



DECISION NOTICE

Committee:	Community & Resources
Date of Meeting	2 February, 2026
Date of Decision Notice	4 February, 2026

The following decisions made at the above Committee will come into force (unless marked as an Urgent Decision) on the expiry of five working days from the publication of this Notice if not called-in by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Unless the Overview & Scrutiny Committee decides to refer a called-in decision either back to the relevant Committee or to Council, the decision will come into force (a) on the expiry of the five working day deadline for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to meet to discuss the call-in or (b) on the date of the Overview & Scrutiny meeting if it is decided not to refer the decision further.

Community & Resources

2 February, 2026

Cost and Benefits of Purchasing HVO for Torridge's Fleet

RESOLVED:

That it be agreed to do nothing for the next year and bring it back when we've got more robust information.

(Vote: For – 7, Against – 3, Abstentions – 0)

Torridge District Council Biodiversity Plan

RESOLVED:

That the Council's biodiversity policy, objectives and actions as set out in the plan be approved.

(Vote: For – unanimous)

RESOLVED:

That it be recommended to Full Council that £70,000 be allocated in the budget to deliver tree planting on TDC land.

(Vote: For – 6, Against – 4, Abstentions – 0)

Budget 2026/27, Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/27 - 2030/31

RESOLVED:

That the following recommendations be approved and noted, and recommended to Full Council:

- a) Torridge's Band D Council Tax for 2025/26 be increased by (2.99%) from £195.17 to £201.01 per year
- b) Torridge's Net Revenue Budget 2026/27 is £13.685m
- c) The contributions to the Council's reserves as outlined in paragraph 11.3 are approved.

- d) That the Member Budget Working Group is tasked with identifying £1m of bridging measures for implementation from 2027/28.

That members note:

The Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) assurance of the robustness of the budget 2026/27 set out in section 13 of the report.

(Vote: For – unanimous)

Capital Programme 2026/27 to 2030/31

RESOLVED:

That the following recommendations be approved, and recommended to Full Council:

- a) The Capital Programme is updated to include four new projects:
- Generator for Server Room - £33k
 - Appledore Fish dock Energy Saving Works - £140k
 - TDC Energy Saving Works - £200k
 - Building Control – New Back-office System – Dataspace - £77k
- b) Increase the vehicle programme by an additional £2k per light van to support the transition to electric vehicles.

(Vote: For – unanimous)