Audit and Governance Committee
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Quarter 2 Finance Management Report 2026/27
For Review and Consultation

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1. Executive summary

Following presentation to Cabinet on 10 November 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 30 September 2026 (Quarter 2).

2. Recommendation(s)

Audit & Governance is asked to:

1. Note SLT's forecast as September 2026 including progress in addressing demand for services and on the transformational and efficiency savings incorporated into the budget.
2. Approve an additional capital budget allocation of £482,829 from the Capital Contingency Fund to meet the unforeseen asbestos remediation costs incurred as part of the demolition and site clearance works at Bridport Connect (see section 26)
3. Approve an addition to the capital programme: Countryside & Greenspace Mowers and Equipment up to £1.0m (see section 26)
4. 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.