

# Item 7 – Revenue and Capital Budget 2025-2026 Proposals Opposition Partnership Notice of Motion

Council Meeting 27 February 2025

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## Proposed amendment

(Constitution Reference: Council Meeting Standing Order A13.4)

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(Amendments shown in bold text)

That;

1. for 2025/26 net revenue expenditure of £147.5m, resulting in a Council Tax requirement of £96.2m (a 4.75% increase in Council Tax, of which 2% is for Adult Social Care) be approved (as outlined in Appendix 1), **subject to a one-off budget allocation for 2025/2026 of £100,000, to be funded from the Concessionary Fares budget (based on the forecasted underspends for 2024/25 and future projected spending for 2025/26) to:**
  - a) **enable residents who receive an older person's bus pass and in receipt of relevant disability benefits, to allow their carer to travel with them; and**
  - b) **allocate provision of bus passes for young carers (as determined by assessment to be appropriate) to be provided in school holidays (excluding half terms);**
2. the proposed Fees and Charges for 2025/26 be approved as set out in revised Appendix 4;
3. in accordance with the requirement of the Local Government Act 2003, the advice given by the Chief Finance Officer with respect to the robustness of the budget estimates and the adequacy of the Council's Reserves, (as set out in the Reserves Statement published in November 2024), be noted;

4. it be noted that the Brixham Town Council precept for 2025/26 of £531,935 will be included as part of the Torbay Council budget for Council Tax setting purposes;
5. the proposals for the allocation of the Public Health Ring-Fenced Grant uplift, as circulated 20 February 2025 and at Appendix 8 of the submitted report, be approved as part of the budget for 2025/26;
6. the Revenue Reserves Statement 2025/26, Capital Strategy 2025/26 and Treasury Management Strategy 2025/26 be approved as published for Cabinet on 26 November 2024; and
7. any technical adjustments to the Revenue and Capital Budget be delegated to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance.

**Proposer: Councillor Long**

**Seconder: Councillor Cowell**