

Cabinet

Tuesday, 5 August 2025 at 5.15 pm
Phoenix Chamber, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting
Tuesday, 2 September 2025 at 5.15 pm

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Membership

Cllr L Taylor	Leader of the Council
Cllr J Lock	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property Services
Cllr N Bradshaw	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change
Cllr J M Downes	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk
Cllr G Duchesne	Cabinet Member for Parish and Community Engagement
Cllr M Fletcher	Cabinet Member for People Development
Cllr S Keable	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration
Cllr J Wright	Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement
Cllr D Wulff	Cabinet Member for Quality of Living, Equalities and Public Health

AGENDA

Members are reminded of the need to make declarations of interest prior to any discussion which may take place

1. **Apologies**
To receive any apologies for absence.
2. **Public Question Time**
To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public.
3. **Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct**
To record any interests on agenda matters.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** *(Pages 7 - 18)*
To consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 8 July 2025.
5. **Waste and Recycling Option- Pots and Pans Trial** *(Pages 19 - 24)*
To receive a report from the Head of People, Performance and Waste and the Operations Manager of Street Scene and Open Spaces on the results of the trial collection of pots and pans.
6. **2025/26 QUARTER 1 BUDGET MONITORING** *(Pages 25 - 52)*
To receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) Officer on the 2025/26 Quarter 1 Budget Monitoring.
7. **Access to Information- Exclusion of Press & Public**
Discussion with regard to the next item, will require Cabinet to pass the following resolution to exclude the press and public having reflected on Article 12 12.02(d) (a presumption in favour of openness) of the Constitution. This decision will be required because consideration of this matter in public may disclose information falling within one of the descriptions of exempt information in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The Cabinet need to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Recommended that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
8. **Local Nature Recovery Strategy** *(Pages 53 - 58)*
To receive a report from the Director of Place and Economy and the Climate and Sustainability Specialist on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

9. **Notification of Key Decisions** (*Pages 59 - 72*)
To note the contents of the Forward Plan.

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MINUTES of a **MEETING** of the **CABINET** held on 8 July 2025 at 5.15 pm

**Present
Councillors**

L Taylor, D Wulff , J Lock, J M Downes,
G Duchesne, M Fletcher, S Keable and
J Wright

**Apology
Councillor**

N Bradshaw

**Also Present
Councillor(s)**

L G J Kennedy

**Also Present
Officer(s):**

Stephen Walford (Chief Executive), Andrew Jarrett (Deputy Chief Executive (S151)), Maria De Leiburne (Director of Legal, People & Governance (Monitoring Officer)), Richard Marsh (Director of Place & Economy), Lisa Lewis (Head of Digital Transformation & Customer Engagement), Simon Newcombe (Head of Housing & Health), Matthew Page (Head of People, Performance & Waste), Dean Emery (Head of Revenues, Benefits & Leisure), Paul Deal (Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience), Darren Beer (Operations Manager for Street Scene), Tristan Peat (Forward Planning Team Leader) and Laura Woon (Democratic Services Manager)

**Councillors
Online**

E Buczkowski, J Buczkowski and M Farrell

Officers Online

Lisa Turner (Planning Officer from Blackdown Hills National Landscape)

14. APOLOGIES (04:30)

Apologies were received from Cllr N Bradshaw.

15. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (04:40)

Barry Warren

In paragraph 1.9 two schemes for MMC modular homes to be installed in Willand: Fir Close, 1 unit underway for completion in November 2025] and Somerlea, 7 units due to commence August 2025.

The Parish Council and some residents are aware that public money, their money, has been spent already on these projects but they can see nothing other than a fenced area in Fir Close which, has been like it for nearly two years. No sign of it being underway.

Question 1:

When are we going to see some positive progress on site?

It was raised at a Parish Council meeting that MDDC have made payments of over £1.1million to Zed Pods for the Somerlea development with nothing to show for it on site. The main concern was about what safeguards were in place for public money should the company fail. As the result of concerns raised, one of our Ward Councillors asked a number of questions to try and obtain facts. The answer conveyed from an officer contained the following:

“There are contractual obligations, as is the case with most development projects irrespective of the contractor, where staged payments are made. Nonetheless, through drawing down a contract via the South West Procurement Alliance (SWPA) framework there are additional protections for all parties whereby our funds are not released until key milestones on delivery are signed off.”

Question 2:

According to accounts seen monies have been paid to Zed Pods - so what key milestones on delivery have been ‘signed off’ and by whom?

In May 2025 the accounts appear to show six payments to Zed Pods in relation to Somerlea namely;140k; 103k; 110k; 140k;103k;103k and 37k.

Question 3:

What is the detail of each of these payments please? Generalisation such as ‘contractual obligations’ will not answer the question.

In 2024/25 so far £1,139,000 has been paid up front to Zed Pods. The risk assessment on page 368 of your bundle refers to the detail being covered in the report. Nowhere does it clearly address what protection the Council has for these monies should Zed Pods fail to deliver on the contract.

Question 4:

As risk owner, will the Chief Executive recognise that there is a potential risk to the Council and include the potential risk in the Corporate Risk report?

Paul Elstone

After the massive financial losses and losses still being incurred due to the 3 Rivers debacle, It is reasonable for the Mid Devon Residents to expect that business plans, budgets and supporting detail would be scrutinised to a completely new level and by this Administration and its various Committees. I contend that the required level of scrutiny is not happening. The Modular Home Value for Money Benchmarking report being a case in point.

This report references two external projects, and which form the major part of the conclusion being projected that the ZED POD's modules are the best value for money. Namely a development at the former Eastleigh Post Office and the other at New Kingsland, Bristol

Reference – Eastleigh Post Office.

Question 1:

Are Cabinet Members fully aware that the report is based on the following and factually incorrect information?

That it's a development of 28 flats with retail units under. A development made up of 2 separate apartment blocks. It is not 10 flats as the report projects.

That the value for money Appendix 'B' does not even get simple subtractions correct for the Eastleigh development this when deducting the £1,050,000 grant funding.

That the net cost should be £1.78 million not £2.7 million as stated. This seriously corrupting the bench marking results.

Question 2:

Are Cabinet Members fully aware that the report is based on the following and factually incorrect information?

Reference – Bristol New Kingsland.

That the net cost calculation is based on a Gross Internal Floor Area (GIFA) or Liveable Area. They are the same thing of only 900 square meters. It is not. The true area is 1,350 square meters as the detailed drawings previously provided to you show.

That the net cost per square meter is in fact £2,482. It is not £3,742 as the report says. A huge difference, a reduction of 50%. Yet again very seriously corrupting report results.

That the report says its Traditional Build. It is not. It is a MMC panel system Category 2 development.

Given these facts the Bristol MMC Development is Best Value and by any reasonable measure and not as the Value for Money Report attempts to present.

Question 3:

Will this Cabinet now "tear up" the value for money benchmarking Annex B report this given in the clearest of terms it does not represent fact. It is fatally flawed.

That instead arrange for a proper and fully independent value for money benchmarking exercise to be undertaken and to Royal Institute of Chartered Surveys (RICS) standards?

The Leader stated that Mr Warren and Mr Elstone would receive a written response to their questions. The Leader noted that the Cabinet had received and read the email from Mr Elstone in regards to the Value for Money item on the agenda.

16. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT (12:00)**

All Cabinet Members referred to item 9, Value for Money report and declared they had received correspondence from a member of the public in relation to this item.

17. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (13:40)**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 June 2025 were **APPROVED** as a correct record and **SIGNED** by the Leader.

18. **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2024/25 (14:04)**

Cabinet had before it and **NOTED** a report * from the Corporate Performance and Improvement Manager and the Head of People, Performance & Waste on the Annual Performance for 2024/2025.

The Head of People, Performance & Waste outlined the contents of the report with particular reference to the following:

- This was the first annual Performance Report on the Council's Corporate Plan. It provided performance information for the 2024/25 financial year. The accompanying appendices were structured according to the five themes of the Corporate Plan.
- Section 2 of the covering report provided performance analysis on a theme by theme basis, with the focus on the Corporate Plan performance indicators.
- Further information on the performance against the aims and objectives detailed in the Corporate Plan was provided in Appendix 1 to 5.
- Appendix 6 contained the performance dashboards for Quarter 4. Those contained 100 measures highlighting how services were performing across the Council, and those indicators that were part of the Corporate Plan were highlighted in yellow text.
- The Performance Dashboards had also been reviewed by the relevant Policy Development Groups (PDG's) and the Planning Committee.

Discussion took place with regards to:

- The increase in applicants on Devon Home Choice and there were 57 affordable homes built in Mid Devon with a target set at 94, what were the reasons for not reaching the target?
- How did bio diversity net gain work and how the developers were using those effectively and what were the percentages?
- In Quarter 4 the Pannier Market percentages decreased was this the period after Christmas and were the Council helping with incentives to drive the

economy during those times and in addition to maintaining good level of traders?

- Some of those that were not on target were close. Discussions over the last financial year had been staff turnover and staff sickness at meetings.
- In regards to the waste collections of residual waste, collections and comparisons over the last four years had improved year upon year.

Reason for Decision:

Corporate Plan priorities and targets were managed and scrutinised on a regular basis using appropriate performance indicators as detailed in the report.

Note: *Report previously circulated

19. CORPORATE RISK REPORT (29:00)

Cabinet had before it and **NOTED** a report * from the Corporate Performance and Improvement Manager and the Head of People, Performance & Waste on Corporate Risk.

The Head of People, Performance & Waste outlined the contents of the report with particular reference to the following:

- The Council's current corporate risks with their updated position as of May 2025. Those were the risks which had been identified that may be most likely to impact the Council meeting its objectives.
- This report was produced quarterly and presented to Cabinet for Members scrutiny, comment and feedback.
- At paragraph 2.1 of the report there was a summary table of the 16 corporate risks that the Council was currently managing.
- A risk matrix or heat map was presented at Appendix 1 showing the relative position of the corporate risks. In Appendix 2 of the report, further details were provided for each risk in a standard template.
- Any significant changes to the Risk Register since it was last reported to Cabinet were listed in the covering report, at paragraph 2.3.

Discussion took place with regards to:

- The mitigation around the CR2.7 established supply chain risk management and CR5.3 supply chain management both mitigate the same risk but different functions given the risk extended beyond IT risk such as property maintenance, building suppliers and waste collections. Should these be recorded separately in the future to protect the vulnerabilities and to be recorded and monitored in one place?
- CR17 the Severe Weather Emergency recovery was the amber rating sufficient enough following recent news relating to Texas.
- Culm Garden Village and Infrastructure CR1a and CR1b had there been an update on Junction 28 and the risk around the building works starting in the key area?
- Discussion on the significant housing need had been made available at Junction 28.
- The support of the Economy Growth & Regeneration team and the significant expansion for the town, plus the re-opening of the Cullompton Railway Station.

- For the Council to make their representations known in regards to Junction 28.

Reason for Decision:

Effective risk management was crucial to enable the Council to mitigate risks to achieving Corporate Plan priorities.

Note: *Report previously circulated

20. **MEETING MANAGEMENT (49:40)**

The Leader **MOVED** that he would be bring forward the following Agenda Items:-

- (i) 10– Waste Depot Remodelling to the next item.

21. **WASTE DEPOT REMODELLING (50:00)**

Cabinet had before it a report * from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) Officer on the Waste Depot Remodelling.

The Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvements outlined the contents of the report with particular reference to the following:

- The Environment Agency (EA) announced it was consolidating its permitting rules, with the aim of streamlining permitting processes and aligning them with modern standards. These changes would come into force on 19 June 2026.
- To comply with and meet the new requirements some significant changes were required to the Waste Depot; the main changes were the certain elements of Waste and Recycling required storing securely undercover with appropriate fire protection and security.
- Therefore the Council must ensure the depot had sufficient capacity and space to ensure service delivery was legally compliant. The Council were proposing a reconfiguration and expansion of the operation and new buildings to house the materials.
- This would enable the Council to build on and sustain the excellent performance it had achieved over the last two years, with Mid Devon now in the top 5% of national performance. With extra storage capacity, the depot would also be able to consider adding additional recycling streams in the future to add to its current collection portfolio. A report would be submitted to the Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group (PDG) in September 2025 which would then come to Cabinet where future potential recycling options could be considered.

Discussion took place regards to:

- Would those changes outlined allow the provision to start the nappy trial?
- The good news about the ability to take more recycling, were there any ideas of those additional items.
- Some of the issues were around the size of the lorries and the amount that they could take.
- How much extra capacity with this investment?
- For the future proof does this include the growth in housing?

- If the Council were able to meet the deadline, could some of the trials be brought forward?
- Would there be any impact on the existing service delivery during construction work?
- Had the staff been consulted with regards to this proposal in regards to their thoughts?
- Was it correct that the recycling lorries would be weighed in and out at the recycling centre?
- Why were the full costs not included within the report? It was clarified that the full costs were included, but the specific recommendation for the office block was because it was a key decision on its own and the first stage of the process. Any other specific elements that were a key decision would be brought back to Cabinet for approval. How cost effective was this Council in regards to the other local authorities?
- With the extra capacity how much was this in percentages and in comparison to other authorities?

RESOLVED that:

1. Delegated authority be given to the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) to progress the works as planned. Noting that, any subsequent specific spend or contractual awards in line with key decisions thresholds would be brought back to Cabinet for agreement.
2. The purchase of a new Modular Office complex, to be specified, up to the value of £250k be **AGREED**.
3. The alignment of the leases of the various existing units to end on the same date as that recently agreed for the new car park site – 7 November 2039 be **AGREED**.

