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## FINANCE & ASSETS COMMITTEE: 29 JANUARY 2026 – DECISION LIST

ITEM NO.	Ref.	ITEM	ISSUE	DECISION	ACTION BY
6.	AA130	East Cambridgeshire Biodiversity Report	To approve the Council's Biodiversity Report, a report which is required to be prepared under s40A of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.	Members resolved to <b>APPROVE</b> : 1. The East Cambridgeshire Biodiversity Report.	Climate Change and Natural Environment Manager
7	AA131	Assets Update	To receive an update on Council-owned assets.	Members resolved to <b>NOTE</b> : 1. The update on Council-owned assets, and 2. The expenditure tracking sheet in Appendix 1	Open Spaces & Facilities Manager
8	AA132	Bereavement Centre Project 6 Monthly Progress Update	To receive a 6 Monthly Progress Update on the Bereavement Centre Project	Members resolved to <b>NOTE</b> : 1. The progress towards completion of the Bereavement Centre, and <b>TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL</b> : 2. The approval of up to £300,000 of CIL funding towards the project, for risk contingency.	Director Operations
9	AA133	2026/27 Annual Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum	To consider the 2026/27 Treasury Management Strategy, the Annual Investment	Members resolved to <b>RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL TO APPROVE</b> : • The 2026/27 Treasury Management Strategy • The Annual Investment Strategy • The Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement	Director Finance

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		Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy	Strategy and the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Prudential and Treasury Indicators.</li> </ul>	
10	AA134	Revenue Budget, Capital Strategy and Council Tax 2026/27	To consider the Council's proposed revenue budget, capital strategy, and the required level of Council Tax in 2026/27	<p>Members resolved to <b>RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL TO APPROVE:</b></p> <p>2.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The draft revenue budget for 2026/27 and MTFS for 2027/28 to 2029/30 as set out in Appendix 1 <b>(Amended)</b></li> <li>ii) The Statement of Reserves as set out in Appendix 2 <b>(Amended)</b></li> <li>iii) The Capital Strategy and financing as set out in Appendix 3</li> <li>iv) The 2026/27 Fees and Charges as set out in Appendix 4</li> <li>v) The application of Business Rate reliefs for 2026/27, including those announced in the Autumn Budget and fully funded by Government through Section 31 grant, as detailed in sections 6.6 to 6.7 of this report.</li> <li>vi) The changes to the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme and premiums for Long-Term Empty and Second Homes as detailed in sections 11.8 and 11.9 of this report.</li> </ul> <p>2.2</p> <p>To authorise the Director, Finance, in consultation with the Chairman of Committee to adjust the use of the Surplus Savings Reserve in 2026/27 and future years (as available), to ensure that the net budget as detailed in 2.1 remains unchanged (in the event of any additional information becoming available, principally in relation to (but not exclusive to) the Final Local Government Settlement and/or the NNDR1 return). These adjustments to be made in advance of the report being presented to Full Council on the 24 February 2026.</p>	Sally Bonnett, Director, Community

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11	AA135	Finance Report	To provide budget monitoring information for services under the Finance & Assets Committee and then, as part of its corporate remit, for the Council as a whole.	<p>Members resolved to <b>NOTE</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Committee has a projected year-end underspend of £762,162 when compared to its approved revenue budget of £7,969,054.</li> <li>• that overall, the Council has a projected year-end underspend of £1,154,162 when compared to its approved revenue budget of £19,249,383.</li> <li>• that the overall position for the Council on Capital is a projected outturn of £18,168,081, which is an overspend of £1,200,000 when compared to the revised budget.</li> <li>• the Treasury Management update report in Appendix 5</li> </ul>	Jude Antony, Director, Finance
12	AA136	The Hive Leisure Centre Contract	To consider exercising the contract extension clause in the Leisure Management Agreement for The Hive Leisure Centre.	Members resolved to <b>DEFER</b> this item to the next meeting.	Director Community
13	AA137	Outside Bodies Update	To appoint a representative to the Waterbeach Internal Drainage Board following the resignation of the ECDC representative, Mr David Chaplin.	<p>Members resolved to <b>NOTE</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The appointment of Cllr Lucius Vellacott as the new representative for the Waterbeach Internal Drainage Board for the remainder of the current term, May 2027</li> </ul>	Democratic Services and Elections Manager
14		Forward Agenda Plan		<p>It was unanimously resolved to <b>NOTE</b> the forward agenda plan and to add the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Hive Leisure Centre Contract</li> </ul>	
	Exclusion of the press and public				

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15	AA138	Appointments, Transfers and Resignations	To provide details of staff appointments, transfers and resignations for the period 1 June – 31 December 2025	It was resolved to <b>NOTE</b> the contents of the report.	HR Manager
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