

**TWO NON ALIGNED COUNCILLORS
AMENDMENT 2025/26**

ANGUS COUNCIL

REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGETS 2025/26

Special Angus Council – 27 February 2025

ALTERNATIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL AS DETAILED IN AGENDA ITEM 8

AGENDA ITEMS 3 TO 5 AND 8 BY TWO NON ALIGNED COUNCILLORS

I formally move that the Council: -

1. Note the latest 2024/25 revenue and capital monitoring position as reported to the Policy & Resources Committee on 28 January 2025 as set out in Reports 19/25 and 20/25, respectively.
2. Have due regard to the public sector equality duty and the detail provided in the equalities impact assessments and the Fairer Scotland Duty, and the detail provided in the relative assessments related to reducing inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions, all accompanying the reports for Agenda Items 3 to 5 and 8 for this meeting.
3. Note and approve the Council Delivery Plan as set out in Report 49/25 as submitted by the Chief Executive **as amended by Report 69/25, Two Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4.**
4. Note the views of the Trade Union representatives on the Central Consultative Committee arising from their meeting earlier today as per the verbal update provided at this meeting by the Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support.
5. Note and approve the recommendations as set out in Report 50/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the 2025/26 Plans and Budget Consultation – Results from Phases 1 and 2.
6. Note and approve the recommendations as set out in Report 51/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Director of Education & Lifelong Learning and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate **as amended by Report 69/25, Two Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4.**
7. Note and approve the recommendations as set out in Report 52/25 as submitted jointly by the Director of Infrastructure & Environment and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Infrastructure & Environment Directorate **as amended by Report 69/25, Two Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4.**
8. Note and approve the recommendations as set out in Report 53/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Director of Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Legal, Governance & Change Directorate **as amended by Report 69/25, Two Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4.**
9. Note and approve the recommendations as set out in Report 54/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Depute Chief Executive and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth Directorate **as amended by Report 69/25, Two Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4.**
10. Note and approve the recommendations as set out in Report 55/25 as submitted by the Chief Officer, Angus Integrated Joint Board relating to the Review of Angus Council Charges for Support and Care Services and Residential Fees 2025/26.
11. Note and approve the recommendations as set out in Report 56/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Devolved Budget to Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board for 2025/26.

12. Note and approve the recommendations as set out in Report 57/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Director of Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance relating to ANGUSalive Charges Review & Budget Settlement 2025/26.
13. Note and approve the recommendations as set out in Reports 58/25, 60/25 and 61/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Provisional Revenue & Capital Budget – Background Report and Setting of the 2025/26 Council Tax; the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume and the 2024/2029 Capital Plan & Provisional Capital Budget 2025/26 respectively **as amended by Report 69/25, Two Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4.**
14. Note the total net revenue expenditure to be met from Council Tax / Reserves for 2025/26 of £73.221 million **as set out in Report 69/25, Two Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4.**
15. Approve the proposed 1.75% level for Council Tax non-collection in 2025/26 as set out in Report 58/25. This would result in a Band D equivalent tax base of 48,542 as set out in **Statement 1.**
16. Note and have due regard to the public sector equality duty, the Fairer Scotland Duty and the Children's Rights & Wellbeing duty in terms of the detail provided in Report 59/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Equality Impact Assessment: Setting of the 2025/26 General Fund Revenue and Capital Budgets and Council Tax .
17. Approve the drawdown of £1.733 million from Council Reserves to fund One off Budget Issues, as set out in Report 62/25 and adjusted for the proposals set out in Report 69/25 as shown in **Statement 2**, noting this will be funded from the uncommitted General Fund Reserve.
18. Approve the use of £1.917 million of Council Reserves which, along with the proposed increase in Council Tax, will enable delivery of a balanced budget in 2025/26 as set out in **Statement 2.**
19. Approve the Council Tax Calculation Statement, which encompasses all of the appropriate elements of this Motion as set out in **Statement 2.**
20. Agrees an Angus Council Band D Council Tax Charge for 2025/26 as follows: -

Council Tax (Band D) £1,435.19 (as set out in Statement 2)
21. Note the Council Tax for 2025/26 for each valuation band as set out in **Statement 3.**
22. Approve the recommendations as set out in Report 62/25, as submitted by the Director of Finance, relating to an Update on the General Fund Reserve and the Proposed Budget Strategy for the Use of the Reserve Balance over the Period 2025/26 – 2028/29 **as amended in Statement 4a & 4b.**
23. Note the impact on the level of Earmarked Reserves of the proposals detailed in this Motion, as detailed in **Statement 5.**
24. Note and approve the recommendations as set out in Report 63/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Provisional 3 Year Revenue Budget Position for 2025/26 and Indicative Revenue Budgets for 2026/27 and 2027/28 **as amended in Statement 6a & 6b.**
25. Note and approve the recommendations as set out in Report 64/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Capital Strategy 2025/26.
26. Note and approve the recommendations as set out in Report 65/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance regarding the Long Term Affordability of the General Fund Capital Plan.
27. Approve the recommendations as set out in Report 66/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance regarding the Setting of Prudential Indicators for the 2025/26 Budget Process.