(Proposed by Cllr J Wright and seconded by Cllr M Fletcher)

Reason for Decision:

The EA published legal guidance that Waste and Recycling services need to both abide to and meet for its collection services to be permitted and carried out. Recycling services that do not comply with this guidance may be disrupted.

Note: *Report previously circulated

22. ADOPTION OF THE BLACKDOWN HILLS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PLAN (1:14:38)

Cabinet had before it a report * from the Director of Place and Economy on the Adoption of the Blackdown Hills National Landscape Management Plan.

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic and Regeneration outlined the contents of the report with particular reference to the following:

- Part of Mid Devon district was situated within the area covered by the Blackdown Hills National Landscape (formerly known as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty).

- The Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 required that the Council, together with other relevant local authorities, produced a Management Plan for the Blackdown Hills National Landscape and reviewed it at intervals of no more than five years. The Blackdown Hills National Landscape Partnership had performed this duty on behalf of this Council and the other relevant local authorities, which included Somerset Council and East Devon District Council.
- The Management Plan blended national and local priorities and sought to address them in a way that was right for the Blackdown Hills – the landscape, environment, and communities to ensure the very special character of the area was conserved and enhanced for future generations.
- It included a vision, sets out four main themes, each with objectives, guiding principles, policies, targets and priority actions.
- A draft management plan was previously reported to the Planning Policy Advisory Group on 22 July 2024 and the Cabinet on 15 October 2024 (Minute 70) and was subject to an 8 week public consultation from January to March this year.
- Following the public consultation an amended draft of the Management Plan was reported to the Planning, Environment and Sustainability Policy Development Group (PDG) meeting on the 10 June 2025, which endorsed the recommendations in this report.
- Approval was being sought for this draft version as the Chair Foreword, National Landscape Partnership Commendation and pictures were to be added to the final version. Those additions had no material significance to the substance of the document.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Blackdown Hills National Landscape Management Plan (Appendices 1, 2 and 3) be **ADOPTED**.
2. Delegated authority be given to the Director of Place and Economy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration to approve any editorial changes made to the Blackdown Hills National Landscape Management Plan.

(Proposed by Cllr S Keable and seconded by Cllr G DuChesne)

Reason for Decision:

There were no direct financial implications from the public consultation and the adoption of the Blackdown Hills National Landscape Management Plan. The Council made a grant funding contribution each year to the host authority, Devon County Council, to support the Blackdown Hills National Landscape Partnership.

Note: *Report previously circulated

23. **VALUE FOR MONEY REPORT- TRADITIONAL VERSUS MODULAR BUILDS (1:20:37)**

Cabinet had before it a report * from the Head of Housing and Health on the Value for Money Report and Traditional Versus Modular Builds.

The Cabinet Member for Housing, Asset and Property Services outlined the contents of the report with particular reference to the following:

- This was a key, well evidenced report setting out the strategic, policy and value for money context regarding this Council's successful, on-going Housing Revenue Accounts (HRA) development programme which had a focus on high-quality, good-value housing that apply modular, modern-methods of construction (otherwise known as MMC).
- The benefits of the Council's modular MMC approach were clearly articulated through the report and supporting annexes, and included important benchmarking information in the context of traditional build and other MMC affordable housing schemes of different types, within the district and regionally.
- The benefits were not only represented through net development costs that compared well to other, sometimes lower specification, build types, but through ability to provide housing that met local needs at pace.
- Feedback from the Council's tenants living in those modular homes had been very positive overall and the completed schemes to date had been widely accessed by other local authorities, registered providers and most recently the Homes England Director of the Affordable Homes Programme as exemplar projects. It was important not to lose sight of the fact these were decent homes, providing essential accommodation where most required for those in priority housing need, who maybe care experienced and may also be homeless.
- The report had received a thorough discussion and debate through both the Homes Policy Development Group (PDG) and Scrutiny Committee in recent weeks who had both supported the report recommendation. Furthermore, each project put forward for Homes England funding was subject to their external, assessment of viability and value for money (VfM) assessment which was further welcome assurance.
- Value for money social housing was vital if the Council were to continue setting an example locally, regionally and indeed nationally in the Council's approach to tackling the housing crisis that was impacting our communities.

Discussion took place with regards to:

- The progress that had been made on providing Social homes houses.
- In regards to the Willand builds and whether there was a completion date on the Somerlea builds?
- The achievement was remarkable, however the concerns about the government housing targets that were being set, as an authority could this Council push back to the Government?
- It was positive that the change of rules from Government around the Right to Buy Scheme.
- Did the Value for Money account for whole life cost such as ongoing maintenance, energy performance and refurbishment.
- The ZED pods seem to exceed the minimum standards in terms of energy performance and carbon emission, could officers provide more details on the expected utility savings and were these monitored.
- Offsite manufacturing and bench marking across the Country and would the efficiency help aim to meet the targets in the corporate plan.

- Whether it was 18 months to complete a traditional build.

RESOLVED that:

1. Cabinet continued to adopt an HRA development programme with a focus on delivering MMC, modular net-zero social housing where possible and viable as part of the Council's future Housing Strategy as recommended by the Homes Policy Development Group.

(Proposed by Cllr J Lock and seconded by Cllr J Wright)

Reason for Decision:

Homes were a strategic theme with specific objectives to increase the delivery of quality designed, well built homes across the housing market to meet identified needs and building of energy efficient and low carbon homes.

Note: *Report previously circulated

24. COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY (1:41:00)

Cabinet had before it a report * from the Head of Digital Transformation and Customer Engagement on the Communications and Engagement Strategy.

The Cabinet Member for Quality of Living, Equalities and Public Health outlined the contents of the report with particular reference to the following:

- This was a revised Communication and Engagement Strategy and the accompanying Media and Social Media Policy, which had been developed by the Communications Manager in collaboration with the Head of Digital Transformation and Customer Engagement, and came to Cabinet following endorsement by the Community, People and Equalities Policy Development Group.
- Those documents supported the Council's commitment to ensuring that communications were effective, inclusive, and transparent, delivering value for money while ensuring residents could easily interact with and understand the work of the Council. They aligned with the Corporate Plan, the Council's values, and its responsibilities under the Single Equality Scheme.
- The strategy promoted a digital-first approach, but with continued support for multiple channels to ensure accessibility for all residents, regardless of how they choose to engage with the Council. This included ensuring that the Council's website and all digital content meets current accessibility standards.
- Since the last update in 2023, the Communications Team had made strong progress across a wide range of service areas. They had supported major elections and civic events, delivered a refreshed presence at the Mid Devon Show, and expanded use of the "Let's Talk Mid Devon" engagement platform, which had attracted nearly 600 new registrations and almost 19,000 visits, with a 20% engagement rate.
- Social media continued to grow, with over 2,300 new followers in the past year, and the e-bulletins now reached over 14,000 subscribers. Two full resident surveys had been carried out, with the proportion of respondents who felt informed about the Council's work increasing significantly. The team has also led or supported communications for a number of priority initiatives,

including Active Mid Devon and the ongoing review of the Council's website content.

- Looking ahead, the strategy provided a strong foundation for communications through the period of Local Government Reorganisation, with an emphasis on keeping residents informed and confident in how to access services throughout any changes. It was anticipated that the Communications Strategy, and accompanying policies would be revised again in three years (or sooner if required) to coincide with any reorganisation.

Discussion took place with regards to:

- What provisions were in place for those residents that were in a rural location or had no internet connection and how would the Council engage effectively?
- How would the Council communicate with those that were not on social media?
- The traditional methods of communication such as hard copy, drop in sessions for those individuals that could attend.
- Did the Communication Team share posts on social media platforms?
- Did the Council share posts on other community's social media pages?
- How does the Council communicate out and sign up with the newsletters.
- Sharing good news stories on the recent achievements of the Council in the post with the yearly Council tax letter that residents received.
- To remove the reference From "Chairman" to "Chair" in the Policy.

RESOLVED that:

1. The content of the reviewed Communication and Engagement Strategy and the Media and Social Media Policy as recommended by the Community, People and Equalities Policy Development Group be **ADOPTED**.

(Proposed by Cllr D Wulff and seconded by Cllr G DuChesne)

Reason for Decision:

To ensure that the Council's customers, staff, members and stakeholders were informed about Council services, news and changes through appropriate and varied channels.

Note: *Report previously circulated

25. NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISIONS (1:58:00)

The Clerk identified the changes that had been made to the list since it was published with the agenda.

This included the following:

- Data Protection Policy had been added to September 2025.
- Freedom of Information (FOI) & Environment Information Regulation (EIR) Policy had been added to September 2025.
- Memorial Benches and Memorial Trees had been added to October 2025.

Note: * Key Decision report previously circulated.

(The meeting ended at 19:14pm)

LEADER



Report for: Cabinet

Date of Meeting:	5 August 2025
Subject:	Waste and Recycling Options
Cabinet Member:	Cllr Josh Wright, Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement
Responsible Officer:	Darren Beer, Operations Manager – Street Scene and Open Spaces Matthew Page, Head of People, Performance and Waste
Exempt:	N/A
Wards Affected:	All – District Wide
Enclosures:	None

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation(s)

Additional waste and recycling service provision was considered by Members in a report to Cabinet in January 2025. This report details the results of a three month trial collecting unusable metal pots and pans in an area of the District.

Recommendation(s):

Cabinet are asked to:

- 1. Review the contents of this report.**
- 2. As recommended by the Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement PDG, that Cabinet make a decision regarding the permanent future collection of unwanted metal pots and pans across the District from a specific date supported by an effective communications plan and resident correspondence.**

Section 2 – Report

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Following on from the recommendation made from the Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement PDG in December 2024 and subsequent decision made by Cabinet in January 2025, a trial was conducted between 28 February 2025 and 23 May 2025 to assess both the feasibility of collecting pots and pans (made of aluminium-stainless steel and/or steel) and their subsequent collection rates from households as part of the Council's routine recycling collections. Two separate trials were conducted: one in an urban area (Willand) involving 453 properties and one in a rural area (Uffculme) involving 346 properties.
- 1.2 The results of the trial are presented in section 2 with preliminary analysis and conclusions drawn together in section 3.

2.0 Results

2.1 Urban - Total Properties in the trial: 453

- Resident participation was relatively low, peaking at just under 3% of households
- After 11/04/2025, resident participation dropped to zero
- The total weight of pots and pans collected increased in the first weeks of the trial up to the 11/04, this suggesting either an increased awareness or a build-up of stored items amongst residents.

Collection No	Date of Collection	Number of households participating URBAN	Households participating URBAN	Aluminium/ stainless steel (Kg)	Steel (Kg)	Total Weight (Kg)
1	28/02/2025	10	2.21%	2.50	4.00	6.50
2	14/03/2025	13	2.87%	1.40	3.10	4.50
3	28/03/2025	8	1.77%	2.50	4.40	6.90
4	11/04/2025	10	2.21%	2.70	7.68	10.38
5	28/04/2025	0	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	10/05/2025	0	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	23/05/2025	0	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	41		9.1	19.18	28.28

**Dates in red are catch up collections after a bank holiday*

2.2 Rural -Total Properties in trial: 346

- Participation was lower in the rural areas, peaking at 1.45%
- As with the urban trial, resident participation dropped to zero after 11/04/2025
- Overall collection rates of pots and pans were modest

Collection No	Date of collection	Number of households participating RURAL	% of households participating RURAL	Aluminium/ stainless steel Kg	Steel Kg	Total Weight Kg
1	28/02/2025	5	1.45%	3.00	3.00	6
2	14/03/2025	0	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0
3	28/03/2025	5	1.45%	3.00	3.00	6
4	11/04/2025	1	0.29%	0.25	0.00	0.25
5	28/04/2025	0	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0
6	10/05/2025	0	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0
7	23/05/2025	0	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0
	Total	11		6.25	6.00	12.25

**Dates in red are catch up collections after a bank holiday*

2.3 Total Weights for Rural and Urban Combined

Collection No	Date of collection	TOTAL number of households participating	% TOTAL participation	Aluminium/ stainless steel Kg	Steel Kg	TOTAL Weight Kg
1	28/02/2025	15	1.88%	5.50	7.00	12.50
2	14/03/2025	13	1.63%	1.40	3.10	4.50
3	28/03/2025	13	1.63%	5.50	7.40	12.9
4	11/04/2025	11	1.38%	2.95	7.68	10.63
5	28/04/2025	0	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0
6	10/05/2025	0	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0
7	23/05/2025	0	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0
	Total	52		15.35	25.18	40.53

**Dates in red are catch up collections after a bank holiday*

3.0 Analysis

- 3.1 The results of the trial confirmed that collecting pots and pans via household recycling routes is operationally feasible and adds strategic value to the Council's services. While engagement was limited, especially over time, small volumes were collected efficiently. This initiative, if permanently introduced as a collection service, could further enhance the Council's recycling capabilities

and environmental reputation; however there will be a minimal effect on the recycling rate if the low tonnage collected during the trial was to continue.

- 3.2 The trial was useful to understand potential participation rates across the District. It showed that residents initially used the service actively, primarily to dispose of old items. However, usage dropped significantly after the first few collections. This suggests that long-term use may be lower than initial uptake, making it difficult to predict future usage levels across the District. This also highlights the importance of communication and how we need to regularly remind residents of our services and how they can use these services.
- 3.3 It is important to emphasise that, in line with the Waste hierarchy, residents are encouraged to consider what materials they reuse and reduce as well as recycle. However, given the ease with which the additional pots and pans were collected during the trial, the Street Scene service could collect residents' pots and pans as an additional collection service, if required, with very limited or minimal extra associated cost to the Council (and increased recycling should still lead to enhanced income through the new Extended Producer Responsibility scheme).

