

# Minute

## Policy and Resources Committee

Tuesday, 3 March 2026, 09:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



### Present

Councillors Heather N Woodbridge, Alexander G Cowie, Graham A Bevan, Stephen G Clackson, David Dawson, P Lindsay Hall, Steven B Heddle, Rachael A King, Kristopher D Leask, W Leslie Manson, James R Moar, Janette A Park, Raymond S Peace, John A R Scott, Gillian Skuse, Jean E Stevenson, Ivan A Taylor, Owen Tierney and Duncan A Tullock.

### Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillors Gwenda M Shearer and Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

### Clerk

- Hazel Flett, Service Manager (Governance).

### In Attendance

- Oliver D Reid, Chief Executive.
- Stephen Brown, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Social Care Partnership.
- Lorna Richardson, Director of Infrastructure and Organisational Development.
- Gareth Waterson, Director of Enterprise and Resources.
- James Wylie, Director of Education, Communities and Housing.
- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Corporate Governance.
- Andrew Groundwater, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development.
- Erik Knight, Head of Finance.
- Shonagh Merriman, Service Manager (Corporate Finance).
- Pat Robinson, Service Manager (Accounting).

### Observing

- Alex Rodwell, Head of Performance and Business Support.
- Garry Burton, Head of Active Communities.
- Kirsty Groundwater, Communications Team Leader.
- Susan Taylor, Committees Officer.

### Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

## Chair

- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

### 1. Capital Programme Affordability

After consideration of a report by the Head of Finance, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Service Manager (Corporate Finance), the Committee:

Noted:

**1.1.** The Scottish Government financial settlement for 2026/27 in respect of capital funding of £7,550,000 General Capital Grant.

The Committee resolved to **recommend to the Council:**

**1.2.** That the net loan charges budget be set at £3,100,000, which equated to headroom for General Fund services to borrow a maximum of £29,800,000 from the Loans Fund over the next five years, from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031.

### 2. General Fund Reserves Strategy

After consideration of a report by the Head of Finance, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Service Manager (Accounting), the Committee:

Noted:

**2.1.** The balance and purpose for holding each of the Council's earmarked reserves and the non-earmarked General Fund Balances, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report by the Head of Finance.

The Committee resolved to **recommend to the Council:**

**2.2.** That the minimum non-earmarked General Fund Balance for 2026/27 be set at 3% of the net revenue budget for 2026/27, with a minimum balance of approximately £4,600,000 as a contingency for in-year pressures.

**2.3.** That, should the Council return an overspend position for 2025/26, any uncommitted balances held within earmarked funds should be returned to non-earmarked General Fund reserves, to meet in-year overspends and attain the 3% contingency balance for non-earmarked General Fund balances.

**2.4.** That powers be delegated to the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Chief Executive and Directors, to make the adjustments to reserves balances, taking account of the 2025/26 year-end position and ongoing budget pressures for 2026/27.

Councillor James R Moar left the meeting during discussion of this item.

### **3. Strategic Reserve Fund – Budget Review and Long-Term Forecast**

After consideration of a report by the Head of Finance, copies of which had been circulated, the Committee:

Resolved to **recommend to the Council:**

**3.1.** That a financial contribution to General Fund Services of up to a maximum of £20,000,000 from the Strategic Reserve Fund be used as a planning assumption as part of the Council's budget setting process for financial year 2026/27.

**3.2.** That the Strategic Reserve Fund budget for financial year 2026/27, together with indicative budgets for 2027/28 and 2028/29, attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute, be approved.

**3.3.** That the long-term 10-year budget forecast for the Strategic Reserve Fund, attached as Appendix 2 to this Minute, be endorsed as a financial planning document.

**3.4.** That powers be delegated to the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Chief Executive and Directors, to make any adjustments to the Strategic Reserve Fund contribution to the General Fund, taking account of the 2025/26 year-end position and ongoing budget pressures for 2026/27.

Councillor James R Moar rejoined the meeting during discussion of this item.

