SCOTTISH LABOUR PARTY BUDGET PROPOSALS

	2025-26
Spending Gap	7,900,000
Met By:	
Revenue Savings	4,905,000
Revenue Investment – Ongoing	-8,478,000
Revenue Investment – One-Off	-2,027,000
Council Tax Increase of 5%	13,500,000
Net Total	7,900,000

BUDGET OPTIONS

Section 1: Revenue Savings

This includes revenue savings options of £4.905 million.

The reversal of the budget option 24ED33 Education Service Reform is also approved.

Section 2: Revenue Investment

This includes one-off investment of £2.027 million in 2025-26 and ongoing investment of £8.478 million.

Section 3: Resource Redirection

This includes resource redirection of £0.230 million which is one-off.

Section 4: Capital Investment

The capital investment set out at Appendix 1 of the Budget Report is approved. In addition this includes Capital investment proposals of £9.5 million.

Equality Impact Assessments

A review of the equality impact of revenue savings options has been completed and the outcome is attached.

Carbon Impact Assessment

A review of the carbon impact assessment of budget options has been completed and identified no significant impacts. A copy will be available on request.

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When allowance is made for these proposals the total estimated gross expenditure in 2025-26 amounts to £3,150.360 million. Service department income is estimated to be £1,044.678 million giving service revenue net expenditure of £2,105.682 million. After the contribution to general fund balances of £8.255 million, this results in total net expenditure of £2,113.937 million. This is summarised on page 2 of this report with net direct expenditure per service detailed on page 3.

After application of government grants of £1,749.601 million the balance to be met from local taxes is £364.336 million representing an increase on Council Tax in 2025-26 to a Band D Charge of £1,574.00.

SCOTTISH LABOUR PARTY REVENUE ESTIMATES 2025/26

SUMMARY OF AGGREGATE ESTIMATES

Line No.		Estimate 2025/26
		£
1	Service Expenditure	3,150,360,500
2	Service Income	1,044,678,300
3	Total Net Service Expenditure	2,105,682,200
4	Changes in Balances	8,255,000
5	Total Net Expenditure	2,113,937,200
6	Central Government Grant	1,749,601,000
7	Balance to be met from Local Taxes	364,336,200
	COUNCIL TAX	2025/26 £
	Band A	1,049.33
	Band B	1,224.22
	Band C	1,399.11
	Band D	1,574.00
	Band E	2,068.06
	Band F	2,557.75
	Band G	3,082.42
	Band H	3,856.30

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NET EXPENDITURE

Line No.		Estimate 2025/26
1	Chief Executive's Office	124,235,400
2	Education Services	826,752,800
3	Financial Services	151,583,400
4	Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability	210,822,000
5	Social Work Services	589,303,900
6	Related Companies and Joint Boards	112,293,000
7	Net Direct Expenditure	2,014,990,500
8	Financing Costs	116,734,700
9	Allocations	-41,000
10	Contributions to/ from Funds	-17,537,000
11	Contribution from Related Companies	-8,465,000
12	Net Service Expenditure	2,105,682,200
13	Changes in Balances	8,255,000
14	Total Net Expenditure	2,113,937,200

Section 1 - Revenue Savings



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Total Savings Options: Chief Executive's Office

Scottish Labour Party Draft Budget 2025 - 2026 **Amount Submitted Revenue Savings Options** 2025/26 Savings Options 2025/26 - Chief Executive's Office 25CE24LA Resourcing Model for the Glasgow Communities Fund (GCF) 0 To ensure the Glasgow Communities Fund is effectively managed and monitored, 4% of the annual budget will be utilised to fund the management and administration. Note: This is included for approval of 2026/27 saving 25CE25LA **Resourcing Model for Area Partnerships Funding** 0 To ensure the Area Partnership Funds continue to be effectively managed and monitored, 4% of the annual budget will be utilised to fund the management and Note: This is included for approval of the 2026/27 saving





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Revenue Savings Options

Amount Submitted 2025/26 £

Savings Options 2025/26 - Financial Services

25FS28LA NDR - Change to Empty Property Relief

1,200,000

The current Non-Domestic Rates Empty Property Relief policy will be amended to limit all EPR awards to 50% for 3 months. This will apply to all claims from the 1st April 2025.

