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# Cabinet Decisions Tuesday 8 October 2024

## SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

FP2072 Medium Term Financial Plan

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by
Part 1	All	None	Non-Key	Richard Baker Executive Director (Finance and Resources)	Yes 15 October 2024

## **DECISION:**

# Decision taken

The Cabinet:

- 1. Noted the contents of the report
- 2. Approved the principles to be adopted for the 2025/26 budget setting process as highlighted in the report, in particular the 2025/26 budget setting process should focus on closing the indicative budget gap.
- 3. Agreed to delegate authority to the Executive Director (Finance and Transformation), in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources, to submit an application for the 2025/26 Business Rates Pooling arrangement for Hertfordshire, if after full consideration, there is a financial case for doing so.

# Reason for decision

The report provided an update to the Medium-Term Finacial Forecast based on Quarter 1 Budget Monitoring Reports. It was highlighted that a number of the variances would be ongoing, and have added additional pressures in the future such as the crematorium income and housing benefit subsidy.

# **BACKGROUND:**

Part 1 papers can be found on the Council's website.