

Record of Decisions of the meeting of the Council

On Monday 23 February 2026

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Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Monday 23 February 2026.

Decisions made by the Cabinet and Planning – Oxford City Planning Committee will be subject to a two-day call-in period.

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6 **Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 Licence Fees and Charges for the 2026/27 financial year**

Council resolved to:

1. **Agree** the licence fees and charges for 2026/27 as recommended by the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee and as set out in Appendix 1.

7 **Miscellaneous Licensing Fees and Charges for the financial year 2026/2027**

Council resolved to:

1. **Agree** the Miscellaneous Licensing Fees and Charges for 2026/2027 recommended by the General Purposes Licensing Committee as set out in Appendix 1.

8 **Hackney Carriage and Private Hire, Road Closure Orders, Scrap Metal Dealers, Sex Establishments Street Parties and Commercial Events: Licence Fees and Charges for the 2026/27 financial year**

Council resolved to:

1. **Agree** the licence fees and charges for 2026/27 as recommended by the General Purposes Licensing Committee and as set out in Appendix 1.

11 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/27 to 2029/30 and 2025/26 Budget

Council resolved to:

1. **Note** the approval by Cabinet on 21 January 2026 and subsequently agreed by the Council on 26 January of an increase of 4.8% i.e. CPI+1% in line with the recent Government announcement referred to in paragraph 28 from 1st April 2026, giving an average weekly increase of £8.47 per week, and a revised weekly average social rent of £143.40 as set out in Appendix 5 based on a HRA budget as set out in Appendix 4;
2. **Approve** the 2026-27 General Fund and Housing Revenue Account budgets and the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Medium Term Financial Strategy as set out in Appendices 1-9 and as amended, noting:
 - a) the Council's General Fund Budget Requirement of £32.185 million for 2026/27 and an increase in the Band D Council Tax of 2.99% or £10.66 per annum representing a Band D Council Tax of £367.38 per annum; and
 - b) the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme as shown in Appendix 6;
3. **Agree** the fees and charges shown in Appendix 7;
4. **Confirm** the Council Tax Base for 2026-27 of **48,725.2** as per paragraph 17 below and Appendices 11 and 12 attached.

12 Council Tax Setting

Council resolved to:

1. **Approve** the Council's precept and Council Tax requirement of £18,191,281 including Parish Precepts and £17,900,664 excluding Parish Precepts.
2. **Approve** the average Band D Council Tax figure (excluding Parish Precepts) of £367.38, a 2.99% increase on the 2025/26 figure of £356.72. Including Parish Precepts, the figure is £373.34, a 3.00% increase, noting that this is not the figure that is used to compare to the referendum limit (as set out in paragraphs 2 to 8 of the report).
3. **Approve** a contribution of £10,000 to Old Marston Parish Council in recognition of the additional expenditure that the Parish Council incurs as a consequence of maintaining the cemetery in Marston (as set out in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the report).
4. **Approve** the amount of £773,943 to be treated as Special Expenses (see paragraph 15 of the report).
5. **Approve** the Band D Council Tax for the various areas of the city (excluding the Police and Crime Commissioner and Oxfordshire County Council's precepts) as follows:

Littlemore	£393.69
Old Marston	£402.73
Risinghurst and Sandhills	£399.04
Blackbird Leys	£371.13

Unparished Area

£370.48

These figures include Parish Precepts and special expensing amounts as appropriate; in addition to the City Wide Council Tax of £351.50.

6. **Note** Oxfordshire County Council's precept and Band D Council Tax is as set out in paragraph 19 below
7. **Note** the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley's precept and Band D Council Tax is as set out in paragraph 20 below, and
8. **Note** the overall average Band D equivalent Council Tax is £2,678.40 including Parish Precepts (subject to confirmation of the Band D figures for Oxfordshire County Council).

13 **Treasury Management Strategy**

Council resolved to:

1. **Approve** the Treasury Management Strategy 2026/27 as set out in paragraphs 11 to 56 of this report and the Prudential Indicators for 2026/27 – 2029/30 as set out in Appendix 2;
2. **Approve** the Borrowing Strategy 2026/27 at paragraphs 32 to 33 of this report;
3. **Approve** the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement at Appendix 3 which sets out the Council's policy on charging borrowing to the revenue account;
4. **Approve** the Investment Strategy for 2026/27 and the investment criteria as set out in paragraphs 37 to 55 of this report and in Appendix 1;
5. **Approve** the Treasury Management Scheme of Delegation at Appendix 4

14 **Capital Strategy**

Council resolved to:

1. **Approve** the Capital Strategy attached at Appendix 1.

15 **Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2026/27**

Council resolved to:

1. **Approve** the change to the existing Council Tax Reduction Scheme to the income bandings in accordance with Option 2 listed at paragraphs 32-37 within the report.
2. **Delegate authority** to the Group Finance Director (Section 151 Officer) to draft the details of the new Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2026/27.

For more details on the subject of the Decision or for a copy of the Decision Note please contact:

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The Record of Decision sets out the decision taken by the Committee. Details of the reasons for the decision and any alternative options put forward for consideration (if any) were published within the reports

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