Total Savings Options : Financial Services

1,200,000



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Budget Options

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Glasgow CITY COUNCIL	Revenue Savings Options	Amount Submitted 2025/26 £
Savings Op	tions 2025/26 - Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability	<u>~</u>
25NR36LA	Pollok Country Park Parking Fee Increase Increase to the parking fees within Pollok Country Park	200,000
25NR37LA	Early Closure of Blochairn Materials Recycling Facility Early closure of Blochairn Material Recycling Facility (MRF) to process recyclate material until the Easter Queenslie MRF is constructed.	600,000
	Note: Includes future saving of £600,000 in 2026/27	
25NR38LA	Planning Application Fees Increase The Scottish Government has increased fees for planning applications. The change is effective from December 2024 and is intended to address the impact of inflation in 2022 and 2023.	100,000
25NR42LA	Review of Property Enquiry and Street Naming Fees Increase in fees charged for issuing Property Enquiry Certificates and Street Naming and Numbering services.	20,000
25NR67LA	Neighbourhood Liaison Team (NLT) This option relates to the removal of the Neighbourhood Liaison Team within NRS,	1,218,000
25NR68LA	Increase Parking Attendants This option relates to employing an additional 82 Parking Attendants across the city to generate a net income.	1,400,000
25NR69LA	Introduction of Highway Information Charging Introduction of charges to access the online mapping tool to view Public Roads information.	167,000
Total Saving	gs Options : Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability	3,705,000
Total Saving	gs Options : All Services	4,905,000

Section 2 – Revenue Investment



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Revenue Investment Options

SITI SONCIE		2025/26 £
25ED39LA	Reinstate Teacher Numbers to 2023 levels Funding to reverse the teacher role cuts which were contained in the 2024/25 Budget, reinstating teacher numbers to 2023 levels. This includes the utilisation of the increased Teacher Workforce specific grant.	451,000
	Note: Full-year effect in 2026/27 of £3,185,000	
25ED43LA	Create an Additional Support Needs Taskforce Additional funding for teachers and support for learning workers to support the growing demand for ASN support in mainstream education. This boosts the funding received within the grant settlement.	2,270,000
25ED44LA	Reverse MCR Pathways Cuts Fund MCR pathways in full, bringing staffing and support back up to 2023 levels.	518,000
25FS29LA	Restoration of Full-Time Face-to-Face Services at John Street Offices This initiative will provide full-time, in-person service provision at the John Street offices, ensuring that vulnerable groups such as the elderly and those with limited digital access can receive the support they need in person. This service will be available five days a week, improving access to a wide range of services and contributing to enhanced customer satisfaction.	200,000
25GL18LA	Modernisation of Glasgow Life Community Venues Online Booking System This investment aims to modernise and streamline the booking process for Glasgow Life community venues. The introduction of an online booking system will enable real-time reservations, improve communication, and allow for better resource management, ultimately providing users with a more efficient and user-friendly experience.	500,000
25GL19LA	Note: This investment is split £390,000 one-off and £110,000 ongoing Reinstate Swimming Pool Triple Shifts Reinstate triple shifts at the five swimming pools that had their reduced opening hours made permanent in 2023, in effect opening these swimming pools at weekends and in the evening.	1,700,000
25GL20LA	Reinstate Community Venue Opening Hours Reinstate longer community venue opening hours, in effect allowing for extended weekend and evening opening hours.	241,000



