounts and Premiums 2026/27

Details the Council's policies regarding reduction or removal of the discount for unoccupied dwellings and, in the case of long-term empty homes, regarding policies on imposing a council tax premium.

Council Tax Support Scheme 2026/27

The council is required by section 13A(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (LGFA '92) to make a council tax reduction (CTR) scheme specifying the reductions in council tax that will be provided to people who are in financial need, or to classes of people who are in general in financial need.

Discretionary Council Tax Reduction Policy 2026/27

The council has the power under section 13A(1)(C) of The Local Government Finance Act 1992 (LGFA '92) to reduce the amount of council tax that a person is liable to pay. The section 13A(1)(C) power may be exercised on a case-by-case basis or by determining a class of case in which the liability will be reduced.

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Non Domestic Rates – Discretionary Rates Relief Policy 2026/27

Section 47 of The Local Government Finance Act 1988 [the act] provides Local Authorities with the power to award discretionary rate relief, to charitable and other non-profit making organisations that meet certain criteria. This policy also provided Council's framework for delivering discretionary relief – including retail relief and supporting small business relief.

Medium Term Financial Plan Tranche 2 Budget Report 2026/27

The Council proposes to set its budget in two Tranches for 2026/27 to 2028/29 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) process. This Tranche 2 report is the final budget proposal to be considered for approval in February 2026.

Council Tax Resolution 2026/27

To approve the calculated Council Tax base for 2026-27 and approve the Council Tax requirement (Council approval).

Quarter 3 2025/26 Finance Monitoring Report (including Financial Savings)

To provide a current financial position in relation to Revenue Budget for the period October to December 2025 (2025-26).

Quarter 3 2025/26 Performance Monitoring Report

The report provides a position on the organisational performance measures, as of Quarter 3 (up to end of December 2025).