



Executive Advisory Body

Date of Meeting	29 April 2025
Subject	2025-26 Budget Paper
Agenda No.	4
Prepared By	Corporate Finance
Purpose	Discuss

1. Background

- 1.1. For 2025-26, Social Security Scotland has an administration budget of £309.1 million, £4.1 million for capital and a benefit budget of £6,726.6 million. The majority of our operating cost budget is already legally committed to maintain essential live services and performance.
- 1.2. As part of business planning and budget setting, Executive Team collectively agreed the 2025-26 business plan priorities [redacted]
- 1.3. This paper sets out the 2025-26 budget allocations that Executive Team approved on 25th March 2025 ahead of the new financial year.

2. Key Points

- 2.1. Staff costs of **£237.7 million** is allocated. [redacted]
- 2.2. [Redacted]
- 2.3. The remaining resource budget is allocated to administration costs to fund committed costs. [redacted]
- 2.4. We have a capital budget of **£4.1 million**. [redacted]
- 2.5. We have **£7.4 million** to cover depreciation charges for our assets.



3. Conclusion

3.1. The Executive Advisory Body are asked to note the 2025-26 budget paper.