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CITY COUNCIL		2025/26 £
25NR70LA	Establishment of Fly-Tipping Enforcement Team This proposal seeks to allocate funds to reboot enforcement against fly- tipping in Glasgow. The investment will establish a dedicated team tasked with investigating and prosecuting offenders, focusing on commercial but also residential. By tackling illegal waste disposal, this initiative will contribute to cleaner, safer public spaces and discourage future fly-tipping incidents.	271,000
25NR71LA	Expansion of Social Housing in Glasgow This investment aims to support the development of social housing in Glasgow, focusing on supporting the planning process and preapplications it will facilitate social housing applications progressing to decisions. In addition to supporting the city's housing needs, the initiative will encourage business growth and job creation, benefiting both residents and local economies. Note: This is a one-off contribution	41,000
25NR72LA	Vermin Taskforce Reinforcing the level and scope of service provided across the city to tackle vermin impacting communities and refuse workers. In particular, materially increasing the capacity of the service teams providing rat, cockroach and other vermin control services.	135,000
25NR73LA	Business Transformation Unit One year pilot scheme to set-up an Business Transformation Unit with Glasgow City Council as a one stop shop to support business looking to invest in Glasgow city centre.	124,000
	Note: This is a one-off contribution	
25NR74LA	Reinstatement of CCTV Operatives Reinstating 24/7 monitoring of CCTV cameras across the city to make Glasgow safer for residents and communities.	363,000
25NR97LA	Clean Up Glasgow Fund In conjunction with the Capital Fund (25NR77LA) this funding will repair potholes and redo the gaps in the 2024 gully cleaning programme.	1,472,000
	Note: This is a one-off contribution	
25NR102LA	Redesigning emissions based parking permits scheme Supporting residents in the city in a cost of living crisis who cannot afford to replace an older car in order to avoid punitive controlled parking permit costs. Providing a flat rate of permit cost for those in receipt of Council Tax Reduction.	230,000

Reinstating the Assisted House Garden Mainteance programme.

1,430,000

25SW15LA Assisted House Garden Maintenance



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Revenue Investment Options

2025/26
£
559.000

25GF27LA

Revenue Investment to support creation of £9.5m Capital Fund Debt charge funding to support the creation of a £9.5m Capital Fund.

Total For: Revenue Investment 10,505,000

Section 3 – Resource Redirection



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Resource Redirection Options

		2025/26 <u>£</u>
25NR75LA	Income Generation - Low Emission Zones Redirection of income from the LEZ operation during 2024/25 in accordance with the requirements of the scheme.	-230,000
25NR76LA	Growing the Glasgow Parks Fund Investing in Glasgow's parks so that residents across the city can enjoy nature, exercise outdoors and take care of their health and wellbeing in safe and accessible green spaces. Including but not limited providing innovative approaches to park lighting and supporting Friends of Park groups with access to funding to partner in continuing to develop the city's parks.	230,000
	Total For : Resource Redirection	0

Section 4 – Capital Investment



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Capital Investment Options

2025/26 £

25NR77LA

Creation of a Capital Fund to repair roads, clean streets and upgrade existing infrastructure

9,500,000

Investing and expanding capability in street cleaning with more mechanised street cleaning machinery, gully cleaning and providing capital funding for roads and footpaths to address the significant number of potholes and damaged footpaths. As well as providing a sustainably funding source for the improvement of the city's parks and open spaces including upgrading remaining blaes pitches within the school estate.

Total For : Capital Investment

9,500,000

Equality Impact Assessments

Scottish Labour Party Proposals 2025 to 2026

Assessment of Equality Impacts of Budget Proposals

1. Introduction and Legislative Background

The Equality Act 2010 requires Council to pay due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination and promote equality. The law requires that this duty to pay "due regard" be demonstrated in the decision making process. The process for doing this is described as equality impact assessment (EQIA). The Equality Act protects people from discrimination on the basis of "protected characteristics". These are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

In addition, on 1st April 2018 the Fairer Scotland Duty came into force. This duty aims to make sure that strategic decisions are carefully considered in order that they are as effective as possible in tackling socio-economic disadvantage and reducing inequalities of outcome. To fulfill this obligation of the duty potential impacts on socio economy have been considered as part of the EQIA process.