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 The trial has given useful operational insight and demonstrated that there is not a consistent demand pattern for the collection of pots and pans across the District. Therefore, it is envisaged that rolling out this provision across the District should be delivered within current capacity and budget. However, future additional collection materials will need to be appraised based on the understanding that adding pots and pans into our recycling activity will place slight additional pressure on the operation.

Financial Implications

Based on the findings of the trial, pots and pans being included in the portfolio of materials collected at the kerbside will not incur additional operational costs. There will be minimal financial gain in the form of recycling credits or sales income due to the low tonnage collected.

Legal Implications

Under Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 Waste Collection Authorities may, by means of notice specify how householders present their waste for collection.

There will be legal requirements to adhere to legislation around Simpler Recycling once it has been clarified by Government.

Risk Assessment

In the event that any future changes are trialled (or mandated by government) a register of risks would need to be compiled in advance of those proposed service changes. There are potential risks, including impacts on; carbon emissions, the carbon footprint, operational costs and other resources required (from containers to personnel).

Impact on Climate Change

Any increase in recycling will have a positive impact on climate change however, as the trial indicated that participation in collection of pots and pans is likely to be low, this impact would be minimal.

Equalities Impact Assessment

If rolled out Districtwide residents provided with assisted collections and those living in HMOs and flats will be included.

Relationship to Corporate Plan

This report identifies with the Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement section of the Corporate Plan for 2024-2028, and in particular paragraph 5.2 (on page 14) which states – *We will increase our recycling services, enabling our communities to achieve even higher levels of recycling.* Supporting and enabling customers to recycle and reduce residual waste contributes to Mid Devon District Councils' commitment to the Devon Climate Emergency.

Section 3 – Statutory Officer sign-off/mandatory checks

Statutory Officer: Andrew Jarrett

Agreed by or on behalf of the Section 151

Date: 23 July 2025

Statutory Officer: Maria de Leburne

Agreed on behalf of the Monitoring Officer

Date: 23 July 2025

Chief Officer: Stephen Walford

Agreed by or on behalf of the Chief Executive/Corporate Director

Date: 23 July 2025

Performance and risk: Steve Carr

Agreed on behalf of the Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager

Date: 12 June 2025

Cabinet member notified: (yes)

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Background papers:

None

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Report for: Cabinet

Date of Meeting:	5 August 2025
Subject:	2025/26 QUARTER 1 BUDGET MONITORING
Cabinet Member:	Cllr John Downes, Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk
Responsible Officer:	Andrew Jarrett, Deputy Chief Executive (S151)
Exempt:	N/a
Wards Affected:	All
Enclosures:	Appendix A – General Fund Summary Appendix B – General Fund Service Variances Appendix C – Employee Cost Summary Analysis Appendix D – Income Summary Analysis Appendix E – HRA Summary and detail variances Appendix F – Capital Programme Summary

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation(s)

To present the forecast Outturn position for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme for the financial year 2025/26.

Recommendation(s):

1. The Cabinet are asked to:

- a) **Note the financial monitoring information for the income and expenditure for the three months to 30 June 2025 and the projected outturn position;**
- b) **Note the use of Waivers and Direct Awards for the Procurement of goods and services as included in Section 8;**
- c) **Note the update on future funding given in paragraphs 9.2 and 9.3.**

Section 2 – Report

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report contains information relating to the Council's overall financial performance for the 2025/26 financial year. Monitoring the Budget is an important part of the Council's performance management framework. The aim is to keep a tight control on spending on services within a flexible budget management framework.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to highlight to Cabinet the current financial status and the likely reserve balances at 31 March 2026. It encompasses the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), and Capital Programme. The detail underpinning these projections is included within the body of report in the following sections / appendices:
- The projected General Fund outturn position for 2025/26 (**Section 3 + Appendices A to D**);
 - The projected HRA Outturn position for 2025/26 (**Section 4 + Appendix E**);
 - The projected Capital Outturn position for 2025/26 (**Section 5 + Appendix F**);
 - Treasury Management (**Section 6**);
 - Collection Fund (**Section 7**);
 - Procurement Waivers (**Section 8**).
- 1.3 Favourable variances generating either increased income or cost savings are expressed as credits (negative numbers), whilst unfavourable overspends or incomes below budget are debits (positive numbers). Any variance against the agreed budget will impact on the Council's reserves. This monitoring focuses on significant budget variances (+/- £20k), including any remedial action where necessary leading to an estimated overall Outturn position.
- 1.4 The Council's financial position will be constantly reviewed to ensure its continued financial health and delivery of excellent Value for Money.
- 1.5 Members should note that officers have also identified areas where some unbudgeted expenditure can be mitigated through the use of earmarked reserves. Therefore this is shown in Appendix A within the individual service areas enabling clarity on the overall forecast outturn variance that will affect General Reserves.
- 1.6 A summary of the Council's Treasury Management year end position is shown in Section 6.
- 1.7 This report also includes Section 8, which updates Members on the use of Procurement Waivers and Direct Award Contracts during the first quarter of 2025/26. A procurement waiver is where contract procedure regulations have not been applied due to exceptional circumstances, such as urgency of the goods/services being required, or the specialist nature of the goods/services where there is no effective competition to provide it. A direct contract award

through a framework agreement is when a contract is awarded to a pre-qualified supplier on the framework for various goods, services, or works.

2.0 Executive Summary of 2025/26

- 2.1. The report indicates a projected General Fund Outturn variance of £232k over spend and a HRA outturn variance of £118k under spend. In respect of the Capital Programme, there is forecast spend of £25,209k against the deliverable budget of £41,860k, leaving forecast variances of £2,415k under spend, £1,104k over spend and slippage of £15,245k across various projects, with £95k no longer required. However, it should be noted, that this early within the financial year it is difficult to identify trends and robustly forecast the future year-end position.
- 2.2. The Council has witnessed higher staff turnover during the first quarter of the year. Sickness is also marginally higher with increased incidents of long-term sickness. This leads to continuing struggles with recruitment and retention particularly within Waste, Finance, Legal and Planning Enforcement requiring higher usage of agency staff than planned, costing nearly £200k above the salary savings.
- 2.3. Leisure income continues to show the good growth in membership numbers, although this is slightly offset by a planned closure of the swimming pools to upgrade the surrounding floor and changing area. Planning and Building Control income remain low following the trend experienced in the previous year. Recyclate income is behind expectations due to lower tonnages and lower sales prices per tonne. Other main income streams broadly track the budget at this stage in the year. The yield on our treasury investments is lower than budgeted, due to increases in internal borrowing leading to reduced cash balances.
- 2.4. If the forecast level of over spend is delivered, this will indicatively decrease the General Reserve balance to £1,792k, below the agreed minimum £2m balance. This position will be reviewed at year end where we reflect on levels of reserves and the significant uncertainty of central government changes to core funding, plus any short-term implications of preparing for Local Government Reform / Devolution.

3.0 The General Fund

- 3.1. The forecast General Fund over spend for the current year is £232k after transfers to and from earmarked reserves. A summary explanation of these key variances is shown in **Appendix A**, service by service. **Appendix B** also provides the detail of the key variances and those above £20k (+ or -) at individual service level to enable full transparency of the position. Similarly, within **Appendix F** (Capital Programme) the detail of the key variances at individual project level are included.

- 3.2. The table below shows the overall Budget, Forecast and Variance, summarised for 2025/26.

Table 1 – General Fund Summary

Financial Summary for 2025/26	2025/26 Budget £	2025/26 Forecast After EMRs £	2025/26 Variance After EMRs £
Total Net Cost of Services	14,163,370	13,976,045	(187,325)
Other Income and Expenditure	(19,070)	400,430	419,500
Total Net Budgeted Expenditure	14,144,300	14,376,475	232,175
Total Funding	(14,144,300)	(14,144,300)	0
Net Income and Expenditure	0	232,175	232,175

- 3.3. The current incomes from our major fee income streams are shown in **Appendix C**. It shows that the full year forecast Income variance is £20k above budget. This is due to the significant increase in leisure income arising from increased membership numbers. That is partially offset by the adverse variance in Planning and Building Control reflecting the continuing economic/market conditions. Market income is also behind the budget at this stage of the year. All other key income streams are projected to be close to budgeted expectations.
- 3.4. The Government have very recently advised that the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) funding for 2025/26 has increased by over £450k. This will be earmarked in line with original funding, meaning that less of waste depot remodelling costs will be funding through internal sources. It will also fund an additional officer aimed at increasing recycling rates further. The yield on our treasury investments is lower than budgeted, due to increases in internal borrowing leading to reduced cash balances
- 3.5. The current employee costs are shown at **Appendix D**. It shows a full year forecast under spend of £299k, after taking into account the £282k vacancy target included within Corporate Management (with the actual savings shown against the respective service areas). Notable savings are being made in Corporate Management (after taking into account the vacancy factor) relating to delays to the planned apprenticeship scheme, and due to staff turnover and vacancies within Finance, Legal, Waste and Economic Development / Planning. All of these service areas have required the use of agency staff to ensure services are delivered, with the costs largely offset by corresponding underspends on the service's staffing establishment, giving an overall pressure of £14k on staffing, although there is a net pressure on the General Fund of £191k. All vacancies are fully reviewed to consider if the position can be removed permanently, or temporarily managed without.

- 3.6. The table below shows the opening position of key reserve balances of the Council, the forecast in year movements and final predicted position at 31 March 2026:

Table 2 – Summary of Key Reserves

Usable Reserves	Actual 31/03/2025	Forecast In Year Movement	Forecast 31/03/2026
REVENUE	£000's	£000's	£000's
General Fund (See above)	(2,025)	232	(1,792)
GF Earmarked Reserves	(15,806)	(783)	(16,537)
Housing Revenue Account (Section 4)	(455)*	(118)	(573)
HRA Earmarked Reserves	(20,327)	0	(20,327)

* Following the approval of the 2023/24 Statement of Accounts, which included the creation of a provision for the refund of over-payments resulting from the historic rent calculation error, the HRA Reserve reduced from £2,000k to £455k. The intention is to rebuild the reserve back to the recommended level of £2,000, over the medium term.

- 3.7. However, the actual reserves will be increased or decreased by the surplus or deficit generated in the year.

4.0 Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

- 4.1. This is a ring-fenced reserve in respect of the Council's housing landlord function. It is increased or decreased by the surplus or deficit generated on the HRA in the year. The forecast year-end budget position is a net surplus of £118k. An explanation of the key variances and those above £20k + or -) are highlighted within **Appendix E**.

- 4.2. The main variances relate to:

- (£31k) Net rental income above budget – largely related to non-dwelling rent.
- (£222k) Salary underspend resulting from vacancies.
- £45k Unbudgeted post for fixed-term staff dealing with rent correction refunds.
- £90k Reduction in treasury income due to increases in internal borrowing leading to reduced cash balances.

5.0 Capital Programme

- 5.1. The Capital Quarter 1 summary is attached as **Appendix F** to this report. The actual and forecast spend for 2025/26 amounts to £25,209k, leaving a variance against the revised 2025/26 Deliverable Capital Programme of (£16,651k). Of

which, £2,415k is an under spend, £1,104k is an over spend, £95k is no longer required and £15,246k will slip into future years.

5.2. General Fund Project Variances

- 5.2.1. £4,695k Slippage – The forecast slippage is largely from the delays to the Cullompton Town Centre Relief Road, with construction works due to being in 2026/27. There are a number of other projects in the scoping phase that is likely to result delays, including three where MDDC is not the lead.
- 5.2.2. £867k Overspends – The Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) works at Culm Valley and the CHP and Battery Storage project at Exe Valley exceed the grants awarded, leading to larger contributions required from the Council. The forecast cost of the new waste baler is also likely to be higher than original forecast. Further spend on fire safety works is also shown as an over spend as no budget was set.
- 5.2.3. £2,367k Underspends – The majority of the under spend relates to the waste depot being remodelled rather than a new depot being purchased and built. The approval of the proposals by Cabinet in July will enable the existing depot to be expanded and be fit for the medium term, along with meeting the new Environment Agency permitting requirements. Furthermore, the provisional allocation for the EPR has recently been increased by over £450k, meaning that less of these works will be funded through internal sources. Vehicle leasing costs have been lower than forecast.
- 5.2.4. £95k No Longer Required – The waste depot remodelling budget also includes the replacement of the diesel tank, which was previously included separately.

5.3. Housing Revenue Account – Projects

- 5.3.1. £10,551k Slippage – There are a number of delays on the HRA housing developments due to delays in procurement or planning.
- 5.3.2. £237k Overspends – increased work in respect of Modernisation Works and Renewables account for most of the over spend. The cost of finalising a development that overran into 2025/26 makes up the remainder.
- 5.3.3. £47k Underspends – there are a few minor underspends on other replacement works to the housing stock.

6.0 **Treasury Management**

- 6.1. It is a statutory duty for the Council to determine and keep under review the affordable borrowing limits. During the quarter ended 30 June 2025, the Council has operated within the treasury and prudential indicators set out in the

Council's Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2025/26 (approved at Full Council 19/02/2025). The Deputy Chief Executive (S151) reports that no difficulties are envisaged for the current or future years in complying with these indicators.

