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## TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### CABINET

7.30 PM TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2025 IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, GIBSON DRIVE,  
KINGS HILL

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## Cabinet

11 February 2025

## Part 1 - Public

## Recommendation to Council



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Cabinet Member	Matt Boughton – Leader of the Council Kim Tanner – Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing
Responsible Officer	Damian Roberts – Chief Executive Sharon Shelton – Director of Finance and Transformation
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## Setting the Budget 2025/26

### 1 Summary and Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The substantive report was published prior to receipt of the final local government finance settlement. This supplementary report advises Members of the funding for TMBC through the final settlement and recommends how the balance should be allocated.

### 2 Corporate Strategy Priority Area

- 2.1 Efficient services for all our residents, maintaining an effective council.
- 2.2 Setting of the budget is required under statute

### 3 Recommendations

- 3.1 Cabinet is **RECOMMENDED** to:
- 1) Note the additional funding of £157,550 allocated through the Final Local Government Finance Settlement; and
  - 2) Endorse the transfer of this additional funding to the earmarked Transformation Reserve.

### 4 Introduction and Background

- 4.1 The final local government finance settlement was released on 3 February 2025, after the publication of the substantive report 'Setting the Budget 2025/26'.

- 4.2 In most years in the past the final settlement has differed only marginally (or not differed at all) from the provisional settlement. On this occasion the difference is more significant due to the inclusion of a new compensation grant relating to additional employers' national insurance costs which had not been announced at the provisional settlement stage.

## 5 Final Settlement 2024/25

- 5.1 Total grant funding for the year 2025/26 as shown in the table below is now £5,688,465 compared to £5,553,915 in the provisional settlement (see paragraph 6.11 of the substantive report). **This represents an increase of £157,550 (rounded) compared to the provisional settlement.**

	2025/26 Provisional £	2025/26 Final £
Local Share of Business Rates (baseline)	2,541,100	2,541,100
Revenue Support Grant	167,329	167,329
<b>Settlement Funding Assessment</b>	<b>2,708,428</b>	<b>2,708,428</b>
<b>New Homes Bonus</b>	<b>517,013</b>	<b>517,013</b>
<b>Under-indexing of the Business Rates Multiplier</b>	<b>482,712</b>	<b>482,712</b>
<b>National Insurance Compensation Grant</b>		<b>157,550</b>
<b>Other Grants</b>	<b>37,310</b>	<b>37,310</b>
<b>Funding Guarantee / Funding Floor</b>	<b>1,785,452</b>	<b>1,785,452</b>
<b>Total Grant Funding</b>	<b>5,530,915</b>	<b>5,688,465</b>

- 5.2 As suggested with last year's changes between the Provisional and Final Settlement, it is suggested that these additional funds be allocate to the Transformation Reserve for use on other Council projects.
- 5.3 Assuming this is supported, the 'General Fund Revenue Estimates 2025/26 Summary' listed as Annex 11 on the substantive report will be replaced by that set out at **[Annex A]**.

## 6 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 6.1.1 Additional funding of £157,550 will be transferred to the Transformation Reserve if Members support the recommendation.

## 7 Risk Assessment

- 7.1 As set out in the substantive report.

## **8 Legal Implications**

8.1 As set out in the substantive report.

## **9 Consultation and Communications**

9.1 As set out in the substantive report.

## **10 Cross Cutting Issues**

10.1 Equalities and Diversity

10.1.1 As set out in the substantive report.

Background Papers	None
Annexes	Annex A – Revenue Estimates Summary 2025/26

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