The purpose of the EQIA is to ensure that decision makers are fully informed at a formative stage in the decision-making process. Identification of a potentially adverse impact does not mean that the option cannot go forward. However, where there is a potentially adverse impact, measures should be considered that minimise that impact should the option be approved. If an adverse impact could amount to unlawful discrimination, then adjustments should be made to avert this.

2. Equality Impact Assessment Summary of Budget Savings Options

The Budget papers set out details of 10 Budget savings options, totalling £6.305 million, 1 was assessed as medium/high, 4 were assessed as low/medium and 5 as low impact.

3. Investment Options

The proposed budget also sets out investment proposals. As approved investment and resource redirection options are implemented, services and ALEOS will require to ensure that the requirements of the public sector equality duty are taken into account and detailed EQIA's are conducted where appropriate.

4. Cumulative Impact

In setting its priorities for spending for 2025 to 2026, the Council aims to protect and improve services to citizens and therefore our budget has a strong focus on efficient use of our assets and changing the way the Council Family works and delivers services.

However, Glasgow's population is continuing to grow and is increasingly diverse, which in turn drives up demand for many of our services, such as social care and education. We also know that many of our citizens are experiencing financial pressures. Our <u>Equality Outcomes 2021 to 2025</u> take account of the particular impact of economic inequality.

We continue to monitor and assess cumulative impacts, which fall into the following areas:

Staff impacts:

 Some options are still at an early stage in development. Any changes to staff duties will be subject to an HR equality impact assessment.

Socio economic impacts:

• A number of potential socio-economic impacts have been identified across a range of services. Cumulative impacts across these areas should be considered.

5. Next steps and recommendations

We will continue to monitor the impact on equality and cumulative impacts. Potential impacts on staff across the Council Family Group will continue to be considered as part of our workforce planning strategy.

Members are requested to note the equality impact assessment of the 2025 to 2026 budget

Appendix: Equality Impact Assessment Summary

Key: Impact Level consideration*

Low	Where evidence indicates that no significant impacts are anticipated at this stage of consideration.
Low/ Medium	Further evidence gathering may be required to determine whether some impacts are at low or medium level.
Medium	Potential impacts identified for service users and/ or staff. If option agreed further work may be required to look at areas of identified impact and understand how they can be managed or mitigated effectively.
Medium/ High	Further evidence gathering will be required to determine whether some impacts are at medium or high level.
High	Significant potential impacts identified for service users and/or staff. If option agreed further work will be required to look at areas of identified impact and understand how they can be managed or mitigated effectively.

^{*}All potential impact levels are assessed based on best available evidence from Services at the time of the option consideration. As many options are at early stage this cannot be considered as definitive or exhaustive assessment.

Budget Ref.	Budget Option (£ Total saving for 25/26 and 26/27)	Assessment of Impact on Equality	Comment	Impact
Chief Exec	cutive's Office			
25CE24LA	Resourcing Model for the Glasgow Communities Fund (GCF) - £725,000 To ensure the Glasgow Communities Fund is effectively managed and monitored, 4% of the annual budget will be utilised to fund the management and administration.	Further work to assess the level of impact on equality, poverty and staff will be required as part of the ongoing review and consideration of service delivery impact on equality groups. It may be that less projects are selected for funding or projects need to be down-sized to match the award offer.	Improvement in resourcing to support administration of fund It is anticipated that a more robust assessment process will help mitigate the impact of a smaller Glasgow Communities Fund budget, however, it is likely that a reduction in the budget will result in a negative reaction from third sector organisations/ representatives.	Low/ Medium
25CE25LA	Resourcing Model for Area Partnerships Funding - £75,000 To ensure the Area Partnership Funds continue to be effectively managed and monitored, 4% of the annual budget will be utilised to fund the management and administration.	Further work to assess the level of impact on equality, poverty and staff will be required as part of an ongoing review and consideration of service delivery impact on equality groups. It may be that less projects are selected for funding.	Improvement in resourcing to support administration of fund Need to build communications plans across 23 Area Partnerships to ensure robust engagement with equalities projects	Low/ Medium
Financial S 25FS28LA	NDR – Change to Empty Property Relief - £1,200,000 The current Non-Domestic Rates Empty Property Relief policy will be amended to limit all EPR awards to 50% for 3 months. This will apply to all claims from the 1st April 2025.	No significant impact has been identified for protected groups at this stage.		Low