### **4. Budget and Council Tax Level for 2026/27**

After consideration of a joint report by the Chief Executive, the Director of Enterprise and Resources and the Head of Finance, together with Equality Impact Assessments and Island Communities Impact Assessments, copies of which had been circulated, the Committee:

Resolved:

**4.1.** That the public be excluded from the meeting in respect of discussion of the matters contained in Appendices 3 and 4 to the joint report by the Chief Executive, the Director of Enterprise and Resources and the Head of Finance, on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 4 and 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

Officers responded to questions from Elected Members on the detail contained within Appendices 3 and 4 to the joint report by the Chief Executive, the Director of Enterprise and Resources and the Head of Finance regarding proposed efficiency savings and unavoidable service pressures.

Councillor Steven B Heddle left during the discussion of the detail contained within Appendices 3 and 4 to the joint report by the Chief Executive, the Director of Enterprise and Resources and the Head of Finance.

Upon conclusion of discussion of the matters contained in Appendices 3 and 4 to the joint report by the Chief Executive, the Director of Enterprise and Resources and the Head of Finance and, thereby, the exclusion of the public, the Committee:

Resolved to **recommend to the Council:**

**4.2.** That the savings proposals, as set out in Appendix 3 to this Minute, be approved for inclusion in the 2026/27 budget.

**4.3.** That the unavoidable service pressures and uprating assumptions, as set out in Appendices 4 and 5 respectively to this Minute, be included in the 2026/27 budget.

**4.4.** That Council Tax for 2026/27 be increased by 6%, increasing a Band D liability to £1,669.07, to maintain the national average Band D level.

**4.5.** That the budget for 2026/27 be set at £153,346,600, as detailed in Appendix 5 to this Minute.

**4.6.** That the policy of presumption against new commitments should continue to remain in force across General Fund services, with the following conditions:

- Exceptions might be considered for new commitments which are 100% funded by external bodies – proposals involving the Council in partnership funding shall require compensatory savings to be identified.
- The Council should consider undertaking new statutory duties or any case where it was considered that statutory duties were not being fulfilled, however, such duties having financial implications should first be reported to the relevant Committees for approval.
- The Council should consider new commitments where compensatory savings could be identified – any Committee considering such recommendations should, in the first instance, seek to identify savings from within its revenue budget.

**4.7.** That Directors should review and increase existing charges by a minimum of 3.8%, from 1 April 2026, if possible, or as early as possible thereafter, apart from the undernoted exceptions, where alternative arrangements were required:

- Building Warrant and Planning fees – set nationally.
- Harbour Charges – annual increase considered separately by the Harbour Authority Sub-committee.
- Ferry fares – policy is to match fare increases to those applied on Transport Scotland's supported ferry services.
- Car Park and Electric Vehicle charges – annual increases should be considered separately by the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee.
- Residential Care and Home Care – based on cost of service.
- Very Sheltered Housing – based on cost of service.
- Supported Accommodation – based on cost of service.
- Meals At Home Service – full cost recovery.
- Licensing fees – annual increase considered separately by the Licensing Committee.
- Ship Sanitation Certification – set nationally.
- Marriage / Civil Partnership – set nationally.
- Roads Inspection Fees – set nationally.

- Trade Waste charges – based on cost of service.
- Homelessness rents – set in accordance with the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan.
- Selected quarry product sales – based on cost plus.

**4.8.** That powers be delegated to the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Director of Enterprise and Resources and the Chief Executive:

- To determine further variations in charges during 2026/27 where it was deemed expedient to do so.
- To allocate any General Fund underspend from 2025/26 to the setting of the General Fund revenue budget for 2026/27.
- To determine where any General Fund overspends from 2025/26 would be funded from General Fund earmarked reserves balances, while ensuring that the non-earmarked General Fund reserves balance, amounting to 3% of the overall revenue budget for 2026/27, was in place.
- To prepare and distribute a detailed budget incorporating all the budget adjustments agreed by the Council, and any settlement updates and/or clarifications unknown at the date of this meeting.

## **5. World Cup 2026**

After consideration of a report by the Director of Infrastructure and Organisational Development, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development, the Committee:

Resolved to **recommend to the Council** that an additional public holiday should not be allocated for Monday, 15 June 2026, due to the additional and unfunded financial impact this would present, and, instead, Council services should operate as normal.