6.1.1. The table below shows the Council's updated treasury indicators for 2025/26.

Treasury Indicators	2025/26 Original Forecast £000	2025/26 Q1 Updated Forecast £000
Authorised Limit for External Debt	92,000	81,000
Operational Boundary for External	83,000	72,000
Gross External Debt	48,985	40,323
Investments	10,000	10,000
Net Borrowing	38,985	30,323

6.1.2. The table below shows the Council's updated prudential indicators for 2025/26.

Prudential Indicators	2025/26 Original Forecast £000	2025/26 Q1 Updated Forecast £000
Capital Expenditure	41,614	25,209
<i>Of which General Fund</i>	11,802	7,907
<i>Of which HRA</i>	29,812	17,302
Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)*	81,931	71,436
<i>Of which General Fund</i>	19,443	17,550
<i>Of which HRA</i>	62,488	53,886
Annual Change in CFR	13,828	3,389
In-Year Borrowing Requirement	18,000	9,000

**see 6.3 for more information*

6.2. Investment Portfolio

6.2.1. In accordance with CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code), it is the Council's priority to ensure security of capital and liquidity, and to obtain an appropriate level of return which is consistent with the Council's risk appetite. With Bank Rate now gradually reducing, interest rates on offer have continued to decrease as banks anticipate future cuts by the MPC.

6.2.2. The Council's investment portfolio as at 30 June 2025 was made up of short term investments/deposits to the value of £19,207k, comprising of £18,000k in fixed term investments and £1,207k in NatWest call accounts. In addition to this, the Council also holds £5,000k in the Churches, Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA) commercial property fund.

- 6.2.3. The following table shows short term investments/deposits held as at 30 June 2025.

Institution	Principal £000	Interest Rate	Start Date	Maturity Date
Uttlesford District Council	3,000	5.05%	07/11/2024	07/08/2025
Uttlesford District Council	2,000	4.25%	21/05/2025	21/11/2025
NBK International PLC	3,000	4.28%	03/06/2025	03/12/2025
Chesterfield Borough Council	3,000	4.30%	09/06/2025	09/12/2025
DMO	7,000	4.20%	30/06/2025	02/07/2025

- 6.2.4. The Council received an average return of 4.75% on investments during the first three months of 2025/26, down from 5.43% at the same point in the previous year. Performance is expected to decline slightly through the rest of 2025/26 as further cuts to the Bank Rate are made and less cash is retained.
- 6.2.5. The Council currently has £5,000k deposited with the Local Authorities' Property Fund, which pays dividends quarterly. For the first quarter of 2025/26, dividends of £51k (4.08%) were received, down from £61k (4.89%) for the same period in 2024/25. There has been a small increase in fund value with the Council's share in the fund now valued at £4,551k.
- 6.2.6. Officers can confirm that the approved limits within the Annual Investment Strategy were not breached during the quarter ended 30 June 2025.

6.3. Borrowing

- 6.3.1. The Council has no short-term borrowing but has existing PWLB loans of £29,398k as at 30 June 2025, in addition to £4,356k in finance leases.
- 6.3.2. The Council's revised Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) for 2025/26 is £71,436k. The CFR denotes the Council's underlying need to borrow for capital purposes. If the CFR is positive the Council may borrow from the PWLB or the market (external borrowing) or from internal balances on a temporary basis (internal borrowing). The balance of external and internal borrowing is generally driven by market conditions. Table 6.1.1 shows the Council has forecast borrowings at 31 March 2026 of £40,323k, and so will have utilised £31,113k of cash flow funds in lieu of borrowing to finance the CFR of £71,436k shown in table 6.1.2.
- 6.3.3. There has so far been no new borrowing in 2025/26, however there is likely to be a need for new borrowing towards the end of this financial year. The current Capital Programme and cash flow forecasts give an estimated borrowing requirement of £9,000k, though the timing is currently uncertain as it depends on progress with capital projects and timing of capital grant receipts to fund these.

6.4. Economic Update

- 6.4.1. The Council's treasury advisor, Link Group, provided the following forecasts for the Bank Rate and our PWLB Borrowing Rate (PWLB rates are certainty rates, gilt yields plus 80bps):

Interest Rates	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26	Sep-26	Dec-26	Mar-27	Jun-27	Sep-27	Dec-27	Mar-28
Bank Rate View	4.50%	4.25%	4.25%	4.00%	3.75%	3.75%	3.75%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
5yr PWLB Rate	5.00%	4.90%	4.80%	4.70%	4.60%	4.50%	4.40%	4.40%	4.30%	4.20%	4.20%	4.10%	4.00%
10yr PWLB Rate	5.30%	5.20%	5.10%	5.00%	4.90%	4.80%	4.70%	4.70%	4.60%	4.50%	4.50%	4.40%	4.40%
25yr PWLB Rate	5.80%	5.70%	5.60%	5.50%	5.40%	5.30%	5.20%	5.10%	5.00%	5.00%	4.90%	4.90%	4.80%
50yr PWLB Rate	5.50%	5.40%	5.30%	5.20%	5.10%	5.00%	4.90%	4.80%	4.70%	4.70%	4.60%	4.60%	4.50%

- 6.4.2. Further cuts to Bank Rate are expected over the coming year, however there remains a lot of uncertainty over the number of cuts and the timing. The timing has certainly been slower than originally forecast due to persistent inflation and a resilient economy.

6.5. Treasury Conclusion

- 6.5.1. The year to date has seen a small drop in performance compared to the same period in 2024/25. The Council's investment in the CCLA Property Fund provided a lower quarterly dividend but is expected to hold firm as interest rates reduce leading to a higher rate of return in comparison to short-term investments. Performance is expected to weaken through the next year as interest rates continue to decline. Overall, the forecast for the returns on investment for 2025/26 are £240k lower than budget, due to the reduced cash available for investment. This is split across the General Fund (£150k) and HRA (£90k).

7.0 The Collection Fund

- 7.1. Mid Devon is a Collection Authority for Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates, and as such, is required to produce a Collection Fund Account for the Mid Devon area.
- 7.2. The Council collects Council Tax on behalf of Devon County Council, Devon Fire and Rescue Service, Devon & Cornwall Police and the Town/Parish Councils. The forecast Council Tax collection rate for 2025/26 is 97.5%. At this early stage of the year, the forecast remains broadly accurate.
- 7.3. The Non-Domestic Rates collection rate is forecast to be 98.0% for 2025/26 (99.8% in 2024/25). Similarly, the tax base remains stable and with good growth, we forecast that the previous deficit on the fund will be reduced.

8.0 Procurement Waivers

8.1. Procurement Waivers

8.1.1. In exceptional circumstances, there are sometimes justifiable reasons to act outside the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 / Procurement Act 2023. These include the following reasons:

- I. The work, goods or materials are urgently required, and loss would be entailed by delay arising from advertising;
- II. The work, goods or materials required are of such special nature that no advantage would accrue by inviting competitive tenders;
- III. There is no effective competition for the goods or materials required by reason of the fixing of prices under statutory authority or that such goods or materials are patented or proprietary articles or materials;
- IV. Transactions, which, because of special circumstances, may (either individually or as a class) be excepted from time to time by the Cabinet of the Council.

8.1.2. In such circumstances, prior written approval of the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) is required and Cabinet will be informed. Below is a list of the Procurement Waivers utilised during the third quarter of this financial year:

Table 3 – Summary of Procurement Waivers applied

Ref	Subject of the Waiver	Approximate Value £	Reason Code
1	Emergency pump set replacement & control panel modification	£16k	I
2	New ceiling tiles at Lords Meadow	£8k	I
3	Home Improvement Loans	£15k	II and III
4	Oracle Patching – required for support work	£45k	I and IV
5	Swimming Lesson Software	£17k	II
6	Specialist hire vehicles for Waste	£120k	II and III
7	Material supply	£50k	I
8	Clinical waste collection service	£86k	II

8.2. Direct Awards via Frameworks

8.2.1. Framework agreements are agreements between one or more buyers and suppliers, setting out the terms for contracts to be awarded over a specific period. Frameworks can be used to establish pre-qualified suppliers for various goods, services, or works and offer a streamlined process for buyers to award contracts without needing to conduct a full procurement process each time. The following is a summary of the contracts awarded during this quarter through this route:

Contract Reference No.	Value (inc VAT)	Contract name / Supplier	Start date	Framework
MDDC202504-006	£200k	Material Supply & Associated Services - Rawle Gammon & Baker	01 May 2025 – 31 March 2026	Procurement for Housing (PfH)
MDDC202504-007	£200k	Material Supply & Associated Services - Bradfords	01 May 2025 – 31 March 2026	Procurement for Housing (PfH)
MDDC202504-008	£200k	Material Supply & Associated Services - Travis Perkins	01 May 2025 – 31 March 2026	Procurement for Housing (PfH)
MDDC202504-009	£200k	Material Supply & Associated Services - Denmans	01 May 2025 – 31 March 2026	Procurement for Housing (PfH)
MDDC202504-010	£200k	Material Supply & Associated Services - United Kingdom Plumbing Supplies (UKPS)	01 May 2025 – 31 March 2026	Procurement for Housing (PfH)
MDDC202504-011	£200k	Material Supply & Associated Services - Wolesley	01 May 2025 – 31 March 2026	Procurement for Housing (PfH)
MDDC202504-012	£200k	Material Supply & Associated Services - CEF	01 May 2025 – 31 March 2026	Procurement for Housing (PfH)
MDDC202504-013	£150K	Material Supply & Associated Services - JPS (Jewsons)	01 May 2025 – 31 March 2026	Procurement for Housing (PfH)
MDDC202504-015	£15K	Anesco Energy Services (South) Ltd – mediation	22 April 2025 – 22 October 2025	Crown Commercial Services (CCS)
MDDC202505-001	£766k	Microsoft Enterprise Agreement	01 July 2025 – 30 June 2028	Crown Commercial Services (CCS)

9.0 Conclusion

- 9.1. Members are asked to note the Revenue and Capital Outturn figures for the financial year 2025/26 along with the use of procurement waivers and direct award contracts during the quarter. We continue to closely monitor the financial position and amend our expectations accordingly.
- 9.2. Whilst this report clearly focuses on the financial performance vs budget for 2025/26 it is worth reflecting on some of the recent decisions and items still being consulted on that will have material impact on the overarching funding positions of all Councils. The work towards a 3 year fair funding settlement, changes to business rates (most notably removing all rating growth back to the initial base in 2013/14) and the current consultation on changes to Council Tax. Only last week, we, along with 40 other District Councils and 8 London Boroughs were invited to a web meeting with the MHCLG to warn us that we would be one of the biggest losers based on their initial draft calculations on funding – which would see us targeted for between a 5-7% real terms cut in 2026/27. In real terms this could see us lose circa £0.7m in Govt. funding – but the real issue is the rebasing of business rates that could see us lose over £2m!
- 9.3. Clearly, officers of all the affected Councils, the DCN and other representative bodies will be challenging Central Govt.'s rationale/calculations underpinning this fair funding review prior to any implementation. We will of course keep you updated over the coming weeks and months.

Financial Implications

Good financial management and administration underpin the entire document. A surplus or deficit on the Revenue Budget will impact on the Council's General Fund balances. The Council's financial position is constantly reviewed to ensure its continued financial health.

Legal Implications

The Local Government Finance Act requires the Council to take steps to ensure that the Council's expenditure does not exceed the resources available. The Council is also required (by its Constitution and Financial Rules) to secure a balanced budget and also to provide certain services. Regular financial monitoring by the Executive helps ensure that the Council is able to meet these statutory 1992 obligations.

Risk Assessment

Regular financial monitoring information mitigates the risk of over or underspends at year-end and allows the Council to direct its resources to key corporate priorities. Members will be aware that the Council continues to face a financially difficult and uncertain future. As such, the Strategic Risk Register (monitored by Audit Committee) includes a specific risk relating to this issue (CR7).

Impact on Climate Change

The General Fund, Capital Programme and the Housing Revenue Account all contain significant investment in order to work towards the Council's Carbon Reduction Pledge.

Equalities Impact Assessment

No equality issues identified for this report

Relationship to Corporate Plan

The financial resources of the Council impact directly on its ability to deliver the Corporate Plan prioritising the use of available resources in 2025/26. The Monitoring Report indicates how the Council's resources have been used to support the delivery of budgetary decisions.

