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Dear Member

COUNCIL - THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2026

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the Thursday, 26 February 2026 meeting of the Council, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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8.	Revenue and Capital Budget 2026/2027	(Pages 3 - 4)
10.	Torbay Council Annual Pay Policy Statement and Review of Pensions Discretions	(Pages 5 - 6)

Yours sincerely

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Record of Decision

Revenue and Capital Budget 2026/2027

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 17 February 2026.

Decision

That Cabinet recommend to Council;

1. that Council Tax is increased by 4.99% for 2026/27, which includes a 2.99% increase plus a 2% levy for Adult Social care);
2. that for 2026/27 net revenue expenditure of £205.3m, resulting in a Council Tax requirement of £101.2m, (a 4.99% increase in Council Tax, of which 2% is for Adult Social Care), be approved;
3. that the proposed Fees and Charges for 2026/27 be approved.
4. that, in accordance with the requirement of the Local Government Act 2003, the advice given by the Chief Finance Officer with respect to the robustness of the budget estimates and the adequacy of the Council's Reserves, (as set out in the Reserves Statement published in November 2025), be noted;
5. that it be noted that the Brixham Town Council precept for 2026/27 of £656,123 will be included as part of the Torbay Council budget for Council Tax setting purposes;
6. that the Capital Strategy 2026/27 and Treasury Management Strategy 2026/27 be approved as published for Cabinet on 2 December 2025;
7. that any technical adjustments to the Revenue and Capital Budget be delegated to the Section 151 in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance; and
8. that it is agreed that any underspend from the current financial year, (2025/2026), will be considered for allocation into priority areas, which take into account the consultation results on the 2026/2027 budget.

Reason for the Decision

The Council has a statutory obligation to set a budget each financial year and must take account of all factors when setting the budget. The Cabinet's response to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board were set out in the submitted report.

Implementation

The recommendations of the Cabinet will be considered at the meeting of Council being held on 26 February 2026.

Information

The Council has a statutory responsibility to set a budget each year. By setting and approving the net revenue budget for 2026/27 and the budget allocations proposed, the budget would be used to achieve a range of objectives across several plans within the Council including the ambitions expressed within the Community and Corporate Plan and related strategies.

The Cabinet published its budget proposals on 2 December 2025 and commenced a period of consultation that ran until 18 January 2026. Feedback had been received from members of the public as well as from the Overview and Scrutiny Board who considered the draft budget proposals in December 2025. The provisional Local Government Finance Settlement was received on 17 December 2025, part way through the consultation period, and the Overview and Scrutiny Board subsequently received an update on the material changes to funding and resource assumptions on 7 January 2026. The Final funding Settlement was received on 9 February 2026.

The Cabinet's revised budget proposals, take into account changes announced within the Settlement and consultation feedback. At the meeting, Councillor Tyerman proposed and Councillor David Thomas seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes

Does the call-in procedure apply?

No

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Record of Decisions

Annual Pay Policy and Pension Discretions (LGPS)

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 17 February 2026.

Decision

That Council be recommended:

1. that the Annual Pay Policy Statement 2026/27 as set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report is approved; and
2. that the Employers Pensions Discretions as set out at Appendix 2 to the submitted report is approved.

Reason for the Decision

To ensure that the Council is compliant with Section 38 (1) of the Localism Act 2011 by the approval of the Annual Pay Policy Statement 2026/27 and that the Employers Pensions Discretions be reviewed and approved by the Council annually in line with the LGPS regulations.

Implementation

The decisions above will be considered at the Council meeting on 26 February 2026.

Information

Section 38 (1) of the Localism Act 2011 requires English and Welsh Authorities to produce a pay policy statement for each financial year. The pay policy statement draws together the Council's overarching policies on pay and conditions and will be published on the Council's Website.

Furthermore, under the current Pensions Regulations, Torbay Council is able to exercise a range of discretions in regard to how the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) is applied to its employees who are members of the Scheme.

At the Cabinet meeting, Councillor Jackie Thomas proposed and Councillor Tyerman seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

There were no alternative options considered.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes

Does the call-in procedure apply?

No

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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