## **6. Conclusion of Meeting**

At 11:07 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed:

SRF Draft 3 year budget - 2026/29	2025/26 Budget Actual £000's	2025/26 Budget Outturn £000's	2026/27 Budget Estimate £000's	2027/28 Budget Estimate £000's	2028/29 Budget Estimate £000's
Investment Activities - local investments	(350)	(500)	(500)	(400)	(400)
- managed funds	(19,480)	(22,000)	(20,144)	(16,000)	(9,000)
- loans fund	686	843	922	813	717
- other, including strategic projects	893	1,075	1,347	1,167	971
Property Investments	(934)	(803)	(803)	(803)	(803)
Renewable Energy	(138)	(331)	(275)	(275)	(275)
Scapa Flow Oil Port	(489)	(2,032)	(489)	(489)	(489)
County Fund	(2,000)	(773)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Wind Farm	0	0	0	0	(2,300)
Loan Charges - interest and debt management	(52)	(67)	(67)	(67)	(67)
Loan Charges - CFCR	119	0	119	119	119
Other	9	8	9	9	9
<b>Net budget surplus</b>	<b>(21,736)</b>	<b>(24,580)</b>	<b>(21,881)</b>	<b>(17,926)</b>	<b>(13,518)</b>
	2.3%	2.6%	3.0%	2.5%	2.0%
<b>less allocation to protect value of fund @ CPI</b>	<b>4,709</b>	<b>5,754</b>	<b>6,112</b>	<b>5,658</b>	<b>4,479</b>
<b>Balance available for disbursement</b>	<b>(17,027)</b>	<b>(18,826)</b>	<b>(15,769)</b>	<b>(12,268)</b>	<b>(9,039)</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>					
General Fund Services	18,000	17,658	18,000	18,000	18,000
County Fund - passenger harbour dues	2,000	773	2,000	2,000	2,000
Community Development Fund (CDF)	333	333	334	0	0
Contribution to the Island Games	392	607	0	0	0
Islands Deal	266	150	200	200	139
Strategic Projects	1,000	340	1,011	0	0
Empty Homes Support Scheme	0	0	200	200	200
	21,991	19,861	21,745	20,400	20,339
<b>Deficit/(Surplus) on SRF (in real terms)</b>	<b>4,964</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>5,976</b>	<b>8,132</b>	<b>11,300</b>
<b>Deficit/(Surplus) on SRF (actual)</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>(4,719)</b>	<b>(136)</b>	<b>2,474</b>	<b>6,821</b>
<b>Cashflow - Opening Balance</b>	<b>(15,964)</b>	<b>(22,469)</b>	<b>(26,346)</b>	<b>(25,025)</b>	<b>(23,884)</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) on year	(255)	4,719	136	(2,474)	(6,821)
Less: Non-cash - Managed Funds Income	(19,480)	(22,000)	(20,144)	(16,000)	(9,000)
Fund Transfers - Inflow/(Outflow)	19,735	12,281	20,008	18,474	15,821
Other Movements	(1,367)	1,123	1,321	1,141	945
<b>Cashflow - Closing Balance</b>	<b>(17,331)</b>	<b>(26,346)</b>	<b>(25,025)</b>	<b>(23,884)</b>	<b>(22,939)</b>
	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28</b>	<b>2028/29</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Outturn</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
	<b>£000's</b>	<b>£000's</b>	<b>£000's</b>	<b>£000's</b>	<b>£000's</b>
<b>SRF Balance Sheet</b>					
Investment Properties	19,465	23,006	23,125	23,244	23,363
Local Investments	8,822	9,766	9,726	9,686	9,646
Managed Funds Investments	234,022	261,612	261,748	259,274	252,453
OIC Loans Fund Deposit/(Advance)	(17,331)	(26,346)	(25,025)	(23,884)	(22,939)
Provisions	(42,209)	(42,416)	(43,688)	(44,780)	(45,676)
Net Accruals	966	421	421	421	421
Net Assets	203,735	226,043	226,307	223,961	217,268
Less: Unusable Reserves	9,883	13,433	13,561	13,689	13,817
	<b>193,852</b>	<b>212,610</b>	<b>212,746</b>	<b>210,272</b>	<b>203,451</b>
<b>Represented by: Useable Reserves</b>					
Strategic Reserve Fund	182,946	204,675	204,639	202,017	195,076
Flotta Terminal Decline Fund	8,930	5,720	5,892	6,040	6,160
Conservation Fund	198	218	218	218	218
Travel Fund	107	118	118	118	118
Talented Performers Fund	63	68	68	68	68
Orkney Memorial Fund	434	456	456	456	456
Talented Young Persons Fund	9	8	8	8	8
Capital Receipts Reserve	1,165	1,347	1,347	1,347	1,347
	<b>193,852</b>	<b>212,610</b>	<b>212,746</b>	<b>210,272</b>	<b>203,451</b>
<b>Target Minimum Balance or "Floor" for SRF</b>	<b>269,524</b>	<b>269,245</b>	<b>277,322</b>	<b>284,255</b>	<b>289,940</b>
Useable Headroom	(75,672)	(56,635)	(64,576)	(73,983)	(86,489)
	-39.0%	-26.6%	-30.4%	-35.2%	-42.5%

