

Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 - 2027/28**Net Operating Budget**

	2025/26			INDICATIVE BUDGET					
				2026/27			2027/28		
	Base Budget Rolled £000	Proposed Allocation £000	Proposed Budget £000	Proposed Rolled £000	Proposed Allocation £000	Proposed Budget £000	Proposed Rolled £000	Proposed Allocation £000	Proposed Budget £000
Service area budgets									
Adult Services	251,654	2,923	254,577	254,577	15,007	269,583	269,583	17,130	286,714
Children's Services	199,058	17,632	216,689	216,689	5,977	222,667	222,667	12,335	235,002
Environment & Highways	53,459	-392	53,067	53,067	1,342	54,408	54,408	4,024	58,432
Economy & Place	17,007	3,917	20,925	20,925	-3,238	17,687	17,687	46	17,733
Public Health & Communities	12,945	-28	12,916	12,916	612	13,528	13,528	-12	13,516
Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service and Community Safety	28,877	2,115	30,992	30,992	933	31,925	31,925	583	32,508
Resources and Law & Governance	61,327	3,610	64,937	64,937	-1,007	63,930	63,930	1,555	65,486
Transformation, Digital & Customer Experience	3,488	292	3,781	3,781	167	3,947	3,947	99	4,047
Total Service areas budgets	627,815	30,069	657,883	657,883	19,793	677,676	677,676	35,761	713,437
Strategic Measures									
Capital Financing									
- Principal	14,933	1,902	16,835	16,835	2,191	19,026	19,026	736	19,762
- Interest	15,351	-2,316	13,035	13,035		13,035	13,035		13,035
Interest on Balances									
- Interest receivable	-15,340	5,513	-9,828	-9,828	1,930	-7,898	-7,898	102	-7,796
- External funds	-3,813		-3,813	-3,813		-3,813	-3,813		-3,813
- Interest on developer contributions	8,480	-261	8,219	8,219	-794	7,425	7,425	374	7,799
- Prudential Borrowing recharges	-9,557	2,066	-7,491	-7,491	3,100	-4,391	-4,391		-4,391
Un-Ringfenced Specific Grants	-52,024	-8,880	-60,905	-60,905	1,127	-59,778	-59,778		-59,778
Contingency & Inflation	7,181	110	7,291	7,291	4,886	12,177	12,177		12,177
Pay inflation	7,797	4,330	12,127	12,127	185	12,312	12,312	259	12,571
Insurance Recharge	1,737		1,737	1,737		1,737	1,737		1,737
Total Strategic Measures	-25,255	2,464	-22,791	-22,791	12,625	-10,166	-10,166	1,471	-8,695
Contributions to/from Balances & Reserves									
General Balances		1,241	1,241	1,241	-1,241	-	-		-
Prudential Borrowing Costs	10,210	-1,920	8,290	8,290		8,290	8,290		8,290
Budget Equalisation Reserve	1,152	-1,152							
Transformation Reserve	-1,491	43	-1,448	-1,448	1,448				
Budget Priorities Reserve	-1,396	1,396							
COVID - 19 Reserve	-3,756	1,438	-2,318	-2,318	2,318				
Demographic Risk Reserve	4,000		4,000	4,000		4,000	4,000		4,000
Capital Reserve		1,400	1,400	1,400	-1,400				
Total Contributions to (+)/from (-) reserves	8,719	2,446	11,165	11,165	1,125	12,290	12,290		12,290
Budget Shortfall	0				-2,089	-2,089	-2,089	-2,726	-4,815
Net Operating Budget	611,279	34,978	646,257	646,257	31,454	677,711	677,711	34,506	712,217

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Financing

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Net Operating Budget	611,279	34,978	646,257	646,257	31,454	677,711	677,711	34,506	712,217
Funded by:									
Government Grant									
- Revenue Support Grant	-1,394	-1,095	-2,489	-2,489	12	-2,477	-2,477	12	-2,465
- S31 Business Rate Reliefs	-19,945	1,045	-18,900	-18,900		-18,900	-18,900		-18,900
- Business Rates Top-up	-42,128	-843	-42,971	-42,971	-859	-43,830	-43,830	-877	-44,707
Total Government Grant	-63,467	-893	-64,360	-64,360	-847	-65,207	-65,207	-865	-66,072
Business Rates									
- Business Rates local share	-37,494	-1,855	-39,349	-39,349	-859	-40,208	-40,208	-856	-41,064
- Collection Fund Surplus/Deficit									
Total Business Rates	-37,494	-1,855	-39,349	-39,349	-859	-40,208	-40,208	-856	-41,064
Council Tax Surpluses	-11,705	2,465	-9,241	-9,241	1,241	-8,000	-8,000		-8,000
Care Leavers Discount	21		21	21		21	21		21
COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT	498,633	34,695	533,328	533,328	30,989	564,317	564,317	32,785	597,102
Council Tax Calculation									
Council Tax Base			279,025			283,908			288,876
Council Tax (Band D equivalent)			£1,911.40			£1,987.67			£2,066.98
Increase in Council Tax (precept)			7.0%			5.8%			5.8%
Increase in Band D Council Tax			4.99%			3.99%			3.99%