

Minutes of the Special meeting of the Resources Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 15th December 2025

Present: D. Bell in the Chair.
Councillors S. Quinn, S. Townsend, T. Hillary, N. Cleasby, S. Ring, R. Bell and P. Quinn.

R57/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L. Mather, N. Hanratty, S. Luckhurst and D. Thompson.

R58/25 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs S. Quinn & N. Cleasby – Jubilee Fields Community Centre.
Cllr S. Townsend – Shildon Alive

R59/25 Exclusion of Press and Public

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council now excludes the press and public on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public.

R60/25 Budget and Precept Requirement 2026/27

The Finance Officer presented the draft Budget and Precept Requirement 2026/27 report and highlighted the following: -

- The projected probable outturn for 2025/26
- Reserves and balances
- The basis upon which the 2026/27 budget had been prepared
- Unavoidable Growth Items
- Localisation of Council Tax Support Scheme and Tax Base Changes
- Current Draft Budget
- Requests for growth
- Fees and charges
- Precept 2026/27

Signed
Chairman.....

Following detailed consideration of the report it was **recommended** that: -

- a) The basis upon which the draft Budget had been prepared be confirmed.
- b) There was one request for growth detailed in para. 5 of the report for an Enforcement Budget introduction.
- c) The following increase in fees and charges be implemented from 1st April 2026:-
 - i. All Burial Charges be increased by 3%.
 - ii. All Parks and Open Spaces Charges be increased by 3%.
 - iii. All Allotment Charges be increased by 3%.
 - iv. All Office Accommodation rents be increased by 3%.
- d) That a precept of £888,670 be levied for 2026/27 which results in an increase of 8.88% on the Band D Council Tax and that a further report be presented to the meeting of the Town Council to be held on 19th January 2026 to finalise the budget and precept requirement for 2026/27.

Signed
Chairman.....