SRF Draft 10 year budget projection - 2026/36

	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35	2035/36
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
	Budget									
	Estimate									
	£000's									
Investment Activities - local investments	( 500)	( 400)	( 400)	( 300)	( 300)	( 300)	( 300)	( 300)	( 300)	( 300)
- managed funds	( 20,144)	( 16,000)	( 9,000)	( 19,439)	( 19,749)	( 20,085)	( 20,450)	( 20,845)	( 21,280)	( 21,315)
- loans fund	922	813	717	459	428	396	377	358	338	338
- other, including strategic projects	1,347	1,167	971	990	1,010	1,030	1,051	1,072	1,094	1,115
Property Investments	( 803)	( 803)	( 803)	( 819)	( 835)	( 852)	( 869)	( 887)	( 904)	( 922)
Renewable Energy	( 275)	( 275)	( 275)	( 281)	( 286)	( 292)	( 298)	( 304)	( 310)	( 316)
Scapa Flow Oil Port	( 489)	( 489)	( 489)	( 489)	( 489)	( 489)	( 489)	( 489)	( 489)	( 489)
County Fund	( 2,000)	( 2,000)	( 2,000)	( 2,000)	( 2,000)	( 2,000)	( 2,000)	( 2,000)	( 2,000)	( 2,000)
Quanterness Wind Farm			( 2,300)	( 2,300)	( 2,300)	( 2,300)	( 2,300)	( 2,300)	( 2,300)	( 2,300)
Loan Charges - interest and debt management	( 67)	( 67)	( 67)	( 67)	( 67)	( 67)	( 67)	( 67)	( 67)	( 67)
Loan Charges	119	119	119	119	119	119	119	119	119	119
Other	9	9	9	( 1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net budget surplus</b>	<b>( 21,881)</b>	<b>( 17,926)</b>	<b>( 13,518)</b>	<b>( 24,127)</b>	<b>( 24,470)</b>	<b>( 24,840)</b>	<b>( 25,226)</b>	<b>( 25,642)</b>	<b>( 26,099)</b>	<b>( 26,137)</b>
	3.0%	2.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
less allocation to protect value of fund @ RPI	6,112	5,658	4,479	4,069	4,150	4,237	4,332	4,434	4,434	4,547
<b>Balance available for disbursement (in real terms)</b>	<b>( 15,769)</b>	<b>( 12,268)</b>	<b>( 9,039)</b>	<b>( 20,058)</b>	<b>( 20,320)</b>	<b>( 20,603)</b>	<b>( 20,894)</b>	<b>( 21,208)</b>	<b>( 21,665)</b>	<b>( 21,590)</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>										
General Fund Services	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
County Fund - Passenger Harbour Dues	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Community Development Fund	334	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Islands Deal	200	200	139	100	100	100	100	0	0	0
Strategic Projects	1,011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Empty Homes Support Scheme	200	200	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Planned Disbursements</b>	<b>21,745</b>	<b>20,400</b>	<b>20,339</b>	<b>20,100</b>	<b>20,100</b>	<b>20,100</b>	<b>20,100</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>Deficit/(Surplus) on SRF (in real terms)</b>	<b>5,976</b>	<b>8,132</b>	<b>11,300</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>( 220)</b>	<b>( 503)</b>	<b>( 794)</b>	<b>( 1,208)</b>	<b>( 1,665)</b>	<b>( 1,590)</b>
<b>Deficit/(Surplus) on SRF (actual)</b>	<b>( 136)</b>	<b>2,474</b>	<b>6,821</b>	<b>( 4,027)</b>	<b>( 4,370)</b>	<b>( 4,740)</b>	<b>( 5,126)</b>	<b>( 5,642)</b>	<b>( 6,099)</b>	<b>( 6,137)</b>
<b>Cashflow - Opening Balance</b>	<b>( 26,346)</b>	<b>( 25,025)</b>	<b>( 23,884)</b>	<b>( 22,939)</b>	<b>( 21,385)</b>	<b>( 19,813)</b>	<b>( 18,863)</b>	<b>( 17,894)</b>	<b>( 17,894)</b>	<b>( 16,905)</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) on year	136	( 2,474)	( 6,821)	4,027	4,370	4,740	5,126	5,642	6,099	6,137
Less: Non-cash - Managed Funds Income	( 20,144)	( 16,000)	( 9,000)	( 19,439)	( 19,749)	( 20,085)	( 20,450)	( 20,845)	( 21,280)	( 21,315)
Fund Transfers - Inflow/(Outflow)	20,008	18,474	15,821	15,412	15,379	15,346	15,324	15,203	15,181	15,178
Other Movements	1,321	1,141	945	1,554	1,572	950	969	989	989	1,009
<b>Cashflow - Closing Balance</b>	<b>( 25,025)</b>	<b>( 23,884)</b>	<b>( 22,939)</b>	<b>( 21,385)</b>	<b>( 19,813)</b>	<b>( 18,863)</b>	<b>( 17,894)</b>	<b>( 16,905)</b>	<b>( 16,905)</b>	<b>( 15,896)</b>
<b>Fund Transfer Inflow</b>	<b>20,008</b>	<b>38,482</b>	<b>54,303</b>	<b>69,715</b>	<b>85,094</b>	<b>100,440</b>	<b>115,764</b>	<b>130,967</b>	<b>146,148</b>	<b>161,326</b>
<b>Lost Invest Income</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>3,750</b>	<b>5,063</b>	<b>6,350</b>	<b>7,632</b>	<b>8,912</b>	<b>10,185</b>	<b>11,453</b>	<b>12,720</b>
										<b>69,147</b>

