

Directorate and Departmental Budgets and Levies

Table A sets out the proposed departmental budgets for 2026/27. Further information is provided in the Council’s Budget Book, which can be found on the Council’s website. The Housing Revenue Account budget, which was agreed by Cabinet in January, is also shown in the Budget Book (which can be found on the Council’s [Financial Strategy pages here](#)) for reference.

Table A - Directorate Budgets 2026/27

| Directorate | 2026/27 Gross Budget £000 | 2026/27 Income Budget £000 | 2026/27 Net Budget £000 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Adults & Health | 229,428 | (57,937) | 171,491 |
| Children & Learning | 340,990 | (252,473) | 88,517 |
| Corporate Services | 100,182 | (11,061) | 89,121 |
| Homes & Communities | 85,938 | (31,890) | 54,048 |
| Investment, Opportunity & Place | 206,670 | (133,669) | 73,001 |
| Non-Departmental Budgets | 161,459 | (301,512) | (140,053) |
| Total Budget | 1,124,667 | (788,541) | 336,126 |

Levies

The Council pays levies to a number of organisations, which it must meet within its total budget requirement. Table B summarises the total levy payable to each organisation in 2026/27 and compares it to the 2025/26 amount. In some cases, the Council has not yet received the final levy demand for 2026/27, which means that the corresponding levies are presented as estimates.

Table B - Levies

| Levy | 2025/26 £000 | 2026/27 £000 | Change % |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| North London Waste Authority | 8,585 | 9,022 | 5.09% |
| London Councils Grant Scheme | 166 | 160 | -3.61% |
| Traffic Signals | 360 | 448 | 24.44% |
| Concessionary Fares | 12,224 | 13,260 | 8.48% |
| London Pensions Fund Authority (estimate) | 556 | 575 | 3.40% |
| Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (estimate) | 250 | 259 | 3.40% |
| Environment Agency (provisional) | 229 | 235 | 2.62% |
| Total Levies | 22,370 | 23,958 | 7.10% |

Garden Squares Levies

The Council is also required to provide for levies on council tax issued by Garden Square Committees - Fitzroy Square, Gordon Square and Mecklenburgh Square. The Council is empowered to set a differential council tax on residential properties

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in these squares in recognition of these levies. Should any residents in the Garden Squares be entitled to benefit from council tax reduction, the Council will contribute towards the requested levy, applying the same eligibility criteria as residents outside of the squares.

The levy requirements received for each Garden Square Committee for 2026/27 are shown in Table C below.

Table C - Garden Square Levies

| Garden Square | 2025/26 Levy Request £ | 2026/27 Levy Request £ | CTS Scheme Adjustment £* | Collected via Council Tax in 2026/27 £ | Increase / (Decrease) % |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Fitzroy Square | 12,000.00 | 22,000.00 | - | 22,000.00 | 83.33% |
| Gordon Square | 4,637.39 | 5,087.21 | - | 5,087.21 | 9.70% |
| Mecklenburgh Square | 15,250.00 | 15,250.00 | (183.13) | 15,066.87 | 0.00% |
| Total Garden Square Levies | 31,887.39 | 42,337.21 | (183.13) | 42,154.08 | |

**This is the Camden contribution towards the levy requirement due to residents eligible for the Council Tax Support scheme (CTS).*