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To: Scrutiny Committee, 18 March 2025
Subject: Late changes to the 2025-26 budget and 2025-28 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)

Summary: The Chairman and Spokespeople of the Scrutiny Committee have requested that this item be added to the agenda of the Committee for discussion.

1. Introduction

- a) The attached report was presented to Cabinet on 4 March 2025 and provides details of late changes to the approved 2025-26 revenue budget which were not available in time for the County Council budget meeting.
- b) The Cabinet was asked to:
 - a. NOTE the budget updates and ENDORSE that they be included in final 2025-26 budget in accordance with the Budget Decision made at County Council on 13th February 2025.
 - b. APPROVE the net transfer of £356.0k into reserves (£42.7k increased contribution into the General Reserve and £313.3k contribution into the Local Taxation Equalisation smoothing reserve) to improve the Council's financial resilience.
 - c. APPROVE additional £6,067.8k of specific grant income along with associated spending with nil impact on net 2025-26 revenue budget.
- c) Members of the Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to ask any questions they might have about the late changes to the Budget and MTFP following this report to Cabinet.

2. Attached documents

- a) [Late Changes to the 25-26 Budget and 25-28 MTFP - Cabinet Report](#)
- b) [Appendix 1 Cabinet - Budget Update](#)

3. Recommendation

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to discuss and comment on or note the report.

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