

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Budget Process 2026/27

The table below summarises the proposed approach to the preparation and agreement of the budget and precept for 2026/27:

Date	Activity	Responsible
October 2025	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Committees/ Working Parties/Steering Groups to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identify potential new projects and associated costs. Identify associated costs for ongoing projects. Consider operating costs and income. Chairman and Committee Chairs and RFO to review operating costs and income. 	Chairs of Committees and Working Parties/NP Steering Group Chairman and RFO
30 October 2025	<p>F&GP to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Consider recommendations and associated capital and revenue costs/income of the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Neighborhood Plan Steering Group Climate and Environment Steering Group Mortimer to Burghfield Cycleway and Footpath Steering Group Review the Investment Strategy Review Reserves Policy (included in Financial Regulations) 	F&GP
27 November 2025	F&GP to review the draft budget and provide input and amendments.	F&GP
Mid December 2025	Amended draft budget to be issued to all councillors for information.	RFO
8 January 2026	<p>F&GP to approve draft budget for submission to Full Council.</p> <p>NB: councillors are welcome to attend F&GP public session if they wish to provide early comments to F&GP</p>	F&GP
15 January 2026	Full Council to consider and approve the 2026/27 budget and precept.	Full Council
End January 2025	Precept for 2026/27 confirmed to West Berkshire Council.	Clerk