

2024-2028 Financial Planning and Budget Process

Timetable of Key Milestones for 2024/25

Date / Meeting	Detail
27 November 2023 Cabinet	Cabinet considers its 2024-2028 initial Budget proposals in relation to General Fund, Schools, Housing Revenue Account & Investment Plan for 2024-2029.
28 November 2023	Notice of Objection process for the 2023/24 Budget commences.
28 November 2023	Budget and Council Plan engagement process begins. Ends in January 2024.
29 November 2023 Scrutiny Process	Scrutiny of the 2024-2028 Financial Planning and Budget process.
11 December 2023 Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee	Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee consider Cabinets Initial Budget Proposals for 2024-2028 Financial Planning and Budget and Council Plan process.
Mid December 2023	Estimated timing of the 2024/25 Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement.
15 January 2024 Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee	Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee considers the results of its review of the 2024-2028 Financial Planning and Budget and Council Plan process.
22 January 2024 Cabinet	2024/25 Council Tax Base agreed by Cabinet
29 January 2024 Cabinet	Cabinet approves the final proposals in relation to the 2024/25 Housing Revenue Account budget and associated Business Plan, including an assessment in relation to the current year's budget monitoring information (2023/24). In addition, Cabinet will agree the Annual Housing Rent policy for 2024/25.

Appendix 3

Date / Meeting	Detail
29 January 2024 Cabinet	Cabinet considers its Budget proposals for 2024-2028 in relation to General Fund Revenue, Schools & Investment Plan for 2024-2029, taking into account feedback received as part of Budget Engagement and any recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee.
30 January 2024 Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee	Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee/Budget Study Group as appropriate considers Cabinet's final Budget proposals.
5 February 2023 Cabinet	Cabinet meeting to consider any recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Budget Study Group following its review of the Cabinets 2024/25 Budget and Council Tax proposals.
13 February 2024	4pm deadline for responses to the Authority's Notice of Objection
15 February 2024 Council	Cabinet submits to the Council its estimates of amounts for the 2024-2028 Financial Plan and 2024/25 Budget & Council Tax levels.
19 February 2024 (if required) Cabinet	<p>Cabinet Meeting to consider any objections to Cabinet's Budget and Council Plan proposals.</p> <p>The Cabinet meeting on 19 February 2024 is now a scheduled meeting with other items of business and will proceed even where no objections are approved.</p>
29 February 2024 (if required) Council	<p>Council meeting to agree the Budget for 2024/25, the Council Tax level for 2024/25 and the Investment Plan for 2024-2029</p> <p>The Council meeting on 29 February 2024 is now a scheduled meeting with other items of business and will proceed even where no objections are approved.</p>