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PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

It is recommended that the Revenue and Financing Policy review subject matter is discussed while the public is excluded. This recommendation is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Section and Grounds	*Reason for this recommendation*
7(2)(h) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	This is relevant as discussion includes commercially sensitive potential future rates changes for all property types across the District, based on a range of variables that have not yet been confirmed through Councillor direction – which is being sought in this meeting. This will enable the presentation of final draft proposed alternative rates models and data that can be publicly released and formally consulted with the community in early 2027 as part of Long Term Plan consultation.

Conditions under which publicly excluded material will be proactively released:	*Redactions that will be required:*
Release would be considered once final draft proposed alternative rates are produced for Councillor consideration at the 19 November LTP Steering Group, which is intended to be held in public.	7(2)(h) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities