

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

Officer: Andy Watkin -Head of Resources (RFO)

Budgeting timetable for 2027/28

Purpose of Report

To inform members on the procedure and dates for setting the 2027/28 budget

Background

The Council must agree and set its 2027/28 budget by no later than the end of January 2027. The precept request to Shropshire Council has the same deadlines.

The P&R committee sets the budget and recommends it to Full Council to accept. During the preceding months, a series of meetings and committees discuss various elements, such as inflationary pressures, wage increases, general assumptions on expenditure also looking at income streams and changes to services. This allows the Band D rate and precept to be calculated in arriving at draft and final budgets.

Timetable

- *14th September 2026 – P&R*
Following meeting, Head of Resources to email all councillors and committee chairs to request any changes to current service delivery and ideas for inclusion in next year's budget for further discussion in conjunction with the visioning objectives and any Shropshire Council issues.
- *WC 2nd November 2026 – SMT & Leader*
Provisional date to discuss any developments and implications in advance of the next P&R committee.
- *WC 23rd November 2026 – SMT*
Meeting to consider budget and operational and management factors for inclusion in budget.
- *7th December 2026– P&R*
Set budget principles and assumptions and look at forecasted outturn for 26/27.
Consider impact of inflation on future budget and pay settlement.
Consider Committee Chair submissions.
Consider submissions from individual councillors.
Set fees and charges.
- *WC 14th December 2025 – SMT & Leader*
Meeting to consider draft budget to be submitted to P&R

- *12th January 2027 – P&R*
Review and recommend 2027/28 budget to Full Council
- *25th January 2027 – Full Council*
Approve the budget and submit precept request to Shropshire Council

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) **That the Report be noted, and dates included in diaries.**