

## **REFERENCE TO THE COUNCIL – 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2026**

### **FROM THE CABINET –25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

#### **2026/27 REVENUE ESTIMATES AND COUNCIL TAX SETTING (CS/2026/06)**

At its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026, the Cabinet considered the above report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Cost of Living and agreed the recommendations contained in the report.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the Council agrees the following:-

1. To note the information set out in the report.
2. To note that the Council has not received any feedback following the consultation with Non-Domestic Ratepayers, and to have due regard to the results of the Equality Impact Assessment in Appendix F.
3. To agree:
  - (a) The council tax requirement for the year 2026/27 of £165,438,070 (inclusive of the Garden Squares levies).
  - (b) The calculations for determining the council tax requirement for the year 2026/27 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as set out in Appendix B.
  - (c) To note that the Greater London Authority (GLA) precept set out in this report is £510.51 for Band D, as shown for all bands in Appendix B and is subject to Greater London Authority approval of the budget on 26 February 2026.
  - (d) That the Council sets the amount of council tax for 2026/27, as detailed in Appendix B and notes that this will mean a Camden element of council tax of £1,696.61 (4.99% increase) for Band D residents not in Garden Squares.
  - (e) That the Council hereby determines that its basic amount of council tax for the financial year 2026/27 is not excessive, as outlined in Paragraph 2.84.
  - (f) The budget summary as set out in Appendix C.
  - (g) The budget investments included in Paragraphs 2.42 to 2.56.
  - (h) Note the Section 25 notice detailed in Paragraphs 7.1 to 7.34 summarising the assurance that the budget is set using sound assumptions and the level of reserves is deemed adequate.
  - (i) The Garden Squares levy requirement received for each Garden Square Committee for 2026/27 as shown in Appendix B and Appendix C.
4. In relation to fees and charges:
  - (a) To agree the new fees and charges and those increasing above 7% discussed in Paragraphs 2.92 to 2.93 and listed in Appendix D2.

- (b) To delegate authority to the relevant Executive Director to decide increases to existing fees and charges up to a maximum of 7%, following consultation with the relevant portfolio holders.
  - (c) To delegate authority to the Section 151 Officer to delete fees and charges where these are no longer in use, as outlined in Paragraph 2.94.
- 5. To note in Paragraphs 2.95 to 2.102 and Table 6 the planned use of reserves, and in Paragraph 7.34 the adequacy of reserves as stated, and that no major allocations of general balances are being considered at this stage.

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Cabinet Member for Finance and Cost of Living