	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35	2035/36
	Budget									
	Estimate									
	£000's									
<b>SRF Balance Sheet</b>										
Investment Properties	23,125	23,244	23,363	23,482	23,601	23,720	23,839	23,958	23,958	24,077
Local Investments	9,726	9,686	9,646	9,006	8,366	8,366	8,366	8,366	8,366	8,366
Managed Funds Investments	261,748	259,274	252,453	256,480	260,850	265,590	270,716	276,358	276,815	282,495
OIC Loans Fund Deposit/(Advance)	(25,025)	(23,884)	(22,939)	(21,385)	(19,813)	(18,863)	(17,894)	(16,905)	(16,905)	(15,896)
Provisions	(43,688)	(44,780)	(45,676)	(46,590)	(47,522)	(48,472)	(49,441)	(50,430)	(50,430)	(51,439)
Net Accruals	421	421	421	421	421	421	421	421	421	421
Net Assets	226,307	223,961	217,268	221,414	225,903	230,762	236,007	241,768	242,225	248,024
Less: Unusable Reserves	13,561	13,689	13,817	13,936	14,055	14,174	14,293	14,412	14,412	14,531
	<b>212,746</b>	<b>210,272</b>	<b>203,451</b>	<b>207,478</b>	<b>211,848</b>	<b>216,588</b>	<b>221,714</b>	<b>227,356</b>	<b>227,813</b>	<b>233,493</b>
<b>Represented by: Useable Reserves</b>										
Strategic Reserve Fund	204,639	202,017	195,076	198,980	203,224	207,836	212,831	218,340	218,797	224,341
Flotta Terminal Decline Fund	5,892	6,040	6,160	6,283	6,409	6,537	6,668	6,801	6,801	6,937
Conservation Fund	218	218	218	218	218	218	218	218	218	218
Travel Fund	118	118	118	118	118	118	118	118	118	118
Talented Performers Fund	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68
Orkney Memorial Fund	456	456	456	456	456	456	456	456	456	456
Talented Young Persons Fund	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Capital Receipts Reserve	1,347	1,347	1,347	1,347	1,347	1,347	1,347	1,347	1,347	1,347
	<b>212,746</b>	<b>210,272</b>	<b>203,451</b>	<b>207,478</b>	<b>211,848</b>	<b>216,588</b>	<b>221,714</b>	<b>227,356</b>	<b>227,813</b>	<b>233,493</b>
<b>Target Minimum Balance or "Floor" for SRF</b>	277,322	284,255	289,940	295,739	301,654	307,687	313,841	320,118	320,118	326,520
Useable Headroom	(64,576)	(73,983)	(86,489)	(88,261)	(89,806)	(91,099)	(92,127)	(92,762)	(92,305)	(93,027)
	-30.4%	-35.2%	-42.5%	-42.5%	-42.4%	-42.1%	-41.6%	-40.8%	-40.5%	-39.8%

