

# Cabinet

## Confirmed Decision List

**Monday, 9 February 2026**

The call-in period for the decisions below ended at 3.00pm on Friday, 13 February. The decisions are confirmed and can be implemented.

If you have any queries about these decisions please contact the Governance team:

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Decisions	Lead Executive Member
<p><b>REVENUE BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX LEVELS 2026/27</b></p> <p>(Item 4 on the agenda)                      Ward(s): All Wards</p> <p><b><u>Agreed:</u></b></p> <p>That Cabinet considered the report, and made the following recommendations to Full Council for approval, for the reasons set out in this report and appendices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To note the three-year settlement numbers for the General Fund, covering 2026/27, 2027/28, and 2028/29</li> <li>2. To approve a balanced budget for 2026/27 as set out in the report, including the underlying principles and assumptions.</li> <li>3. To increase the Hammersmith &amp; Fulham element of Council Tax by 2.99% as modelled by the Government in its spending power calculations for local government.</li> <li>4. To apply the Adult Social Care precept levy of 2% as modelled by the Government in its spending power calculations for local government.</li> <li>5. To approve fees and charges, as set out in Appendix E, including freezing charges in adult social care and children's services.</li> <li>6. To approve the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and to note the impact of funding reform from 2026/27 onwards, and budget projections to 2029/30 made by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services in consultation with the Strategic Leadership Team. (Appendix B).</li> <li>7. To note the statement of the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services, under Section 25 of the Local Government</li> </ol>	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform (Councillor Rowan Ree)</b></p>

Act 2003, regarding the adequacy of reserves and robustness of estimates.

8. To approve the reserves strategy and forecast as set out in Appendix G.
9. To require all Directors to report on their projected financial position compared to their revenue estimates in accordance with the Corporate Revenue Monitoring Report timetable.
10. To authorise Directors to implement their service spending plans for 2026/27 in accordance with the recommendations within this report, the council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, relevant Schemes of Delegation and undertake any further consultation required regarding the Equalities Impact Assessment.
11. Set the council's element of Council Tax for 2026/27 for each category of dwelling, as outlined in the table below and in full in Appendix A and calculated in accordance with Sections 31A to 49B of the Localism Act 2011.

Category of Dwelling	A	B	C	D	E	F	
Ratio	6/9	7/9	8/9	1	11/9	13/9	
H&F (£)	672.67	784.78	896.89	1,009.00	1,233.22	1,457.44	1,

12. To note, based on the Mayor of London's draft consolidated budget, the element of Council Tax to be charged by the Greater London Authority in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings as shown in the table below.

Category of Dwelling	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Ratio	6/9	7/9	8/9	1	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
b) GLA (£)	340.34	397.06	453.79	510.51	623.96	737.40	850.85	1,021.02

13. That the overall Council Tax to be set at £1,519.51 per Band D property as follows:

Category of Dwelling	A	B	C	D	E	
Ratio	6/9	7/9	8/9	1	11/9	1
a) H&F (£)	672.67	784.78	896.89	1009.00	1,233.22	1,4

b) GLA (£)	340.34	397.06	453.79	510.51	623.96	737.40	850.85	1,021.02
c) Total (£)	1,013.01	1,181.84	1,350.68	1,519.51	1,857.18	2,194.84	2,532.52	3,039.02

14. To authorise the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services to collect and recover National Non-Domestic Rate and Council Tax in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (as amended), the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Council's Scheme of Delegation.
15. To note the Council's estimated position on the Collection Fund (as set out in paragraph 60).
16. To note the performance on the management of arrears across the Council on all debts due (as set out from paragraph 71).

**Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

**FOUR YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2026-30 AND CAPITAL STRATEGY 2026/27**

(Item 5 on the agenda)

Ward(s): All Wards

**Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform (Councillor Rowan Ree)**

**Agreed:**

1. To approve the four-year General Fund Capital Programme budget of £135.5m for the period 2026/27-2029/30 detailed in Appendix 1.
2. To approve rolling programmes included within this four-year Strategy. These are perennial capital investments required across the Borough to keep items of public infrastructure in good working condition.

Programme	4-Year Budget £m
Corporate Planned Maintenance	12.4
Footways and Carriageways	7.5
Column Replacement	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>21.3</b>

3. To delegate approval of the detailed programmes for use of the rolling programmes, in recommendation 2, to the relevant SLT Director in consultation with the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the relevant Lead Cabinet Member.
4. To approve the four-year Housing (HRA) Capital Programme of

£318.8m for the period 2026/27-2029/30 as set out in Appendix 1.

5. To approve the Capital Strategy 2026/27, as set out in the report.
6. To approve the annual Minimum Revenue Provision policy statement for 2026/27.

**Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

**THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET (2026/27), RENTS & SERVICE CHARGES (2026/27) & HRA 10 YEAR BUSINESS PLAN (2026/27 - 2035/36)**

(Item 6 on the agenda)

Ward(s): All Wards

**Agreed:**

That Cabinet agreed:

1. To approve the Housing Revenue Account 2026/27 budget for council homes as set out in Table 1.
2. To approve the HRA 10-year Business Plan for Council Homes (2026/27 – 2035/36) as set out in paragraphs 3 - 4 of this report and Appendices 1 - 5.
3. To approve a rent increase of 4.8% from 6 April 2026 (in line with September 2025 CPI+1%), which equates to an average weekly increase for tenants of £6.69 in 2026/27.
4. To approve an increase to shared ownership rents of 4.8% from 1 April 2026 (in line with September 2025 CPI+1%).
5. To approve changes to tenant service charges to reflect the costs of providing communal services from 6 April 2026, which equate to an average weekly increase for tenants of £1.52 in 2026/27.
6. To approve a reduction to charges for heating and hot water to reflect the costs of provision of the district heating service from April 2026, which equate to an average weekly reduction for tenants and leaseholders on the scheme of £0.29 (communal heating), £1.27 (tenants' personal heating) and £2.08 (leaseholders' personal heating) in 2026/27.
7. To approve an increase to the management fee for temporary on licence properties of 3.8% (in line with September 2025 CPI) from 6 April 2026.
8. To approve an increase to the rent and service charges for

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hostels of 4.8% from 6 April 2026 (in line with September 2025 CPI+1%).

9. To increase garage charges for council tenants, resident leaseholders, and for other customers from 6 April 2026 by 3.8% (in line with September 2025 CPI).
10. To note that any change to parking charges on housing estates were considered separately with the Council's parking plans at Cabinet in January 2026.
11. To increase car space rental charges for all customers by 3.8% from April 2026 (in line with September 2025 CPI).
12. To approve an increase in the Leasehold After Sale – Home Buy fees by 3.8% from April 2026 from £237 to £246 (in line with September 2025 CPI).
13. To approve an increase in the Leasehold Property Alterations fees by 3.8% from April 2026.

**Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

**SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS BUDGET (DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT) 2026/27**

(Item 7 on the agenda)

Ward(s): All Wards

**Agreed:**

1. Schools Block Dedicated Schools Grant Budget 2026/27  
Financial Year:
  - a. To approve the Local Authority formula for allocating resources to Hammersmith & Fulham schools for 2026/27 as set out in Appendix 1, the Authority Proforma Tool (APT) for setting school budgets.
  - b. To approve the National Funding Formula (NFF) transitional funding formula factor rates (as set out in Appendix 1) as the basis for calculating the 2026/27 schools funding formula, together with a minus 0.5% per pupil Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) protection for individual schools versus 2025/26 levels with respect to pupil led funding.
  - c. To approve the transfer of £1.262m being 1.0% of the total schools' block allocation from the schools' block to the high needs block in the 2026/27 financial year. This is to support high needs education expenditure for special educational needs in Hammersmith and Fulham and follows Minister of State approval received on 9<sup>th</sup>

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(responsible for  
Children and  
Education)  
(Councillor Alex  
Sanderson)**

<p>January 2026.</p> <p>d. To approve de-delegation budgets of £0.564m for maintained mainstream schools only as confirmed by Schools Forum on 20 January 2026.</p> <p>e. To approve the education functions budgets of £0.285m for maintained mainstream schools only, as confirmed by Schools Forum on 20 January 2026.</p> <p>2. Central Services Schools Block Budget 2026/27.</p> <p>a. To approve the proposed budget allocation for Central Services Schools Block DSG totalling £1.758m.</p> <p>3. Early Years Block Budget 2026/27</p> <p>a. To approve the proposed budget allocation for Early Years Block Dedicated Schools Grant of £24.854m based on the provisional funding allocation December 2025.</p> <p>b. To approve the allocation of Maintained Nursery School Supplementary Funding of £0.991m based on the provisional funding allocation December 2025.</p> <p><b><u>Reason for decision:</u></b> As set out in the report.</p>	
<p><b>TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2026/27</b></p> <p>(Item 8 on the agenda)                      Ward(s): All Wards</p> <p><b><u>Agreed:</u></b></p> <p>It is recommended that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval is given to the future borrowing and investment strategies as outlined in this report.</li> <li>2. The Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform, be delegated authority to manage the Council's cash flow, borrowing and investments in 2026/27 in line with this report.</li> <li>3. In relation to the Council's overall borrowing for the financial year, to approve the Prudential Indicators as set out in this report and the revised Annual Investment Strategy set out in Appendix E.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Reason for decision:</u></b> As set out in the report.</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform (Councillor Rowan Ree)</b></p>
<p><b>ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION - SMALL HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION</b></p>	<p><b>Cabinet Member for the Economy (Councillor Andrew</b></p>

(Item 9 on the agenda)

Ward(s):

**Jones)**

**Agreed:**

1. That Cabinet approve the making of an Article 4 Direction to remove permitted development rights for the change of use of a property from a Class C3 (residential) use to a Class C4 HMO.
2. That Cabinet approve the commissioning of a robust evidence study, estimated at £50,000, to support the making of the Article 4 Direction, including its geographic extent.
3. That Cabinet delegate authority to the Chief Planning Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy, to make a 'non immediate' Article 4 Direction.
4. To note that Cabinet approval will be required to confirm the Direction in 12 months' time following the statutory period of publication and consultation.

**Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

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