

Audit and Governance Committee

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Period 4 Finance Management Report 2026/27

For Decision

Cabinet Member:

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All

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1. Executive summary

Following presentation to Cabinet on 8 September 2026, this report comes to Cabinet with information about the Council's forecast financial performance for the full 2026/27 financial year. The forecasts are based on data as at 31 July 2026 (Period 4).

2. Recommendation(s)

Audit & Governance is asked to:

1. Note SLT's forecast as July 2026 including progress in addressing demand for services and on the transformational and efficiency savings incorporated into the budget.
2. Note the addition of the Wimborne Community Sports Hub capital budget (£2.289m) to the Capital Programme (Business case in Appendix C).
3. Note the addition of the Lyme Regis Environmental Improvement Scheme Phase 5 (The Cobb) capital budget (£8.365m) to the Capital Programme.
4. Note the decision to extend the Mosaic contract which required a retrospective update to a September 2023 Cabinet record of decision (Appendix B)
5. Note the number and extent of contract exemptions. (Appendix B)

3. Reason for the recommendation(s)

Review of the organisation's performance against budget is a key aspect of this Committee's role.