Section 3 – Statutory Officer sign-off/mandatory checks

Statutory Officer: Andrew Jarrett

Agreed by or on behalf of the Section 151

Date: 22/07/2025 via Leadership Team meeting

Statutory Officer: Maria De Leburne

Agreed on behalf of the Monitoring Officer

Date: 22/07/2025 via Leadership Team meeting

Chief Officer: Stephen Walford

Agreed by or on behalf of the Chief Executive/Corporate Director

Date: 22/07/2025 via Leadership Team meeting

Performance and risk: Dr Stephen Carr

Agreed on behalf of the Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager

Date: 22/07/2025

Cabinet member notified: Yes

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background papers: 2025/26 Budget Report to Cabinet / Full Council

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General Fund Summary 2025/26	Appendix B Note Ref	Annual Budget	P3 Actual	Full Year Forecast	Full Year Variance (0 = On budget)	Transfer To/(From) Earmarked Reserves	Variance after EMRs	Full Year Variance (0 = On budget)
		£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Cllr Luke Taylor (Leader)								
Corporate Management	GF1a	1,596,140	299,941	1,803,140	207,000	0	207,000	13.0%
Cllr Jane Lock								
Commercial Estate	GF2a	(354,890)	(111,248)	(354,890)	0	0	0	0.0%
Property Services	GF2b	1,821,350	511,815	1,706,350	(115,000)	0	(115,000)	-6.3%
Community Alarms	GF2c	(7,060)	3,797	(2,960)	4,100	0	4,100	-58.1%
Homelessness & Rough Sleeping	GF2d	(411,510)	(627,649)	(411,510)	0	0	0	0.0%
Housing Options	GF2e	548,570	146,637	548,570	0	0	0	0.0%
Cllr John Downes								
Financial Services	GF3a	923,150	246,893	1,019,825	96,675	0	96,675	10.5%
Revenues & Benefits	GF3b	997,810	983,599	1,029,310	31,500	0	31,500	3.2%
Performance Management	GF3c	78,300	18,908	78,300	0	0	0	0.0%
Electoral Services	GF3d	205,450	326,301	205,450	0	0	0	0.0%
Cllr Matt Fletcher								
People Services	GF4a	633,420	197,134	633,420	0	0	0	0.0%
Communications	GF4b	124,430	29,873	124,430	0	0	0	0.0%
Legal & Democratic Services	GF4c	980,760	246,021	990,260	9,500	0	9,500	1.0%
IT Services & Digital Transformation	GF4d	1,669,220	444,340	1,639,220	(30,000)	0	(30,000)	-1.8%
Cllr Josh Wright								
Car Parks	GF5a	(801,090)	(100,675)	(801,090)	0	0	0	0.0%
Street Scene	GF5b	1,173,290	276,372	1,169,290	(4,000)	(26,000)	(30,000)	-2.6%
Waste Services	GF5c	1,538,260	649,165	1,260,160	(278,100)	305,500	27,400	1.8%
Fleet Management	GF5d	58,220	16,391	58,220	0	0	0	0.0%
Parks & Open Spaces	GF5e	201,520	71,222	261,520	60,000	0	60,000	29.8%
Bereavement Services	GF5f	(97,860)	2,824	(97,860)	0	0	0	0.0%
Environmental Enforcement	GF5g	191,440	47,543	201,440	10,000	(10,000)	0	0.0%
Recreation & Sport	GF5h	907,940	730,551	787,940	(120,000)	0	(120,000)	-13.2%
Customer Services	GF5i	716,040	181,704	716,040	0	0	0	0.0%
Cllr Steve Keable								
Economic Development	GF6a	424,020	26,131	389,020	(35,000)	0	(35,000)	-8.3%
Planning	GF6b	845,960	209,104	801,960	(44,000)	0	(44,000)	-5.2%
Pannier Market	GF6c	45,950	17,306	65,950	20,000	0	20,000	43.5%
Cllr David Wulff (Deputy Leader)								
Licensing	GF7a	42,000	(1,721)	42,000	0	0	0	0.0%
Public Health	GF7b	788,910	162,649	788,910	0	0	0	0.0%
CCTV	GF7c	42,730	7,582	42,730	0	0	0	0.0%
Cllr Natasha Bradshaw								
Climate change	GF8a	272,750	46,007	272,750	0	0	0	0.0%
Flood Defence and Land Drainage	GF8b	26,030	0	26,030	0	0	0	0.0%
Cllr Gwen Duchesne MBE								
Emergency Planning	GF9a	55,250	11,676	55,250	0	0	0	0.0%
Community Grants	GF9b	120,230	114,640	120,230	0	0	0	0.0%
All General Fund Services		15,356,730	5,184,834	15,169,405	(187,325)	269,500	82,175	0.5%
Net recharge to HRA	GFa1	(2,050,250)	0	(2,050,250)	0	0	0	0.0%
Statutory Adjustments (Capital charges)	GFa2	856,890	0	856,890	0	0	0	0.0%
Net Cost of Services		14,163,370	5,184,834	13,976,045	(187,325)	269,500	82,175	0.6%
Interest Payable	GFb1	295,520	0	295,520	0	0	0	0.0%
Interest Receivable	GFb2	(776,470)	(72,977)	(626,470)	150,000	0	150,000	-19.3%
Transfers into Earmarked Reserves	GFb3	2,224,720	2,224,720	2,678,220	453,500	(453,500)	0	0.0%
Transfers from Earmarked Reserves	GFb4	(1,762,840)	(1,762,840)	(1,946,840)	(184,000)	184,000	0	0.0%
Net Non-Service Costs		(19,070)	388,903	400,430	419,500	(269,500)	150,000	-786.6%
Total Budgeted Expenditure		14,144,300	5,573,737	14,376,475	232,175	0	232,175	1.6%
FUNDED BY:								
Business Rates								
Retained Business Rates	GFc1	(5,061,190)	813,312	(5,061,190)	0	0	0	0.0%
Business Rates Prior Year (Surplus)/Deficit	GFc2	(18,140)	247,290	(18,140)	0	0	0	0.0%
Council Tax								
Council Tax	GFd1	(7,348,850)	1,400,267	(7,348,850)	0	0	0	0.0%
Council Tax Prior Year (Surplus)/Deficit	GFd2	(123,160)	0	(123,160)	0	0	0	0.0%
Un-Ringfenced Grants								
New Homes Bonus Grant	GFe1	(498,150)	(124,537)	(498,150)	0	0	0	0.0%
Rural Services Delivery Grant	GFe3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other Grants	GFe4	(215,360)	(55,455)	(215,360)	0	0	0	0.0%
Services Grant	GFe5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Revenue Support Grant	GFe6	(139,800)	(37,746)	(139,800)	0	0	0	0.0%
Funding Guarantee Grant	GFe7	(739,650)	(123,275)	(739,650)	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Budgeted Funding		(14,144,300)	2,119,856	(14,144,300)	0	0	0	0.0%
Forecast in year (Surplus) / Deficit		0	7,693,594	232,175	232,175	0	232,175	
General Fund Reserve 31/03/24							(2,024,580)	
Forecast General Fund Balance 31/03/2025							(1,792,405)	

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Service Variances			Gross Full Year Variance £	EMR Transfer To/(From)	PDG
GF1A	Corporate Management	Salary savings due to unfilled corporate apprentice positions	(75,000)		Cabinet
GF1A	Corporate Management	Vacancy target - salary savings included within specific service lines	282,000		Cabinet
GF2B	Property Services	Contractual dispute settlement - unlocking additional income over medium term	55,000		Economy & Assets
GF2B	Property Services	Forecast saving from maintenance budget	(170,000)		Economy & Assets
GF2C	Community Alarms	Net pressure on Careline installations and rentals	4,100		Homes Pdg
GF3A	Financial Services	Various smaller employee pressures	31,700		Cabinet
GF3A	Financial Services	Salary savings due to vacancies	(63,300)		Cabinet
GF3A	Financial Services	Unbudgeted agency spend	116,400		Cabinet
GF3A	Financial Services	Unbudgeted software upgrade costs	11,875		Cabinet
GF3B	Revenues & Benefits	Unbudgeted software costs	13,000		Cabinet
GF3B	Revenues & Benefits	Estimated unbudgeted council tax disregard for care leavers	18,500		Cabinet
GF4C	Legal & Democratic Services	Salary savings due to vacancies	(128,000)		Cabinet
GF4C	Legal & Democratic Services	Salary savings due to maternity pay	(26,000)		Cabinet
GF4C	Legal & Democratic Services	Unbudgeted agency spend	163,500		Cabinet
GF4D	IT Services & Digital Transformation	Payment Card Industry (PCI) certification delayed	(30,000)		Cabinet
GF5B	Street Scene	Contracted vehicle maintenance extended to whole lease term (EMR Funded)	26,000	(26,000)	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF5B	Street Scene	Salary saving due to vacancies	(20,000)		Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF5B	Street Scene	Fuel saving due to lower than budgeted price per litre	(10,000)		Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF5C	Waste Services	Additional DEFRA pEPR payment	(453,500)	453,500	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF5C	Waste Services	Salary saving due to vacancies	(34,500)		Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF5C	Waste Services	Additional agency costs to cover vacancies	47,000		Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF5C	Waste Services	Contracted vehicle maintenance extended to whole lease term (EMR Funded)	98,000	(98,000)	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF5C	Waste Services	Fuel saving due to lower than budgeted price per litre	(49,000)		Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF5C	Waste Services	Additional recycling officer posts to improve recycling collection rate	50,000	(50,000)	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF5C	Waste Services	Reduced income from recycle due to lower tonnages and lower per per tonne	63,900		Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF5E	Parks & Open Spaces	Additional Town / Parish contributions not yet confirmed	60,000		Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF5G	Environmental Enforcement	Contracted vehicle maintenance extended to whole lease term (EMR Funded)	10,000	(10,000)	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF5H	Recreation & Sport	Salary savings due to vacancies	(50,000)		Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF5H	Recreation & Sport	Increase in income due to high membership numbers	(60,000)		Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF5H	Recreation & Sport	Increase in income from swimming lesson programme	(35,000)		Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF5H	Recreation & Sport	Loss of wetside income due to refurbishment works taking longer than forecast	25,000		Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement
GF6A	Economic Development	Salary savings due to vacancies	(35,000)		Economy & Assets
GF6B	Planning	Building Control partnership adjustment to reflect our share of staffing costs	(54,000)		Planning, Environment & Sustainability
GF6B	Planning	Building Control projected income is anticipated to underperform relative to budgeted expectations	30,000		Planning, Environment & Sustainability
GF6B	Planning	Enforcement salary savings due to vacancies	(130,000)		Planning, Environment & Sustainability
GF6B	Planning	Enforcement agency staff costs due to vacancies	130,000		Planning, Environment & Sustainability
Service Forecast (Surplus)/Deficit as at 31/03/2026			(187,325)	269,500	

Non-Service Variances			Gross Full Year Variance £	Gross Full Year Variance £	PDG
GFB2	Interest Receivable	Reduction in treasury income due to increases in internal borrowing leading to reduced cash balances	150,000		
GFB3/4	Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves	Net movements to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	269,500	(269,500)	
Non-Service Forecast (Surplus)/Deficit as at 31/03/2026			419,500	(269,500)	

Total Forecast (Surplus)/Deficit as at 31/03/2026			232,175	0	
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Fees & Charges	Annual Budget	P3 Profiled Budget	P3 Actual	P3 Variance	Full Year Forecast Variation	
	£	£	£	£	£	%
Building Control Fees	(250,510)	(62,628)	(44,244)	18,384	30,000	-12%
Planning Fees	(1,058,000)	(264,500)	(244,162)	20,338	20,000	-2%
Land Search Fees	(101,220)	(25,305)	(27,883)	(2,578)	0	0%
Car Parking Fees - See Below	(1,082,610)	(215,867)	(238,343)	(22,476)	0	0%
Leisure Fees & Charges	(3,731,970)	(850,917)	(750,135)	100,782	(70,000)	2%
Trade Waste Income	(1,090,000)	(591,412)	(572,758)	18,654	0	0%
Garden Waste	(855,000)	(234,491)	(225,983)	8,508	0	0%
Licensing	(165,880)	(32,882)	(40,671)	(7,788)	0	0%
Market Income	(108,180)	(27,789)	(21,897)	5,893	20,000	-18%
	(8,443,370)	(2,305,791)	(2,166,075)	139,717	0	0.0%
Car Parking Fees	Annual Budget	P3 Profiled Budget	P3 Actual	P3 Variance	Spaces	Budgeted Income per Space
	£	£	£	£		£
Beck Square, Tiverton	(84,740)	(18,643)	(20,873)	(2,230)	38	(2,230)
William Street, Tiverton	(48,040)	(9,128)	(11,370)	(2,242)	49	(980)
Westexe South, Tiverton	(78,800)	(15,760)	(19,262)	(3,502)	49	(1,608)
Wellbrook Street, Tiverton	(12,820)	(3,077)	(3,130)	(53)	28	(458)
Market Street, Crediton	(50,420)	(10,588)	(13,192)	(2,604)	30	(1,681)
High Street, Crediton	(76,790)	(16,894)	(18,631)	(1,737)	190	(404)
Station Road, Cullompton	(47,850)	(11,484)	(11,873)	(389)	115	(416)
Multistorey, Tiverton	(183,780)	(42,269)	(47,059)	(4,789)	642	(286)
Market Car Park, Tiverton	(256,500)	(53,865)	(64,435)	(10,570)	124	(2,069)
Phoenix House, Tiverton	(15,530)	(1,553)	(3,627)	(2,074)	19	(817)
P&D Shorts & Overs	0	0	1,042	1,042	-	0
Total Pay and Display	(855,270)	(183,261)	(212,410)	(29,150)	1,284	(10,950)
Day Permits	(53,980)	(4,832)	0	4,832		
Allocated Space Permits	(107,570)	(14,312)	(6,752)	7,561		
Overnight Permits	(1,570)	(168)	(147)	21		
Day & Night Permits	(46,090)	(5,069)	(18,034)	(12,965)		
Other Income	(18,130)	(8,225)	(1,000)	7,225		
Total Permits	(227,340)	(32,606)	(25,933)	6,674		
Total Car Parking	(1,082,610)	(215,867)	(238,343)	(22,476)		
Standard Charge Notices (Off Street)	(69,850)	(17,463)	(15,348)	2,115		

