



# HILLINGDON

LONDON

## MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

27 FEBRUARY 2025

### Order of Business

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1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – <i>To receive any apologies for absence.</i>
2.	<b>MINUTES</b> – <i>To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 16 January 2025.</i>
3.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> - <i>To note any declarations of interest in any matters before the Council.</i>
4.	<b>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> - <i>To receive the Mayoral Announcements.</i>
5.	<b>REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b>  <i>To consider the following:</i>  <b>i) Urgent Implementation of Decisions</b>  To note the urgent decisions taken by Cabinet Members.  <b>ii) Amendment to Cabinet Portfolios</b>  To note the amended Portfolios as notified by the Leader of the Council.  <b>iii) Appointment of Statutory Officer</b>  <b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b> That:  <b>a) Mr Lloyd White be appointed to the statutory role of Monitoring Officer of the Council.</b>  <b>b) It be noted that Mr Daniel Toohey has been appointed to the post of interim Head of Legal Services and that the Head of Democratic services be authorised to make any necessary alterations to the roles and responsibilities of the above posts contained in the Constitution.</b>  <b>iv) Members' Allowances 2025/26</b>  <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> That the current Members' Allowances Scheme be

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Report of the Head of Democratic Services <i>(continued)</i>	<p><b>revoked as of 31 March 2025 and the new Scheme for 2025/26, as shown in the Appendix to the report, be approved for implementation from 1 April 2025.</b></p> <p>To be moved by Councillor Edwards and seconded by Councillor Bianco.</p> <p>Other speakers: None</p>
6.	<p><b>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME</b></p> <p><i>To consider the recommendations of Cabinet for the adoption of the Scheme.</i></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b> That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the revised Local Development Scheme be adopted with effect from 27 February 2025.</li> <li>b) delegated authority be given to the Director of Planning and Sustainable Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing &amp; Growth to make minor and technical updates only to timetables within the Local Development Scheme, if necessary.</li> </ul> <p>To be moved by Councillor Tuckwell and seconded by Councillor Edwards.</p> <p>Other speakers: None</p>
7.	<p><b>GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET, HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025 / 2026</b></p> <p><b>NOTES:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Prior to the consideration of this item, Councillor R.Mills will move and Councillor Gohil will second, the suspension of Council procedure rules 14.4 to allow unlimited speaking time for the mover (Councillor Goddard) and seconder (Councillor Edwards) of the motion.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 will apply to the recommendations of this item. Any Member who is more than two months in arrears with their Council Tax or has arrears of Council Tax must declare that fact and must not vote on this item.</i></li> <li>3. <i>In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, recorded votes will be taken at the annual budget setting meeting on any motion, amendment to motion or substantive motion regarding the General Fund Revenue Budget, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b> That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>The General Fund revenue budget proposals made by Cabinet be approved, resulting in a Council Tax requirement for 2025/26 of £154,125,910;</b></li> </ol>

