

PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held in the Town Hall, Morecambe, at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 25 February 2026, when the following Members were present:-

Margaret Pattison (Mayor)	John Hanson (Deputy Mayor)
Joanne Ainscough	Catherine Armistead
Mandy Bannon	Matthew Black
Phillip Black	Martin Bottoms
Louise Belcher	Gerry Blaikie
Phil Bradley	Dave Brookes
Keith Budden	Roger Cleet
Ruth Colbridge	Wilson Colley
Brett Cooper	Claire Cozler
Maria Deery	Roger Dennison
Gina Dowding	Tom Fish
Andrew Gardiner	Martin Gawith
Alan Greenwell	Tim Hamilton-Cox
Chris Hanna	Prof Chris Harris
Paul Hart	Colin Hartley
Ross Hunter	Caroline Jackson
Peter Jackson	Jack Lenox
John Livermore	Sally Maddocks
Sarah McGowan	Abi Mills
Hamish Mills	Paul Newton
Andrew Otway	Sue Penney
Catherine Potter	Joyce Pritchard
Sarah Punshon	Robert Redfern
Sam Riches	James Sommerville
Jackson Stubbs	Paul Stubbins
Sue Tyldesley	Paul Tynan
David Whitaker	John Wild
Nick Wilkinson	Jason Wood

110 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Suhir Abuhajar, Kate Knight, Izzy Metcalf-Riener, Jean Parr and Sandra Thornberry.

111 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2026 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were advised that the Monitoring Officer had granted a dispensation under the Localism Act 2011 to Councillor Bannon to allow her to participate and vote in the Budget despite having a DPI by virtue of her employment by Citizens Advice.

113 ANNOUNCEMENT - HONORARY ALDERMAN MIKE GREENALL

The Mayor reported the sad death of Honorary Alderman Mike Greenall on 12th February 2026. Mike was elected in 1999 and was Mayor in 2021-22. Mike's funeral would be held on 2nd March at 2.30pm at Lancaster and Morecambe Crematorium.

114 ANNOUNCEMENT - HONORARY ALDERMAN JEAN YATES

The Mayor asked Councillors to remember Honorary Alderman Jean Yates who passed away on 20th February 2026. Jean was both a City and County Councillor who served as Mayor in 1994-95 and was awarded an MBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours list in 2016. Her funeral was being held on 13th March at 2.30pm at Lancaster and Morecambe crematorium.

115 ANNOUNCEMENT - FORMER COUNCILLOR RICHARD ROLLINS

The Mayor informed the Councillors of the passing of former Councillor Richard Rollins who was a City Councillor for four years from 2011.

Members stood in a minute's silence in their memory.

116 ANNOUNCEMENT - MAYOR'S CABARET EVENING

The Mayor advised the meeting that tickets were still available for the Cabaret Evening at the Mazuma Stadium on 7th March at 7pm.

117 ANNOUNCEMENT - RECORDED VOTE

The Mayor announced that in compliance with the law and Council Procedure Rule 19.7 from the City Council Constitution a recorded vote would be taken on budget decisions.

118 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11

The Mayor advised that no questions had been received from members of the public in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 11.

119 PETITIONS AND ADDRESSES

The Mayor informed Members that no petitions or requests to address Council had been received from members of the public.

120 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader presented her report updating Members on various issues since her last report to Council. She then responded to a number of questions from Councillors.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

121 BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK 2026/27 - 2030/31

The Mayor reminded Council that this item would require a recorded vote on the budget decisions and that, whilst the report itself was public, appendices C1 and C2 were exempt from publication. Any discussions on those appendices would require Council to consider excluding the press and public from the Chamber.

Councillor Hamilton-Cox, Cabinet Member with particular responsibility for Finance and Property, introduced a report presenting Cabinet's final budget proposals in order that the Council could complete its revenue budget setting for 2026/27. He thanked the Chief Finance Officer and his staff for the work put into the budget preparation.

Councillor Hamilton-Cox took questions from Councillors and advised he would provide a written response to Councillor Gardiner's question regarding commercial assets and any loans being paid on these.

Councillor Hamilton-Cox then proposed:

"That recommendations (1) to (3), as set out in the report, be moved."

Councillor Bottoms seconded the proposal with an amendment *'to reduce the amount being transferred to the internal LGR reserve of £460K by £35K to £425K to allow for a fund for small festivals with individual applications accepted capped at £5K . Allocation decisions would be delegated to the portfolio holder and officers in consultation with the Leader.'*

Councillor Phillip Black raised a point of order and questioned whether under the constitution any amendments could be brought to the budget during the meeting although if deemed necessary any variation could be brought to a subsequent meeting. The Monitoring officer confirmed that Councillor Black was correct and Councillor Bottoms withdrew the amendment.

Councillor Hamish Mills then seconded Councillor Hamilton-Cox's proposal.

It was noted that recommendations (1) to (3) were subject to a recorded vote. Recommendations (4) & (5) of the report were simply for noting.