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Employee Costs	Annual Budget	P3 Profiled Budget	P3 Actual	P3 Variance	Full Year Forecast Variation	
	£	£	£	£	£	%
General Fund						
Corporate Management	1,174,120	753,894	329,011	(424,883)	207,000	17.6%
Commercial Estate	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Property Services	788,840	197,210	180,048	(17,162)	0	0.0%
Community Alarms	36,900	9,225	17,372	8,147	26,300	71.3%
Homelessness & Rough Sleeping	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Housing Options	600,060	150,015	146,891	(3,124)	0	0.0%
Financial Services	708,870	177,218	149,982	(27,236)	(31,600)	-4.5%
Revenues & Benefits	1,040,830	260,208	247,888	(12,320)	0	0.0%
Performance Management	77,930	19,483	18,908	(575)	0	0.0%
Electoral Services	135,980	33,995	32,402	(1,593)	0	0.0%
People Services	528,140	132,035	125,474	(6,561)	0	0.0%
Communications	108,820	27,205	28,729	1,524	0	0.0%
Legal & Democratic Services	577,630	144,408	104,233	(40,175)	(154,000)	-26.7%
IT Services & Digital Transformation	818,190	204,547	196,522	(8,026)	0	0.0%
Car Parks	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Street Scene	995,380	248,845	219,253	(29,592)	(20,000)	-2.0%
Waste Services	3,698,800	924,700	837,939	(86,761)	15,500	0.4%
Fleet Management	52,570	13,142	13,058	(84)	0	0.0%
Parks & Open Spaces	17,540	4,385	4,012	(373)	0	0.0%
Bereavement Services	28,400	7,100	6,889	(211)	0	0.0%
Environmental Enforcement	173,520	43,380	41,968	(1,412)	0	0.0%
Recreation & Sport	2,753,840	688,460	641,847	(46,613)	(50,000)	-1.8%
Customer Services	684,810	171,202	163,740	(7,462)	0	0.0%
Economic Development	336,550	84,137	74,871	(9,267)	(35,000)	-10.4%
Planning	1,709,690	442,512	383,986	(58,526)	(80,000)	-4.7%
Pannier Market	78,370	19,592	18,885	(708)	0	0.0%
Licensing	177,460	44,365	32,741	(11,624)	0	0.0%
Public Health	774,020	193,505	177,346	(16,159)	0	0.0%
CCTV	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Climate change	60,960	15,240	28,522	13,282	0	0.0%
Flood Defence and Land Drainage	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Emergency Planning	47,650	11,913	11,560	(353)	0	0.0%
Community Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total General Fund	18,185,870	5,021,922	4,234,073	(787,849)	(121,800)	-0.7%
Housing Revenue Account						
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	(204,100)	0.0%
Supervision & Management	0	0	0	0	26,900	0.0%
Total Housing Revenue Account	0	0	0	0	(177,200)	0.0%
Total Employee Costs	18,185,870	5,021,922	4,234,073	(787,849)	(299,000)	-1.6%

Agency Staff (within Employee costs)	Annual Budget	P3 Profiled Budget	P3 Actual	P3 Variance	Full Year Forecast Variation	
	£	£	£	£	£	%
General Fund						
Corporate Management	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Commercial Estate	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Community Alarms	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Homelessness & Rough Sleeping	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Housing Options	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Financial Services	0	0	43,132	43,132	116,400	0.0%
Revenues & Benefits	0	0	8,693	8,693	0	0.0%
Performance Management	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Electoral Services	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
People Services	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Communications	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Legal & Democratic Services	0	0	51,696	51,696	163,500	0.0%
IT Services & Digital Transformation	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Car Parks	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Street Scene	21,160	5,290	7,420	2,130	0	0.0%
Waste Services	42,460	10,615	52,551	41,936	47,000	110.7%
Fleet Management	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Parks & Open Spaces	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Bereavement Services	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Environmental Enforcement	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Recreation & Sport	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Customer Services	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Economic Development	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Planning	144,000	35,999	31,672	(4,327)	(14,000)	-9.7%
Pannier Market	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Licensing	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Public Health	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
CCTV	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Climate change	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Flood Defence and Land Drainage	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Emergency Planning	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Community Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total General Fund	207,620	51,904	195,163	143,258	312,900	150.7%
Housing Revenue Account						
BHO09 Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
BHO10 Supervision & Management	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Housing Revenue Account	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Agency Costs	207,620	51,904	195,163	143,258	312,900	150.7%

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HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT FINANCIAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 01 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2025

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)	Note Ref	Annual Budget	P3 Actual	Full Year Forecast	Full Year Variance (0 = On budget)	Full Year Variance (0 = On budget)	
		£	£	£	£		%
Income							
SHO01 Dwelling Rents Income	HRA1a	(15,075,680)	(3,642,100)	(15,070,080)	5,600		0%
SHO04 Non Dwelling Rents Income	HRA1b	(494,920)	(158,495)	(531,620)	(36,700)		7%
SHO07 Leaseholders' Service Charges	HRA1c	(36,210)	0	(36,210)	0		0%
SHO08 Contributions Towards Expenditure	HRA1d	(125,500)	(44,948)	(125,500)	0		0%
SHO10 H.R.A. Investment Income	HRA1e	(320,000)	0	(230,000)	90,000		-28%
SHO11 Miscellaneous Income	HRA1f	(6,000)	(3,247)	(6,000)	0		0%
Services							
SHO13A Repairs & Maintenance	HRA2a	5,489,090	1,154,096	5,371,090	(118,000)		-2%
SHO17A Housing & Tenancy Services	HRA2b	2,448,320	553,267	2,389,120	(59,200)		-2%
Accounting entries 'below the line'							
SHO29 Bad Debt Provision Movement	HRA3a	150,000	0	150,000	0		0%
SHO30 Share Of Corporate And Democratic	HRA3b	177,590	43,489	177,590	0		0%
SHO32 H.R.A. Interest Payable	HRA3c	1,083,280	0	1,083,280	0		0%
SHO34 H.R.A. Transfers between earmarked reserves	HRA3d	864,110	0	864,110	0		0%
SHO37 Capital Receipts Reserve Adjustment	HRA3e	(20,800)	0	(20,800)	0		0%
SHO38 Major Repairs Allowance	HRA3f	2,892,700	0	2,892,700	0		0%
SHO45 Renewable Energy Transactions	HRA3g	(144,880)	966	(144,880)	0		0%
		(3,118,900)	(2,096,972)	(3,237,200)	(118,300)	(0)	(0)

HRA Variances	Description of Major Movements or those above £20k	Gross Full Year Variance £
SHO01 Dwelling Rents Income	HRA1A Increased rent loss due to voids	116,100
SHO01 Dwelling Rents Income	HRA1A Increase in Affordable Rent properties	(110,500)
SHO04 Non Dwelling Rents Income	HRA1B 2025/26 budget reduction in line with historical trend not reflected in YTD income	(36,700)
SHO10 H.R.A. Investment Income	HRA1E Reduction in treasury income due to increases in internal borrowing leading to reduced cash balances	90,000
SHO13A Repairs & Maintenance	HRA2A Salary underspends expected due to vacant posts	(118,000)
SHO17A Housing & Tenancy Services	HRA2B Salary underspends expected due to vacant posts	(104,100)
SHO17A Housing & Tenancy Services	HRA2B Unbudgeted post for fixed-term staff dealing with rent correction refunds	44,900
Forecast (Surplus)/Deficit as at 31/03/2026		(118,300)

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				£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s				
GF1012	Andy Mackie	Leisure	Reception infrastructure	-	160,000	160,000	-	160,000	160,000	-				
GF1051	Andy Mackie	Leisure	CVSC - Remodelling of Ground Floor	-	204,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	30,000	Slippage	In discussion with school about changes to building layout to better facilitate dual use - likely to be required in 2026/27	
GF1008	Andy Mackie	Leisure	All leisure sites replacement management/site access system (Hardware Element)	-	200,000	200,000	-	200,000	200,000	-				
GF1031	Will Styles	Other MDDC Buildings	Building Mgmt System for Heating Control	2,970	100,000	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-		This is currently being scoped		
GF1061	Tim Powell	Other MDDC Buildings	Depot Development - Waste & Recycling	23,140	3,727,000	3,727,000	-	1,750,000	1,750,000	-	1,977,000	Underspend	Forecast spend in line with Cabinet approved report in July 2025	
GF1041	Adrian Welsh	HIF	CA719 Cullompton Town Centre Relief Road (HIF)	3,666,006	30,302,000	5,002,000	-	2,043,365	3,057,675	1,014,310	-	3,987,690	Slippage	Construction works due to begin 2026/27
GF1057	Steve Densham	Other	West Exe South - Remodelling - additional parking spaces	-	90,000	90,000	-	-	-	-	90,000	Slippage	Options currently being assessed	
GF1053	Steve Densham	Other	Open Space Infrastructure (incl Play Areas)	-	35,000	35,000	-	5,000	5,000	-	30,000	Slippage	Details to be agreed with Environemnt Agency and subject to planning	
GF1065	Lisa Lewis	Other	Server farm expansion/upgrades & UPS replacements	-	103,000	73,000	-	5,225	10,000	4,775	-	68,225	Underspend	Tender process was cheaper than expected
GF1058	Steve Densham	Other	Land drainage flood defence schemes - St Marys Hemyock	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000	Slippage	The Environment Agency are leading on this project - timeframe unknown	
GF1059	Steve Densham	Other	Land drainage flood defence schemes - Ashleigh Park Bampton	-	87,000	87,000	-	-	-	-	87,000	Slippage	The Environment Agency are leading on this project - timeframe unknown	
GF1110	Will Styles / Andy Mackie	Leisure	Wetside resin floor replacement	-	143,000	143,000	142,647	-	142,647	-	353	Underspend		
GF1111	Will Styles / Andy Mackie	Leisure	Wetside resin floor replacement	-	52,000	52,000	51,714	-	51,714	-	286	Underspend		
GF1121	Steve Densham	Leisure	Replacement skate park (poss relocation)	-	350,000	200,000	-	5,000	5,000	-	195,000	Slippage	Long lead project with stakeholder engagement. Spend for consultancy and planning application pending construction	
GF1027	Will Styles	Other MDDC Buildings	MSCP -Solar carport and additional security	-	600,000	600,000	-	600,000	600,000	-	-		Options currently being assessed	
GF1108	Will Styles	Other MDDC Buildings	Market Walk - Solar Panels	-	200,000	200,000	-	200,000	200,000	-	-		Options currently being assessed	
GF1029	Will Styles	Other MDDC Buildings	Cooling options Air Handling Unit	-	150,000	150,000	-	150,000	150,000	-	-		Options currently being assessed	
GF1109	Tim Powell	Other MDDC Buildings	Diesel Tank	-	65,000	65,000	-	-	-	-	65,000	No Longer Required	This will now be covered as part of the works against project GF1061	
GF1002	Tanya Wenham	Private Sector Housing	DFG and other private sector grants	-	3,000,000	600,000	82,010	517,990	600,000	-	0			
GF1113	Steve Densham	Other	LED updgrade	-	65,000	65,000	-	65,000	65,000	-	-			
GF1119	Steve Densham	Other	LED lighting replacement	-	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	-	-			
GF1120	Steve Densham	Other	Becks Square resurfacing & lining	-	30,000	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	-	-			
GF1116	Steve Densham	Other	Widen Riverside Path	-	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	-	-			
GF1117	Steve Densham	Other	Fencing end of life	-	125,000	125,000	-	125,000	125,000	-	-			
GF1118	Steve Densham	Other	Rubber floor tile replacements	-	100,000	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-	-			
GF1006	Lisa Lewis	Other	Laptop/Desktop Refresh	-	620,000	100,000	-	75,000	75,000	-	25,000	Underspend	Insufficient resource to roll out devices and less required at the moment	
GF1040	Darren Beer	Other	PDA's for cabs - Recycling, Trade and Ground Maintenance	-	210,000	210,000	27,500	126,175	153,675	-	56,325	Underspend	Procurement process resulted in lower project cost	
GF1083	Darren Beer	Other	Vehicle leasing - Caretaking Services	-	33,000	33,000	-	-	-	-	33,000	Underspend	Order of new leased vehicle delayed until existing vehicle requires replacement	
GF1122	Darren Beer	Other	Vehicle leasing - Street Cleansing	-	648,000	135,000	-	53,870	53,870	-	81,130	Underspend	Order of new leased vehicle delayed until existing vehicle requires replacement	
GF1123	Darren Beer	Other	Vehicle leasing - Refuse	-	908,000	-	-	48,025	48,025	-	48,025	Overspend	Order of new leased vehicle brought forward from future year to meet service need	
GF1125	Darren Beer	Other	Vehicle leasing - Recycling	-	275,000	56,000	-	51,886	51,886	-	4,114	Underspend		
GF1016	Tim Powell	Leisure	CHP -Replacement future energy saving project	156,756	23,000	23,000	305,016	-	305,016	-	282,016	Overspend	CHP is up and running, delays on the battery storage. Project scope increased after the budget was set in 2024/25. This is largely covered by grant funding from Sports England.	
GF1028	Jason Ball	Other MDDC Buildings	Additional electric car charging points	-	80,000	80,000	-	-	-	-	80,000	Slippage	Spend likely to occur in 2026/27 as we are looking at partnership investment which will take time to put in place	
GF1039	Darren Beer	Other	Baler	-	500,000	500,000	302,400	75,600	378,000	-	122,000	Underspend	Procurement process resulted in lower project cost	
GF1131	Tim Powell	Leisure	CVSC PSDS Salix Project 4	37,500	280,000	280,000	184,424	238,576	423,000	-	143,000	Overspend	Procurement exercise resulted in higher costs than originally forecast	
GF1134	Andy Mackie	Leisure	Extension to building on land of skate park at Lords Meadow	-	600,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	30,000	No Longer Required	No longer considering an extention to the building	
GF1135	Andy Mackie	Leisure	Pool Pods - Submersible platforms for disabled	-	70,000	70,000	-	70,000	70,000	-	-			
GF1136	Keith Ashton	Other MDDC Buildings	Phoenix House - CCTV Replacement	-	65,000	65,000	-	65,000	65,000	-	-			
GF1137	Darren Beer	Other MDDC Buildings	Baler conveyor replacement	-	150,000	150,000	-	300,000	300,000	-	150,000	Overspend	Procurement to commence at the beginning of Q3 - Based on othr LAs procurement of conveyors in 2024-25	
GF1138	Steve Densham	Other	Open Space Infrastructure (incl Play Areas)	-	300,000	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-	-			
GF1139	Steve Densham	Other	Upgrade Park Lighting	-	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000	Slippage	Options are currently being assessed	
GF1002	Tanya Wenham	Private Sector Housing	Capitalised staff resource to deliver Private Sector Housing Grants	-	570,000	114,000	26,538	87,462	114,000	-	0			
GF1140	Tanya Wenham	Private Sector Housing	Capitalised staff resource to deliver Private Sector Housing Grants	-	65,000	13,000	3,238	9,762	13,000	-	0			
GF1141	Tanya Wenham	Private Sector Housing	Capitalised staff resource to deliver Private Sector Housing Grants	-	105,000	21,000	5,045	15,955	21,000	-	0			
GF1142	Tanya Wenham	Private Sector Housing	Survey costs to deliver the Private Sector Housing Grants	-	-	-	22	-	22	-	22	Overspend		
GF1142	Tanya Wenham	Private Sector Housing	Survey costs to deliver the Private Sector Housing Grants	-	100,000	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	-	-			
GF1143	Tanya Wenham	Other	Lendology Loans	-	250,000	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	-	-			
GF1156	Tanya Wenham	Private Sector Housing	HFU The Laurels	6,650	-	-	1,832	-	1,832	-	1,832	Overspend		
GF1144	Steve Densham	Other MDDC Buildings	Newcombes Meadow Toilet Block	-	100,000	50,000	-	5,000	5,000	-	45,000	Slippage	Options are being considered	
GF1145	Adrian Welsh	Other	Tiverton Public Realm Enhancement Project	-	74,000	43,000	-	43,000	43,000	-	-			
GF1146	Adrian Welsh	Other	Crediton Public Realm Enhancement	-	80,000	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	-	-			

