

**2021-2025 Financial Planning and Budget Process**

**Timetable of Key Milestones for 2021/22**

<b>Date / Meeting</b>	<b>Detail</b>
3 August 2020 <b>Cabinet</b>	Cabinet approves the 2021-2025 Financial Planning and Budget process, incorporating the associated Engagement Strategy.
30 November 2020 <b>Cabinet</b>	Cabinet considers its 2021-2025 initial Budget proposals in relation to General Fund, Schools, Housing Revenue Account & Investment Plan for 2021-2025.
1 December 2020	Notice of Objection process for the 2021/22 Budget commences.
1 December 2020	Budget and Council Plan engagement process begins. Ends in January 2021.
December 2020 <b>Scrutiny Process</b>	Scrutiny of the 2021-2025 Financial Planning and Budget process.
Mid December 2020	Estimated timing of the 2021/22 Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement.
18 January 2021 <b>Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee</b>	Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee considers the results of its review of the 2021-2025 Financial Planning and Budget and Council Plan process.
25 January 2021 <b>Cabinet</b>	2021/22 Council Tax Base agreed by Cabinet
1 February 2021 <b>Cabinet</b>	Cabinet approves the final proposals in relation to the 2021/22 Housing Revenue Account budget and associated Business Plan, including an assessment in relation to the current year's budget monitoring information (2020/21). In addition, Cabinet will agree the Annual Housing Rent policy for 2021/22.
1 February 2021 <b>Cabinet</b>	Cabinet considers its Budget proposals for 2021-2025 in relation to General Fund Revenue, Schools & Investment Plan for 2021-2025, taking into account feedback received as part of Budget Engagement and any recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee.

## Appendix B

Date / Meeting	Detail
2 February 2021 <b>Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee</b>	Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee/Budget Study Group as appropriate considers Cabinet's final Budget proposals.
8 February 2021 <b>Cabinet</b>	Cabinet meeting to consider any recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Budget Study Group following its review of the Cabinets 2021/22 Budget and Council Tax proposals.
16 February 2021	4pm deadline for responses to the Authority's Notice of Objection
18 February 2021 <b>Council</b>	Cabinet submits to the Council its estimates of amounts for the 2020-2024 Financial Plan and 2020/21 Budget & Council Tax levels.
22 February 2021 (if required) <b>Cabinet</b>	<p>Cabinet Meeting to consider any objections to Cabinet's Budget and Council Plan proposals.</p> <p>The Cabinet meeting on 22 February 2021 is now a scheduled meeting with other items of business and will proceed even where no objections are approved.</p>
4 March 2021 (if required) <b>Council</b>	Council meeting to agree the Budget for 2021/22, the Council Tax level for 2021/22 and the Investment Plan for 2021-2025