Appendix 3.

## **Savings Proposals for 2026/27**

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Resolved that, under section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public were excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 4 and 8 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

**This constitutes a summary of the Appendix in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 section 50C(2) as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.**

### **Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 – Schedule 7A**

#### **Access to Information: Descriptions of Exempt Information**

- Paragraph 1. Information relating to a particular employee, former employee or applicant to become an employee of, or a particular office holder, former office-holder or applicant to become an office-holder under, the authority.
- Paragraph 4. Information relating to any particular applicant for, or recipient or former recipient of, any financial assistance provided by the authority.
- Paragraph 8. The amount of any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under any particular contract for the acquisition of property or the supply of goods or services.

Appendix 4.

## **Unavoidable Service Pressures for 2026/27**

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Resolved that, under section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public were excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 4 and 8 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

**This constitutes a summary of the Appendix in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 section 50C(2) as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.**

### **Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 – Schedule 7A**

#### **Access to Information: Descriptions of Exempt Information**

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## Budget Uprating Assumptions - Percentages

<b>Budget Element.</b>	<b>2024/25.</b>	<b>2025/26.</b>	<b>2026/27.</b>
Staff Costs Non-Teaching.	2.0%.	3.0%	3.5%
Pension Costs Non-Teaching.	0.0%.	0.0%	0.0%
Staff Costs Teaching. 01/04/26	2.0%.	3.0%	0.25%
Staff Costs Teaching. 01/08/26			3.25%
Pension Costs Teaching.	0.0%.	0.0%	0.0%
Property Costs.	3.0%.	2.0%	2.0%
Supplies and Services	3.0%.	2.0%	2.0%
Transport Costs.	3.0%.	2.0%	2.0%
Administration Costs	3.0%.	2.0%	2.0%
Third Party Payments	3.0%.	2.0%	2.0%
Transfer Payments	3.0%.	2.0%	2.0%
Third Sector	3.0%.	2.0%	2.0%
Other Costs	3.0%.	2.0%	2.0%
Trading Organisations and Orkney Ferries.	3.0%.	2.0%	2.0%
Internal Transport	3.0%.	2.0%	2.0%
Sales.	6.7%.	10.0%	3.8%
Fees and Charges.	6.7%.	10.0%	3.8%
Other Income.	6.7%.	10.0%	3.8%

## Budget Movement – Monetary values

<b>Budget Element</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff Costs	4,417,000	
Property Costs	291,400	
Supplies and Services	446,600	
Transport Costs	190,100	
Administration Costs	(109,600)	
Apportioned Costs	450,600	
Third Party Payments	9,144,300	
Transfer Payments	322,500	
Other Costs	419,800	
		15,572,700
Government Grants	(121,100)	
Other Reimbursements	20,164,900	
Rents and Lettings	(15,200)	
Sales	(32,200)	
Fees and Charges	(224,100)	
Apportioned Income	(197,700)	
Other Income	(5,700)	
		19,568,900
<b>Total Net Uplift</b>		<b>35,141,600</b>

## Budget Uprating Assumptions – Additional information

<b>Budget Element.</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff Costs	1.0%	990,000
Property Costs	1.0%	117,200
Supplies and Services	1.0%	84,700
Transport Costs.	1.0%	88,600
Administration Costs	1.0%	17,800
Apportioned Costs	1.0%	102,600
Third Party Payments	1.0%	431,200
Transfer Payments	1.0%	81,200
Other Costs	1.0%	128,000