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				£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s		
GF1030	Alex Adams	Other MDDC Buildings	Etarmis - Security Swipe - (linked to security project)	45,741	-	-	15,003		15,003	15,003	Overspend	Invoiced late for works completed in March 2025 which wasn't accrued
GF1107	Keith Ashton	Other	Fire Safety Measures	271,863	-	-	47,297	180,000	227,297	227,297	Overspend	This was budgeted as revenue and will be funded from this budget
HRA1002	Steve Bennett	HRA Projects	Replacement roofing to HRA properties	-	2,400,000	600,000	89,290	510,710	600,000	0		
HRA1057	Steve Bennett	HRA Projects	Major Structural Works	-	1,400,000	260,000	30,254	229,746	260,000	- 0		
HRA1052	Paul Deal	HRA Projects	Old Road Depot Relocation	-	450,000	50,000	-	20,000	20,000	- 30,000	Slippage	Design and prelims only in 25/26
HRA1054	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Sewerage Treatment Works - Washfield	-	25,000	25,000	-	25,000	25,000	-		
HRA1001	Steve Bennett	HRA Projects	Modernisation of HRA garages	-	450,000	150,000	19,240	130,760	150,000	- 0		
HRA1003	Steve Bennett	HRA Projects	Modernisation works to HRA properties	-	750,000	150,000	107,512	142,488	250,000	100,000	Overspend	Increased schedule of works over and above original budget expectations
HRA1004	Steve Bennett	HRA Projects	Fire safety works to HRA properties and communal areas	-	210,000	50,000	14,908	35,092	50,000	0		
HRA1005	Steve Bennett	HRA Projects	Replacement UPVC Windows and doors to HRA properties	-	2,325,000	450,000	32,066	417,934	450,000	- 0		
HRA1006	Steve Bennett	HRA Projects	New Heating to HRA properties	-	2,350,000	450,000	70,636	379,364	450,000	0		
HRA1007	Steve Bennett	HRA Projects	Renewables	-	1,250,000	250,000	115,157	450,000	334,843	84,843	Overspend	Increased schedule of works over and above original budget expectations
HRA1008	Steve Bennett	HRA Projects	Major Adaptations to HRA properties	-	1,625,000	315,000	84,585	230,415	315,000	- 0		
HRA1055	Steve Bennett	HRA Projects	Void Capital Works	-	775,000	145,000	30,400	114,600	145,000	-		
HRA1056	Steve Bennett	HRA Projects	Double Glazed Unit Replacement	-	120,000	40,000	-	20,000	20,000	- 20,000	Underspend	Slippage from 2024/25 not likely to be required
HRA1058	Steve Bennett	HRA Projects	Responsive capital works	-	460,000	100,000	14,740	65,261	80,001	- 20,000	Underspend	Reduced responsive works required due to other additional improvement works completed
HRA1060	Darren Beer	Other	Vehicle leasing - Housing	-	1,430,000	160,000	-	152,556	152,556	- 7,444	Underspend	
HRA1070	Mike Lowman	Other	RTB Buy backs	-	5,000,000	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	-		
HRA1013		HRA Projects	Project 4	-	300,000	-	-		-	-		
HRA1024	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 51 - Honiton Road, Cullompton	21,567	394,000	394,000	80	393,920	394,000	-		
HRA1025	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 52 - Exon Buildings, Cullompton	9,260	294,000	294,000	385	146,615	147,000	- 147,000	Slippage	Still out to tender - expected to start November
HRA1027	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 53	-	300,000	23,000	-		-	- 23,000	Slippage	Deferred to 2026/27
HRA1028	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 5	-	255,000	22,000	-		-	- 22,000	Slippage	Deferred to 2026/27
HRA1019	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 41 - Fir Close, Willand	113,411	222,000	222,000	-	222,000	222,000	-		
HRA1009	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 15 - School Close, Bampton	3,303,691	3,092,000	3,092,000	983,355	2,108,645	3,092,000	0		
HRA1010	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 18 - Eastlands, Hemyock	1,435,953	603,000	603,000	109,853	493,147	603,000	0		
HRA1011	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 10 - Holly/Sycamore Road, Tiverton	2,957,075	674,000	674,000	340,990	333,010	674,000	- 0		
HRA1012	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 14 - Crofts, Sandford	1,472,810	-	-	52,168		52,168	52,168	Overspend	No budget set as project was expected to be completed in 2024/25. Project now complete.
HRA1014	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 9 - Beech Road, Tiverton (1)	2,138,787	476,000	476,000	101,962	374,038	476,000	0		
HRA1016	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 11 - College Green, Uffculme	449,737	799,000	799,000	3,134	795,866	799,000	- 0		
HRA1017	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 3 - Wordland Cross, C Fitzpaine	-	2,100,000	2,100,000	5,600	194,400	200,000	- 1,900,000	Slippage	Still out for tender - no start on site until February 2026
HRA1020	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 25 - Watery Lane, Tiverton	218,742	2,907,000	2,907,000	-	2,907,000	2,907,000	-		
HRA1021	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 8	417,835	3,537,000	1,595,000	- 5,021	105,021	100,000	- 1,495,000	Slippage	Project still in pre-planning stage
HRA1026	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 37 - Somerlea, Willand	337,573	2,586,000	2,586,000	740,061	1,845,939	2,586,000	0		
HRA1029	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 33	167,826	794,000	794,000	-	397,000	397,000	- 397,000	Slippage	Contract being reviewed by Legal - no start on site until November 2025
HRA1033	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 22 - Beech Road, Tiverton (2)	455,625	3,743,000	3,743,000	1,150	248,850	250,000	- 3,493,000	Slippage	Contract being reviewed by Legal - no start on site until February 2026
HRA1035	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 54	-	275,000	275,000	-	-	-	- 275,000	Slippage	Still in planning stages - no start until 2026/27
HRA1038	Mike Lowman	HRA Projects	Project 23	394,553	7,462,000	2,869,000	372	99,628	100,000	- 2,769,000	Slippage	Build unable to begin at this time
GF Totals				4,210,627	50,346,000	14,197,000	- 803,906	8,710,976	7,907,070	- 6,289,930		
HRA Totals				13,894,444	85,415,000	27,663,000	2,712,564	14,589,005	17,301,569	- 10,361,431		
Grand Totals				18,105,071	135,761,000	41,860,000	1,908,657	23,299,981	25,208,638	- 16,651,362		

Type		Total Deliverable Programme 2025/26	Total Actual & Forecast Expenditure	Variance
General Fund	Capital Grants	- 6,930,000	- 2,839,164	4,090,836
	Capital Receipts	- 120,000	- 70,000	50,000
	Revenue	- 1,650,000	- 1,803,452	- 153,452
	Borrowing	- 5,497,000	- 3,194,456	2,302,544
	Total GF Funding	- 14,197,000	- 7,907,072	6,289,928
Housing Revenue Account	Capital Grants	- 10,402,200	- 7,498,097	2,904,103
	Capital Receipts	- 2,120,400	- 1,561,400	559,000
	Revenue	- 2,677,000	- 2,821,843	- 144,843
	Borrowing	- 12,463,400	- 5,420,226	7,043,174
	Total HRA Funding	- 27,663,000	- 17,301,566	10,361,434
Total Capital Funding		- 41,860,000	- 25,208,638	16,651,362

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Report for: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 05 August 2025

Subject: Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Cabinet Member: Cllr Steve Keable - Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration

Responsible Officer: Jason Ball - Climate and Sustainability Specialist.
Richard Marsh - Director of Place and Economy.

Exempt: The draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy (website and mapping).

which are Exempt from publication under paragraph 3, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Wards Affected: All

Enclosures: (none)

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation(s)

To receive an update on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and consider recommendations to Cabinet.

Recommendation(s):

The Planning, Environment and Sustainability PDG recommends to Cabinet:

1. That approval is given to Devon County Council (DCC) that the draft Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) is published and to go out for public consultation.
2. That delegated authority is given to the Director of Place and Economy, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration, and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, to make or approve any minor amendments to the consultation materials.

Section 2 – Report

1.0 The Role of the Strategy

- 1.1 Devon's [Local Nature Recovery Strategy](#) (LNRS) will inform nature recovery at a local level, by mapping habitats, features and key species to identify opportunities and priorities to boost ecological connectivity, diversity and abundance. Online resources aim to help everyone to play a role.
- 1.2 England is considered to be one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world following historic losses and ongoing declines. The Government has made legally binding commitments to end these declines and for nature to recover. Part of this is a statutory requirement via [Sections 104 to 106](#) of the Environment Act 2021 to prepare LNRSs.
- 1.3 All public authorities have a duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity and must have 'regard' to the relevant LNRS in this process.
- 1.4 DCC is the appointed Responsible Authority for Devon's LNRS. Mid Devon District Council is a Supporting Authority for the LNRS, along with other local authorities and Natural England.
- 1.5 Co-benefits to nature recovery include:
 - Climate Change adaptation and mitigation.
 - Water quality.
 - Natural Capital and ecosystem services.
 - Wellbeing.
- 1.6 The LNRS will comprise a website and interactive mapping. These formats will enable the material and data to be accessible and useful to a wide range of audiences.

2.0 Progress with the Strategy and preparation for public consultation

- 2.1 DCC's Ecology Team has led the development of the LNRS under the umbrella of the Devon Local Nature Partnership. Funding has been used to engage a team of wildlife experts to pull together the information required for the LNRS and to liaise with relevant partners. DCC has also engaged a web designer, copy writer and other consultants to work on mapping, water quality, natural flood management etc.
- 2.2 The Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, the Forward Planning Team Leader and the Climate and Sustainability Specialist have worked with the LNRS team to consider the LNRS resources and the consultation paper.
- 2.3 The Planning Policy and Advisory Group (PPAG) 08 July 2025 received an in-depth presentation about the LNRS map viewer and website from Sarah

Jennings, County Ecologist at DCC, who leads the LNRS project team. PPAG, which was attended by some members of the Planning, Environment and Sustainability PDG, discussed the Strategy in depth and its significance to the Council.

2.4 The draft versions of the LNRS website and interactive mapping will be presented to the PDG and to Cabinet.

2.5 **The draft pre-consultation LNRS material is confidential and not for the public realm.** Development is ongoing e.g. data permissions are being negotiated and are subject to contractual agreements with data owners.

3.0 Background details

3.1 LNRSs are statutory and must include:

- A **description** of the county's wildlife, including opportunities and pressures.
- **Priorities** for habitats and species (to prevent extinctions and increase abundance, following the Lawton principles of Better, Bigger, More, Joined-up).
- **Actions** needed to achieve the priorities.
- Actions for nature restoration that **will help to meet other priorities** such as carbon sequestration, flood control, better water quality, health and wellbeing.
- **Maps** showing (a) designated sites and irreplaceable habitats; (b) places where we want to focus action.