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2025/26 Budget (continued)	<p>2. It be noted that, at its meeting on 16 January 2025, the Council calculated the amount of 105,422 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2025/26. This was calculated in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, as its Council Tax Base for the year (<i>Item T in the formula in Section 31B (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992</i>);</p> <p>3. The Hillingdon element of Council Tax be set at £1,462.00 for a Band D property. Taking into account the precept levied by the Greater London Authority, this results in an overall Band D Council Tax of £1,952.37 for the borough;</p> <p>4. The following amounts have been calculated by the Council for the year 2025/26, in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act):</p> <p>a) £974,250,324 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) (a) to (f) of the Act. (<i>Gross Expenditure including the amount required for additions to working balances</i>)</p> <p>b) £820,123,360 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) (a) to (d) of the Act. (<i>Gross Income including reserves to be used to meet Gross Expenditure</i>)</p> <p>c) £154,125,910 being the amount by which the aggregate at 4 (a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4 (b) above. This is calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (<i>Item R under Section 31B of the Act</i>)</p> <p>d) £1,462.00 being the amount at 4 (c) above divided by Item T (2 above). This is, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. (<i>Council Tax at Band D for the Council</i>)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">The London Borough of Hillingdon Council Tax (£)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Band A</th> <th>Band B</th> <th>Band C</th> <th>Band D</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>974.67</td> <td>£1,137.11</td> <td>£1,299.56</td> <td>£1,462.00</td> </tr> <tr> <th>Band E</th> <th>Band F</th> <th>Band G</th> <th>Band H</th> </tr> <tr> <td>£1,786.89</td> <td>£2,111.78</td> <td>£2,436.67</td> <td>£2,924.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 4 (d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5 (1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the</p>	The London Borough of Hillingdon Council Tax (£)				Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	974.67	£1,137.11	£1,299.56	£1,462.00	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H	£1,786.89	£2,111.78	£2,436.67	£2,924.00
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2025/26 Budget (continued)	<p>Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands;</p> <p>5. It be noted that for the year 2025/26 the Greater London Authority and its functional bodies have stated the following amounts in precepts. These have been issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">The Greater London Authority Precept (£)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Band A</th> <th>Band B</th> <th>Band C</th> <th>Band D</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>£326.92</td> <td>£381.41</td> <td>£435.89</td> <td>£490.38</td> </tr> <tr> <th>Band E</th> <th>Band F</th> <th>Band G</th> <th>Band H</th> </tr> <tr> <td>£599.35</td> <td>£708.33</td> <td>£817.30</td> <td>£980.76</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>6. The Council has calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4 (e) and 5 above. The Council in accordance with Section 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby sets the Council Tax for the year 2025/26 for each category of dwelling below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Total Council Tax 2025/26 (£)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Band A</th> <th>Band B</th> <th>Band C</th> <th>Band D</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>£1,301.59</td> <td>£1,518.52</td> <td>£1,735.45</td> <td>£1,952.38</td> </tr> <tr> <th>Band E</th> <th>Band F</th> <th>Band G</th> <th>Band H</th> </tr> <tr> <td>£2,386.24</td> <td>£2,820.11</td> <td>£3,253.97</td> <td>£3,904.76</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>7. The Council Tax Discount for Older People be retained for 2025/26 with a 1.43% discount on Hillingdon's element of the Council Tax for those who joined the scheme on or after 1 April 2020, 3.27% for those who joined the scheme before or on 31 March 2019 and 6.98% for those who joined before or on 31 March 2018, with the scheme closed to new applicants from 1 April 2021;</p> <p>8. The General Fund Capital Programme for 2025/26 to 2029/30 as set out in Appendix A8 of the background report to Cabinet be approved;</p> <p>9. The Housing Revenue Account budget proposals, HRA Capital Programme and housing rents set out in Appendix B of the background report be approved;</p> <p>10. The proposed amendments to Fees and Charges set out in Appendix C of the background report to Cabinet be approved;</p> <p>11. Capital Investment Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy, Investment Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2024/25 to 2029/30 as set out in Appendix D of the background report to Cabinet be approved;</p>	The Greater London Authority Precept (£)				Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	£326.92	£381.41	£435.89	£490.38	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H	£599.35	£708.33	£817.30	£980.76	Total Council Tax 2025/26 (£)				Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	£1,301.59	£1,518.52	£1,735.45	£1,952.38	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H	£2,386.24	£2,820.11	£3,253.97	£3,904.76
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	<p>12. The London Borough of Hillingdon Pay Policy Statement for 2025/26 as set out in Appendix E of the background report to Cabinet be approved;</p>
2025/26 Budget (continued)	<p>13. the transformation plan, as set out in Appendix G of the background report to Cabinet, and the use of £17m of capital receipts for this purpose, subject to Government confirmation on utilising receipts for this purpose for a further year be noted;</p> <p>14. the Corporate Director of Finance's comments regarding his responsibilities under the Local Government Act 2003 as set in his Section 25 Statement accompanying the Budget Report recommended by Cabinet be noted;</p> <p>15. Council (as set out in Schedule G of the Constitution - Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules) resolves that Cabinet may utilise the general reserves or balances during 2025/26 in support of functions designated to the Cabinet in line with Part 4 of the Constitution;</p> <p>16. Council confirm that the Council's relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2025/26 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992 and therefore a referendum will not be triggered.</p> <p><i>NB: In addition to the Cabinet recommendations to Council above, an additional recommendation is required as follows:</i></p> <p>17. <b>Council approve the charging of a 100% premium on second homes (<i>Dwellings Occupied Periodically</i>). To commence for the financial year 2026/27.</b></p> <p><i>Whilst this proposal is included within the MTFS projections presented to Council – both in the forecast tax yield for 2026/27 (Appendix A2) and in Table 6, setting out the changes in five-year outlook from the December report - approval of the intention to start charging this premium is required under the Levelling-Up and Regeneration (Act 2023) – Section 80 (3)</i></p> <p><b>To be moved by Councillor Goddard and seconded by Councillor Edwards.</b></p> <p>Other speakers: Councillors Bianco, Curling, Garelick, Gill, Lavery, Mathers, Nelson, O'Brien, Palmer, Punja, Tuckwell, Sansarpuri and Sweeting.</p> <p><b><i>NB: On behalf of the Labour Group, Councillor Curling will move, and Councillor Mathers will second, an amendment to the budget proposals as follows:</i></b></p> <p><i>"In accordance with the Council Constitution, the Labour Group are moving an amendment to the Cabinet's budget recommendations in the form of an Objection.</i></p> <p><i>This objection is because the Cabinet's budget estimates are not sufficiently robust for the purposes of the budget calculations, as stated in the S151 Officer's 'Section 25'</i></p>