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TWO NON ALIGNED COUNCILLORS – REVENUE BUDGET 2025/26

COUNCIL TAX NON-COLLECTION LEVEL

COUNCIL TAX BAND D EQUIVALENTYield for
every (£1)
Charge

100% Collection	£49,407
99% Collection	£48,913
98.25% Collection	£48,542
98% Collection	£48,419
97% Collection	£47,925
96% Collection	£47,431
95% Collection	£46,937
94% Collection	£46,443

Notwithstanding that a 1.75% non-collection allowance is recommended for budget setting purposes the Council is advised that all legal means available will continue to be used to collect all Council Tax due.

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STATEMENT 2

Council Tax Calculation Statement

£m

Net Expenditure To Be Met From Council Tax (before Contributions to / (from) Council Reserves)	73.221
Add: Other Services Council Tax Reduction Scheme Increase Arising From 9% Council Tax Increase	0.096
Less: Drawdown from Council Reserves to Fund One Off Budget Issues	(1.733)
Less: Drawdown from Council Reserves to Balance the Budget	(1.917)
NET EXPENDITURE TO BE MET FROM COUNCIL TAX	69.667

	<u>Number</u>
Council Tax Base (Band D equivalent number of dwellings)	49,407
Less: Recommended Provision for non-collection (1.75%)	(865)
Revised Tax Base	<u>48,542</u>

Band D Council Tax 2025/26	£1,435.19
Band D Council Tax Increase from 2024/25 (£)	£118.51
Band D Council Tax Increase from 2024/25 (%)	9.00%

IMPACT OF 9% INCREASE ON COUNCIL TAX

Band	Fraction of Band D	2024/25 Council Tax £		2025/26 Council Tax £	Impact of Council Tax Increase (9%)	Increase %
					Band D Increase £	
A	240/360	877.79		956.79	+ 79.00	9.0%
B	280/360	1,024.08		1,116.26	+ 92.18	9.0%
C	320/360	1,170.38		1,275.72	+ 105.34	9.0%
D	360/360	1,316.68		1,435.19	+ 118.51	9.0%
E	473/360	1,729.97		1,885.68	+ 155.71	9.0%
F	585/360	2,139.61		2,332.18	+ 192.57	9.0%
G	705/360	2,578.50		2,810.58	+ 232.08	9.0%
H	882/360	3,225.87		3,516.22	+ 290.35	9.0%

Two Non Aligned Councillors Revenue Budget 2025/26

As a result of the proposals in the Amendment some of the recommendations in Report 62/25 need to be updated to reflect revisions to the figures.

The Amendment, therefore, amends the recommendations of Report 62/25 as follows:

i: unchanged

ii: unchanged

iii: approve the 4 year strategy for the use of the Uncommitted General Fund Reserve of £18.050 million over the 4 year period 2025/26-2028/29 as set out in **Statement 4b**;

iv: unchanged

v: note that the projected remaining Uncommitted General Fund Reserve position after all of the above recommendations are applied is £0.245 million as set out in **Statement 4b**;

GENERAL FUND RESERVE STRATEGY - 2025/26-2028/29

Summary of Existing General Fund Reserve Strategy					
2024/25 - 2027/28					
Core General Fund Reserve Uncommitments	Exceptional Cost Pressures Reserve	Severance/Staff Training/ Staff Redeployment	Spend to Save etc	Reserve Drawdown Strategy (2025/26-2027/28)	Total
£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
7.119	1.556	4.157	1.060	7.000	20.892
					(2.597)
Total Funding Available For New Reserve Strategy, App A, Report 62/25					18.295

Reserve Balance available per existing Reserve Strategy
Less Projected Net Overspend (Report 20/25)