3.2 They must be user friendly. They must be produced in collaboration.

3.3 They set out **opportunities** and will influence funding (Environment Land Management, Biodiversity Net Gain, Heritage Lottery Fund, etc.) They are not about new designations or restrictions. However, Local Planning Authorities must have regard for them.

3.4 They are part of a 'nested suite' of nature strategies at a range of scales. The Devon LNRS sets out priorities at the county level and what we need to do to help meet relevant national targets. In turn it informs nature strategies at the sub county level which will also have their own local priorities (Protected Landscapes, local authorities, community groups etc.).

3.5 Statutory 'Supporting Authorities' must be involved (local authorities and Natural England) and be given a 28-day formal consultation period prior to public consultation and post public consultation.

3.6 They are funded by DEFRA and each has a Natural England lead officer.

3.7 They should be finalised in 2025.

3.8 More details can be found at [Defra regulations and guidance summary](#).

4.0 Local nature recovery strategies and the planning system

4.1 Government guidance is clear that LNRs should be used by Local Authorities preparing local plans to inform the way those plans address the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requirement to protect and enhance biodiversity. It is expected that a future update to the NPPF will include how LNRs should be given weight in the plan making process. The Government will also provide separate guidance on how local authorities will be expected to comply with their duty to have regard to LNRs through their planning functions.

5.0 Next steps

5.1 It is expected that, subject to approval by the supporting authorities, DCC will publish the consultation draft Devon LNRs for public consultation in mid-September 2025.

5.2 Following the public consultation and any amendments being made to the draft Devon LNRs there will be a further formal 28 day period in which the Supporting Authorities will be consulted, before the strategy is finalised. The post-consultation final Devon LNRs will be reported to the Planning, Environment and Sustainability PDG in the autumn including a recommendation to a subsequent Cabinet meeting.

5.3 Once the final Devon LNRs has been approved by the supporting authorities, DCC must then notify the Secretary of State of its intention to publish the strategy; and can proceed to publish once the Secretary of State has given approval. Thereafter there will be duty for the responsible authority to undertake a review of the final Devon LNRs following notification from the Secretary of State there is a need to do so.

Financial Implications. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Legal Implications. The Council's environmental sustainability duties are underpinned by legislation e.g. [Environment Act 2021](#).

Risk Assessment. There are two main risks to the Council: 1) that the Council does not enable the LNRs as a supporting authority; and 2) that the Local Planning Authority does not 'have regard' for the LNRs as reflected in plan making and decision making.

Impact on Climate Change. There is no impact associated with this decision / recommendation. The purpose of the LNRS is to inform and support nature recovery, and relevant co-benefits include: actions for Climate Change adaptation (e.g. natural flood management) and mitigation (e.g. restoration of habitats that are important for carbon storage and sequestration). These, in turn, can benefit interrelated aspects of environmental conservation and enhancement, such as water quality, Natural Capital and ecosystem services (e.g. soil conservation and restoration).

Equalities Impact Assessment. There are no equality impacts associated with this report. Specific projects and policies are subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty. (Assessing the equality impacts of proposed changes to policies, procedures and practices is not only a legal requirement, but also a positive opportunity for authorities to make better decisions based on robust evidence.)

Relationship to Corporate Plan. Please refer to priorities 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5.

Section 3 – Statutory Officer sign-off / mandatory checks

Statutory Officer: Andrew Jarrett
Agreed by or on behalf of the Section 151.
Date: 21.07.2025

Statutory Officer: Maria de Leburne
Agreed on behalf of the Monitoring Officer.
Date: 21.07.2025

Performance and risk: Steve Carr
Agreed on behalf of the Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager.
Date: 17 July 2025

Cabinet member notified: Yes.

Report: Exclusion of the press and public from this item of business on the published agenda on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information. No.

Appendix: Exclusion of the press and public from this item of business on the published agenda on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information. No.

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Jason Ball, Climate and Sustainability Specialist: Email: JBall@MidDevon.gov.uk Tel: 01884 255255.

Background papers: Previous reports provided to [PDG](#) on 10 June 2025. For background details, please refer to previous reports, all [available online](#).

Links:

Government Policy Paper: [Local nature recovery strategies](#) (30 June 2023).

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL – NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISIONS

July 2025

The Forward Plan containing key Decisions is published 28 days prior to each Cabinet meeting

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
August 2025					
Waste and Recycling Options- Pots and Pans trail	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group Cabinet	23 Jun 2025 5 Aug 2025	Luke Howard, Environment and Enforcement Manager	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
2025/26 Budget Monitoring - Quarter 1	Cabinet	5 Aug 2025	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
Draft Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Planning, Environment & Sustainability Policy Development Group Cabinet	29 Jul 2025 5 Aug 2025	Tristan Peat, Forward Planning Team Leader	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change	Open

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September 2025					
MDDC202504-001- ASHP 2 ASHP upgrades 2025/26 - 2027/28	Cabinet	2 Sep 2025	Stephen Bennett, Building Surveyor	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
HRA & SEA Screening & Draft Area B Masterplan for Stage 2 public consultation	Cabinet	2 Sep 2025	Christie McCombe, Area Planning Officer	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration	Open
MTFP Report	Cabinet	2 Sep 2025	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
Purchase of waste bins and containers'	Cabinet	5 Aug 2025	Darren Beer, Operations Manager for Street Scene	Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Open
Data Protection Policy	Cabinet	2 Sep 2025	Lisa Lewis, Head of Digital Transformation & Customer Engagement	Cabinet Member for Quality of Living, Equalities and Public Health	Open

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Freedom of Information (FOI) & Environment Information Regulations (EIR) Policy	Cabinet	2 Sep 2025	Lisa Lewis, Head of Digital Transformation & Customer Engagement	Cabinet Member for Quality of Living, Equalities and Public Health	Open
October 2025					
Gar Parking Report	Cabinet	7 Oct 2025	Luke Howard, Environment and Enforcement Manager	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
Bin It 123 - next steps and additional recycling To discuss the next steps in relation to Bin-It 123 and any additional recycling proposed.	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group Cabinet	15 Sep 2025 7 Oct 2025	Matthew Page, Head of People, Performance & Waste	Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Open
PSPO Alcohol Prohibition To recommend a PSPO in regards to Alcohol Prohibition.	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group	15 Sep 2025	Matthew Page, Head of People, Performance & Waste	Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Open

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	Cabinet	7 Oct 2025			
Tenancy Agreement	Homes Policy Development Group	9 Sep 2025	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
	Cabinet	7 Oct 2025			
Leisure Pricing Strategy To receive a revised draft leisure pricing Strategy for 2026.	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group	15 Sep 2025	Dean Emery, Head of Revenues, Benefits & Leisure	Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Fully exempt <i>Contains commercially sensitive information.</i>
	Cabinet	7 Oct 2025			
Unauthorised Encampment Policy To consider the report	Cabinet	7 Oct 2025	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
MDH Mobility Scooter in Flats Policy (NEW) To receive and approve the new MDH Mobility Scooter in Flats Policy which sets out the conditions under which tenants and their visitors may use	Homes Policy Development Group	9 Sep 2025	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
	Cabinet	7 Oct 2025			
	Council	29 Oct 2025			

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
Economic Strategy 2024 - 2029	Economy & Assets Policy Development Group Cabinet	18 Sep 2025 7 Oct 2025	Adrian Welsh, Strategic Manager for Growth, Economy and Delivery	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration	Open
Destination Management Plan for Mid Devon	Economy & Assets Policy Development Group Cabinet	18 Sep 2025 7 Oct 2025	Adrian Welsh, Strategic Manager for Growth, Economy and Delivery	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration	Open
Asset Management Plan To receive the revised Asset Management Plan.	Economy & Assets Policy Development Group Cabinet	18 Sep 2025 7 Oct 2025	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
Play Area Inspection Policy To receive and approve the revised Play Area Inspection Policy.	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group Cabinet	15 Sep 2025 7 Oct 2025	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Open

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Corporate Risk Report	Audit Committee Cabinet	30 Sep 2025 7 Oct 2025	Dr Stephen Carr, Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager	Leader of the Council	Open
Corporate Performance Q1	Cabinet	7 Oct 2025	Dr Stephen Carr, Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager	Leader of the Council	Open
Draft Budget Report 2026/2027	Cabinet	7 Oct 2025	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
Memorial Benches and Memorial Trees Policy (NEW) To receive a new Policy pertaining to Memorial Benches and Memorial Trees.	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group Cabinet Council	15 Sep 2025 7 Oct 2025 29 Oct 2025	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Open

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November 2025					
Corporate Recovery Policy To receive the updated Corporate Recovery Policy.	Audit Committee Cabinet	30 Sep 2025 4 Nov 2025	Dean Emery, Head of Revenues, Benefits & Leisure	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
Draft Budget Report 2026/2027	Cabinet	4 Nov 2025	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
2025/26 Budget Monitoring - Quarter 2	Cabinet	4 Nov 2025	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	
Tax Base Calculations	Cabinet Council	4 Nov 2025 17 Dec 2025	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
2025/26 Treasury Management Report - Qtr 2	Cabinet	4 Nov 2025	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	
December 2025					

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
MDDC Council Tax Rebate Policy	Community, People & Equalities Policy Development Group Cabinet	11 Nov 2025 2 Dec 2025	Fiona Keyes, Operations Manager for Revenues Benefits & Recovery	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	
Tenancy Strategy To receive the revised Tenancy Strategy	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	18 Nov 2025 2 Dec 2025	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
Strategic Grants Review 2025 To consider requests from external organisations for grants.	Cabinet	2 Dec 2025	Zoë Lentell, Economic Development Team Leader	Cabinet Member for Parish and Community Engagement	Open
Draft Budget Report 2026/2027	Cabinet	2 Dec 2025	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
Corporate Performance Q2	Cabinet	2 Dec 2025	Dr Stephen Carr, Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager	Leader of the Council	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
Housing Strategy To receive the revised Housing Strategy.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	18 Nov 2025 2 Dec 2025	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
Corporate Risk Report	Cabinet	2 Dec 2025	Dr Stephen Carr, Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager	Leader of the Council	Open
Corporate Anti-Social Behaviour Policy To consider the report.	Community, People & Equalities Policy Development Group Cabinet	11 Nov 2025 2 Dec 2025		Cabinet Member for Quality of Living, Equalities and Public Health	Open
January 2026					
Shopfront Enhancement Schemes To receive a report setting out the Shopfront Enhancement Scheme for approval.	Economy & Assets Policy Development Group Cabinet	27 Nov 2025 13 Jan 2026	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
Infrastructure Funding Statement	Planning, Environment & Sustainability Policy Development Group Cabinet	25 Nov 2025 13 Jan 2026	Richard Marsh, Director of Place & Economy	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration	Open
Draft Budget Report 2026/2027	Cabinet	13 Jan 2026	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
Fees and Charges Report	Cabinet	13 Jan 2026	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
February 2026					
Pay Policy Report	Cabinet Council	10 Feb 2026 18 Feb 2026	James Hamblin, Operations Manager for People Services	Leader of the Council	Open
Draft Budget Report 2026/2027	Cabinet Council	10 Feb 2026 18 Feb 2026	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
2025/26 Budget Monitoring - Quarter 3	Cabinet	10 Feb 2026	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2026/27	Cabinet	10 Feb 2026	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
	Council	18 Feb 2026			
2026/2027 Capital Strategy and 2026/2027 Capital Programme	Cabinet Council	10 Feb 2026 18 Feb 2026	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
Establishment Report	Cabinet	10 Feb 2026	James Hamblin, Operations Manager for People Services	Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Open
	Council	18 Feb 2026			
Policy Framework	Cabinet Council	10 Feb 2026 18 Feb 2026	Laura Woon, Democratic Services Manager	Leader of the Council	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
Business Rates Tax Base	Cabinet Council	10 Feb 2026 18 Feb 2026	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
March 2026					
Draft Vision and Spatial Options	Cabinet		Tristan Peat, Forward Planning Team Leader	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration	Open
April 2026					
Domestic Abuse Policy (NEW) To receive a new policy in relation to Domestic Abuse in MDH properties.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet Council	17 Mar 2026 7 Apr 2026 22 Apr 2026	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
Data Policy (NEW) for MDH To receive the new Data Policy for Mid Devon Housing	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet Council	17 Mar 2026 7 Apr 2026 22 Apr 2026	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
Single Equalities Policy and Equality Objective To consider the report.	Cabinet	7 Apr 2026	Matthew Page, Head of People, Performance & Waste, Dr Stephen Carr, Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager	Cabinet Member for People, Development and Deputy Leader	Open
Corporate Recovery Policy	Audit Committee	31 Mar 2026	Dean Emery, Head of Revenues, Benefits & Leisure		Open
	Cabinet	7 Apr 2026			
Corporate Risk Report	Cabinet	7 Apr 2026	Dr Stephen Carr, Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager	Leader of the Council	Open
Corporate Performance Q3	Cabinet	7 Apr 2026	Dr Stephen Carr, Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager	Leader of the Council	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
Customer Care Policy To receive the revised Customer Care Policy.	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group Cabinet	23 Mar 2026 7 Apr 2026	Lisa Lewis, Head of Digital Transformation & Customer Engagement	Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Open
Tenancy Fraud (NEW) To receive and approve a new policy in relation to Tenancy Fraud.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet Council	17 Mar 2026 7 Apr 2026 22 Apr 2026	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
Aids and Adaptations policy To receive a report updating and reviewing the Aids and Adaptations Policy.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	17 Mar 2026 7 Apr 2026	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open