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	<p><i>statement.</i></p> <p><i>This objection is specifically in regard to, but not exclusive to, the proposed scale / challenge of the savings programme and the proposal to introduce charges for the collection of Green Waste.</i></p>
<p>2025/26 Budget (continued)</p>	<p><i>Therefore, in accordance with the Conflict Resolution Procedure as set out in the Constitution, I move that Council resolves to object to this element of the proposed budget and instructs the Cabinet to reconsider the relevant plans or strategies.”</i></p> <p><b>Explanatory note regarding the proposed amendment from the Head of Democratic Services:</b></p> <p>Standing Order 17 of the Council Procedure Rules states that, in the event that there is a conflict between the Council and the Cabinet in relation to the Budget and Policy Framework, the relevant Conflict Resolution Procedure as set out in the Constitution, Part 2, Chapter 4 will apply.</p> <p>The following extract from the procedure sets out the steps to be taken to resolve a conflict between the Council and the Cabinet on a proposed plan, strategy or (as in this case) the budget that is reserved to the Full Council for determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The Cabinet shall submit draft plans, strategies and budget to the Council for adoption required under the arrangements for the approval of the budget and policy framework.</i></li> <li>2. <i>After consideration of the draft plan, strategy or budget the Council may take one of the following courses of action:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>Adopt the plan or strategy or</i></li> <li>b) <b><i>Submit objections to the Cabinet, or</i></b></li> <li>c) <i>Invite the Cabinet to make amendments specified by the Council.</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <i>If the Council decides to take course b) or c) it must inform the Leader of the Council of its objections or proposed amendments together with its reasons and instruct the Cabinet to reconsider the plan or strategy.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>NB#1</b> – Should the proposed Labour Group amendment be approved, there would then be an adjournment of the Council meeting to allow the Head of Democratic Services to convene a special meeting of the Cabinet to consider the objection and respond to Full Council.</p> <p><b>NB#2</b> - Members should note that this is a special procedure to cater specifically for policy framework documents and budget proposals. It should not be mistaken, therefore, as a ‘negating amendment’, and can properly proceed to be debated by Members.</p>

## END OF COUNCIL MEETING

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