Total Funding Available For New Reserve Strategy, App A, Report 62/25

Summary of Proposed New General Fund Reserve Strategy											
2025/26 -2028/29											
Core General Fund Reserve Uncommitted	Exceptional Cost Pressures Reserve	Severance/ Staff Training/ Staff Redeployment	Spend to Save etc	Reserve Drawdown Strategy (2025/26-2028/29)	Graduate/ Modern Apprentice Programme	Roads/ Property & Parks R&R Funds	One off Budget Issues / Investments 2025/26	Increase Contingency	One off budget Issues 2026/27-2028/29	Allocation to Change Fund	Total
£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
0.242	2.750	1.500	1.000	7.350	1.500	1.000	0.803	0.500	1.500	0.150	18.295
							0.930				0.930
0.003				(0.933)							(0.930)
0.245	2.750	1.500	1.000	6.417	1.500	1.000	1.733	0.500	1.500	0.150	18.295

Proposed new Reserve Strategy

Proposals For New Reserve Strategy Report 62/25

Impact of Two Non Aligned Councillors Amendment

One-off Budget Issues / Investments

Amended Reserve Drawdown Strategy

Revised New Reserve Strategy - Two Non Aligned Councillors Amendment

Total Funds Available	18.295
Commitments Proposed per new Reserve Strategy	18.050
Uncommitted General Fund Reserve Balance	0.245

Two Non Aligned Councillors - 2025/26 Revenue Budget
Statement of Earmarked Reserves

Reserve	Minimum Balance	Actual Balance 1/04/2024	Contributions to/(from) during 2024/25	Estimated Commitments at 1/04/2025	Estimated Uncommitted Balance at 1/04/2025	Decomit Balance of Current Reserve Strategy per Report 62/25 (Appendix A)	Proposed Use of Reserves per Amendment Statement 4b	Proposed Reserve Strategy for 2025/26-2028/29 per Amendment Statement 4b	Estimated Uncommitted Balance at 1/04/2026
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
General Fund	n/a	60.703	0.000	(56.181)	4.522	13.773	(1.733)	(16.317)	0.245
<u>Memorandum Purposes</u>									
Other Reserves included in the General Fund)									
Car Parking Reserve	n/a	0.188	0.000	0.000	0.188	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.188
Arbroath Harbour Reserve	0.100	0.208	0.000	0.000	0.208	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.208
Devolved School Management	n/a	0.374	0.000	(0.374)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<u>Special Funds</u>									
<u>Renewal & Repair Fund: -</u>									
Roads & Transportation	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.100
Property	0.150	0.272	0.000	(0.075)	0.197	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.197
Information Technology	0.100	0.088	0.000	0.000	0.088	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.088
Recreation (Angus Alive)	n/a	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Recreation (Parks)	0.015	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.016
Capital Fund	n/a	1.538	0.000	(1.538)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Insurance Fund	n/a	0.684	1.000	0.000	1.684	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.684

(Note 1)

Note 1 - It should be noted that the IT Renewal & Repairs Fund has gone below the minimum balance.

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As a result of the proposals in the Amendment some of the recommendations in Report 63/25 need to be updated to reflect revisions to the figures.

The Amendment, therefore, amends the recommendations of Report 63/25 as follows:

i: unchanged;

ii: unchanged;

iii: note the projected funding gaps for 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28 that will need to be addressed as set out in **Statement 6b**;

iv: note the budget savings and the use of reserves for financial years 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28 amended as per statement 4b as set out in statement 6b;

v: note that Council Tax increases of 9% in 2025/26 and 9.5% in both 2026/27 and 2027/28 have been assumed.

vi: note the potential path to a balanced budget for the 3 year period as set out on an indicative basis only in **Statement 6b** which shows a gap remaining of £0.753 million even after increases in Council Tax, significant savings and the use of reserves on a substantial scale

vii: no longer required

viii: unchanged

Two Non Aligned Councillors - 2025/26 Revenue Budget
Amended Appendix A to Report 63/25

