

Overview and Scrutiny – Executive Member Bi-Annual Update

Councillor John Parrott Executive Member for Finance and Corporate Services

Services and legal responsibilities covered by Executive Member remit:	Finance and Corporate Services
Strategic Plan objectives	<p>Regularly review the capital programme to ensure alignment with the Teignbridge Action Plan and Infrastructure Delivery Plan</p> <p>Continue to implement the Modern 25 Programme to generate savings, be more efficient and innovate the way we work in line with the recommendations of the Ignite Report</p> <p>Carry out the annual residents and budget survey</p> <p>Update the Medium-term Financial Plan annually to ensure sustainability of the organisation</p> <p>Ensure transparent decision making through the publishing of documents online including agendas, minutes and videos of Council and Committee Meetings</p>

<p>Service Delivery updates (inc. budget monitoring, performance information, risks, customer feedback)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Monitoring Report for period ending 30/9/25 being prepared for Executive on 2nd December• 26/7 Council Tax Base to be approved by Audit Committee on 17th December• Town and Parish initial budget/precept Meeting 18th December• Initial Budget Proposals to go to Executive on 6th January 2026• Overview and Scrutiny to consider proposals 13/1/26• Overview and Scrutiny to consider Executive's final plan 3/2/26• Full Council to Approve Budget 24/2/26• Audit of 24/5 Accounts has commenced• Work pressures on the Finance Team are very high at present. LGR is adding to the pressure.• Recruitment and retention of staff remains an on-going issue• Work on the proposed new Finance System has been aborted. Alternative ways of extracting finance information in a more user friendly way are being explored.
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Upcoming decisions, how Overview and Scrutiny can support the delivery of the strategic plan or any other information relevant for the Overview and Scrutiny Forward Plan	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee plays a valuable part in the process of formulating the Budget and I look forward to working with you over the forthcoming months.
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