

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).*