NET EXPENDITURE SUMMARY STATEMENT	Remove		Budget Growth	Savings	Remove		Budget Growth	Savings	Provisional Budget		
	Provisional Budget	Budget Issues			Budget Growth	Savings				Provisional Budget	Budget Growth
	2025/26	2025/26			2026/27	2026/27				2026/27	2027/28
	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m		
SERVICE											
Education & Lifelong Learning	160.118	(0.010)	0.551	(0.900)	159.759	0.551	(0.500)		159.810		
Infrastructure & Environment	38.717	(0.664)	0.806	(0.672)	38.187	0.806	(0.267)		38.726		
Children, Families & Justice	29.356	(0.354)	0.374	0.000	29.376	0.374	0.000		29.750		
HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support	10.185	0.000	0.000	(0.200)	9.985	0.000	0.000		9.985		
Legal, Governance & Change	9.651	(0.140)	0.000	(0.510)	9.001	0.000	(0.010)		8.991		
Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth	5.696	(0.115)	0.100	(0.010)	5.671	0.100	(0.010)		5.761		
Finance	4.054	0.000	0.000	(0.020)	4.034	0.000	0.000		4.034		
Chief Executive	1.798	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.798	0.000	0.000		1.798		
Other Services	6.840	0.000	0.506	(1.000)	6.346	0.235	0.000		6.581		
SERVICES SUB-TOTAL	266.415	(1.283)	2.337	(3.312)	264.157	2.066	(0.787)		265.436		
Corporate Items											
Capital Financing Costs	10.500	0.000	0.000	0.000	10.500	0.000	0.000		10.500		
Provision for Pay award (2024/25, 2025/26 & 2026/27)	5.600	0.000	4.847	0.000	10.447	4.428	0.000		14.875		
Provision for Employers NI Increase	5.000	0.000	0.100	0.000	5.100	0.102	0.000		5.202		
Provision for Employer NI Increase - AHSCP Share	0.357	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.357	0.000	0.000		0.357		
Contingency for Budget Risks	1.448	0.000	2.000	0.000	3.448	2.000	0.000		5.448		
Corporate Change Programme Savings to be allocated	0.911	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.911	0.000	0.000		0.911		
Corporate Change Programme Savings	(2.551)	0.000	0.000	(0.450)	(3.001)	0.000	(0.200)		(3.201)		
CORPORATE ITEMS SUB-TOTAL	21.265	0.000	6.947	(0.450)	27.762	6.530	(0.200)		34.092		
ASSUMPTION - PREVIOUS YEAR BALANCED BUDGET	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	(8.444)	0.000	0.000		(13.788)		
Others											
Surplus Local Tax Income	(0.234)	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.234)	0.000	0.000		(0.234)		
Income from Long Term Empty Properties	(0.500)	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.500)	0.000	0.000		(0.500)		
Specific Grants Netted off Within Services	3.944	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.944	0.000	0.000		3.944		
OTHER SUB-TOTAL	3.210	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.210	0.000	0.000		3.210		
Tayside Valuation Joint Board	0.931	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.931	0.000	0.000		0.931		
Tayside Contracts (Net Surplus - Angus Share)	(0.250)	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.250)	0.000	0.000		(0.250)		
	0.681	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.681	0.000	0.000		0.681		
Angus Health & Social Care Partnership	78.640	0.000	0.000	0.000	78.640	0.000	0.000		78.640		
NET EXPENDITURE	370.211	(1.283)	9.284	(3.762)	366.006	8.596	(0.987)		368.271		
General Revenue Grant	(263.742)	0.000	0.274	0.000	(263.468)	1.097	0.000		(262.371)		
Non Domestic Rates Income	(29.304)	0.000	0.000	0.000	(29.304)	0.000	0.000		(29.304)		
Specific Grants	(3.944)	0.000	0.000	0.000	(3.944)	0.000	0.000		(3.944)		
TOTAL GOVERNMENT GRANT	(296.990)				(296.716)				(295.619)		
NET EXPENDITURE TO BE MET FROM COUNCIL TAX	73.221				69.290				72.652		
COUNCIL TAX (2024/25 BAND D CHARGE)	(63.494)				(63.946)				(64.046)		
PROJECTED FUNDING GAP AFTER CHANGE PROGRAMME SAVINGS	9.727				5.344				8.606		
PATH TO A BALANCED BUDGET											
INDICATIVE INCREASE IN COUNCIL TAX BASE INCOME	(0.452)				(0.100)				(0.100)		
INDICATIVE INCREASE IN COUNCIL TAX INCOME (9% 25/26 and 9.5% for 26/27 & 27/28) Net of Council Tax Reduction Impact	(5.625)				(5.948)				(6.465)		
GENERAL FUND RESERVE DRAWDOWN STRATEGY (on going)	(1.917)				(2.000)				(1.500)		
USE OF GENERAL FUND RESERVE - ONE OFF BUDGET ISSUES	(1.733)				(0.500)				(0.500)		
OTHER USE OF RESERVES (IF AVAILABLE)	0.000				0.000				0.000		
ADJUSTMENT FOR PREVIOUS YEARS ONE-OFF SOLUTIONS	0.000				1.917				2.000		
PROJECTED REMAINING FUNDING GAP/(SURPLUS)	(0.000)				(1.287)				2.041		
CUMULATIVE REMAINING FUNDING GAP/(SURPLUS)					(1.287)				0.753		