Budget Ref.	Budget Option (£ Total saving for 25/26 and 26/27)	Assessment of Impact on Equality	Comment	Impact	
Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability					
25NR36LA	Pollok Country Park Parking Fee Increase - £200,000 Increased to the parking fees within Pollok Country Park.	Any increase in cost to the public for a service or provision will always have an impact on an individual or group such as a families etc. Further work to assess the level of impact on equality groups will be required if these options are approved, when plans for implementation are more fully developed	This may affect visitor numbers at the Burrell Collection, impacting the Glasgow Life footfall at this world class venue. The mitigation is there is public transport links to Pollok Country Park, both bus & train and there is a dedicated bus service to transport passengers from the entrance to the Burrell Collection Blue Badge Holders not affected,	Low/ Medium	
25NR37LA	Early Closure of Blochairn Materials Recycling Facility - £1,200,000 Early closure of Blochairn Material Recycling Facility (MRF) to process recyclate material until the Easter Queenslie MRF is constructed.	Further work to assess the level of impact on staff, service users and equality groups will be required if these options are approved and when plans for implementation are more fully developed. It will be important to consider workforce profile when considering changes to staffing resource	As part of the depot improvement strategy and changes to waste services NRS have committed to build a new MRF at the redeveloped Easter Queenslie site which is scheduled to be completed by 2027.	Low/ Medium	
25NR38LA	Planning Application Fees Increase-£100,000 Increase in fees as per Scottish Government regulation.	Fees are set by the Scottish Government however it is likely that any increase in costs may have a potential equality and socioeconomic impact,	The Scottish Government has presented these fee increases as intended to resource the planning system as part of wider efforts under the National Planning Improvement Framework, launched in 2024.	Low	

Budget Ref.	Budget Option (£ Total saving for 25/26 and 26/27)	Assessment of Impact on Equality	Comment	Impact
25NR42LA	Review of Property Enquiry and Street Naming Fees - £20,000 Increase in fees charged for issuing Property Enquiry Certificates and Street Naming and Numbering services.	No significant equality impact identified at this stage.	Further work may be required to consider any known socio-economic dimension to usage of existing service	Low
25NR67LA	Neighbourhood Liaison Team (NLT) - £1,218,000 This option relates to the removal of the Neighbourhood Liaison Team within NRS.	There is a potential socioeconomic impact relating to the reduction of NLT given their role in facilitating the engagement in communities across the city, particularly in areas of socioeconomic deprivation. It will be important to consider workforce profile when considering changes to staffing resource.	Further work to assess the level of impact on equality will be required if these options are approved, when plans for implementation are more fully developed and service areas affected have been identified.	Medium/High
25NR68LA	Increase Parking Attendants - £1,400,000 This option relates to employing an additional 82 Parking Attendants across the city to generate a net income.	No direct Equality Impact identified		Low
25NR69LA	Introduction of Highway Information Charging - £167,000 Introduction of charges to access the online mapping tool to view Public Roads information.	No significant impact has been identified for protected groups at this stage.	Impact dependent on detailed understanding of who currently accesses this mapping information and whether there would be a socioeconomic impact	Low