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2021-2025 Financial Planning and Budget Process

Timetable of Key Milestones for 2021/22

Date / Meeting	Detail
21 September 2020 Cabinet	Cabinet approves the 2021-2025 Financial Planning and Budget process, incorporating the associated Engagement Strategy.
21 September 2020 Cabinet	Cabinet agrees the 2021/22 Council Tax Support Scheme for consultation.
12 September 2019 to 16 November 2020	Public consultation period on the 2021/22 Local Council Tax Support Scheme.
30 November 2020 Cabinet	Cabinet considers its 2021-2025 initial Budget proposals in relation to General Fund, Schools, Housing Revenue Account & Investment Plan for 2021-2025.
30 November 2020 Cabinet	Cabinet considers the outcomes of the consultation on the 2021/22 Council Tax Support Scheme and proposes a scheme for Council to consider on 21 January 2021.
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 Scrutiny Process	Scrutiny of the 2021-2025 Financial Planning and Budget process.
Mid-late December 2020	Estimated timing of the 2021/22 Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement.

Date / Meeting	Detail
21 January 2021 Council	Council considers the proposed 2021/22 Local Council Tax Support Scheme from Cabinet and agrees or amends the scheme for 2021/22.
25 January 2021 Cabinet	2021/22 Council Tax Base agreed by Cabinet.
11 January 2021 Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee/Budget Study Group as appropriate considers Cabinet's final Budget proposals.
1 February 2021 Cabinet	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 Cabinet	Cabinet considers its Budget proposals for 2021-2025 in relation to General Fund Revenue, Schools and Investment Plan, taking into account feedback received as part of Budget Engagement.
2 February 2021 Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee considers the results of its review of the 2021-2025 Financial Planning and Budget and Council Plan process.
8 February 2021 Cabinet	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 Council	Reconvened Council meeting to consider Cabinet's estimates of amounts for the 2021-2025 Financial Planning and Budget process and Council Tax levels. Consideration of any responses to the Notice of Objection.
22 February 2021 (if required) Cabinet	Cabinet Meeting to consider any objections to Cabinet's Budget and Council Plan proposals.

	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.
4 March 2021 (if required) Council	Council meeting to agree the Budget for 2021/22, the Council Tax level for 2021/22 and the Investment Plan for 2021-2025