

**RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
BY CABINET**

ITEM:	Chief Financial Officer's Section 25 Statement
Cabinet Members Present:	Councillors Rob Wharton (Chairman), Alan Amos, Justin Bowen, Satinder Bell, Sue Eacock, Stephen Foster, Karl Perks and Nik Price.
Date of Decision:	5 February 2026
Purpose:	To consider the Chief Financial Officer's report regarding the robustness of the estimates made for the purpose of the budget calculations; and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves.
DECISION:	Cabinet agreed to note the contents of this report.
Reason(s) for the Decision:	As set out in the report. Under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 The Council has a duty to have regard to the CFO's report when approving the budget.
Alternative Options Considered:	None other than as set out in the report.
Conflict of Interest (any declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/any dispensation granted)	None
Date the decision is due to take effect:	12 February 2026

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