A debate on the budget proposals followed before a recorded vote was taken on recommendations (1) to (3):

For the proposition: Councillors, Bannon, Blaikie, Bottoms, Brookes, Colley, Deery, Dennison, Dowding, Fish, Greenwell, Hamilton-Cox, Hart, Hunter, Jackson (Caroline), Jackson (Peter), Lenox, Livermore, Maddocks, McGowan, Mills (Abi), Mills (Hamish), Otway, Pritchard, Punshon, Riches, Sommerville, Stubbins, Tyldesley, Tynan and Wilkinson.(30).

Against the proposition: Councillors Budden, Gardiner, Newton and Wild. (4).

Abstentions: Councillors Ainscough, Armistead, Belcher, Black (Matthew)Black, (Phillip), Bradley, Cleet, Colbridge, Cozler, Gawith, Hanna, Hanson, Harris, Hartley, Pattison, Penney, Potter, Redfern, Stubbs, Whitaker and Wood (21).

Resolved:

- (1) That the General Fund Revenue Budget of £27.833M for 2026/27 be approved, resulting in a Council Tax Requirement of £11.931M, excluding parish precepts, and a Band D basic City Council Tax rate of £272.20
- (2) That the supporting General Fund Revenue Budget proposals be approved, as summarised at Appendices A, C, C1 and C2 to the report.
- (3) That the budget transfer (virements and carry forwards) limits be approved as set out in Appendix E to the report.
- (4) That Council notes Cabinets authorisation for the use of the General Fund Unallocated Reserve to fund the £0.831M contribution required to the Lancashire Local Government Reorganisation Transition Fund.
- (5) That Cabinet notes the Section 151 Officer's advice regarding robustness of budget estimates, the adequacy of reserves and balances, specifically the advice that the minimum level of balances be retained at £5.0M, to provide for added uncertainty.

122 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET FRAMEWORK 2026 TO 2031

Councillor Caroline Jackson, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member with particular responsibility for Housing and Homelessness, advised the meeting that Councillor Hamilton-Cox would present the report for 2026/27 to 2031. Councillor Hamilton-Cox confirmed that Councillor Caroline Jackson would respond to any qualitative questions. The report presented Cabinet's final budget proposals in relation to the Housing Revenue Account to allow the Council to complete its budget setting for 2026/27 and update its financial strategy to 2031.

Councillor Hamilton-Cox responded to questions and confirmed that written responses would be provided to Councillor Maddocks's question on depreciation and to Councillor Gardiner's question on formula rents and these answers would be circulated to all members.

Councillor Hamilton-Cox proposed, seconded by Councillor Caroline Jackson:

"That recommendation (2) to (4) as set out in the report, be approved."

Recommendations (1) and (5) of the report were simply for noting.

Following an animated debate a recorded vote was taken in relation to recommendations

(2) to (4), in accordance with regulations and the Council's Constitution.

For the proposition: Councillors Bannon, Blaikie, Bottoms, Brookes, Budden, Colley, Cooper, Deery, Dennison, Dowding, Fish, Gardiner, Greenwell, Hamilton-Cox, Hart, Hunter, Jackson (Caroline), Jackson (Peter), Lenox, Livermore, Maddocks, McGowan, Mills (Abi), Mills (Hamish), Newton, Otway, Pritchard, Punshon, Riches, Sommerville, Stubbins, Tyldesley, Tynan, Wild and Wilkinson.(35).

Against the proposition: None.

Abstentions: Councillors Ainscough, Armistead, Belcher, Black (Matthew) Black (Phillip), Bradley, Cleet, Colbridge, Cozler, Gawith, Hanna, Hanson, Harris, Hartley, Pattison, Penney, Potter, Redfern, Stubbs, Whitaker and Wood. (21).

Resolved unanimously:

- (1) That Cabinet's recommendation to approve the council housing rent levels for 2026/27, as set out in accordance with statutory requirements, be noted.
- (2) That the Housing Revenue Account budgets and future years' projections be approved, as set out in Appendix A to the report.
- (3) That the Council Housing Capital Programme be approved, as set out in Appendix B to the report.
- (4) That the minimum level of HRA unallocated balances be retained at £750,000 from 01 April 2026, and that the full Statement on Reserves and Balances as set out at Appendix C to the report be approved.
- (5) That Council notes the Section 151 Officer's advice regarding robustness of budget estimates, the adequacy of reserves and balances and the affordability of borrowing.

At this point the Mayor advised the meeting of a revision to the order of the agenda and that the MTFS item would now be tabled after the Treasury Management report.

123 FLEXIBLE USE OF CAPITAL RECEIPTS 2026 - 27

Councillor Hamilton-Cox presented a report of Cabinet, explaining that statutory guidance from the Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC) and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) had enabled local authorities to make flexible use of capital receipts to fund projects which were likely to generate savings to the authority and / or other public bodies.

To make use of this provision, authorities had to submit a Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy to the Secretary of State, setting out how the provision would be applied in the next financial year.

The report proposed a Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy for 2026-27 to complement the ongoing Council's Outcomes-Based Resourcing programme – Fit for the Future.

Councillor Hamilton-Cox responded to questions and confirmed that a written response would be provided to Councillor Phillip Black's question on how the fund had been used in previous years.

Councillor Hamilton-Cox proposed the recommendation as set out in the report:

Councillor Bottoms seconded the proposition. A short debate followed before a vote was taken and the proposition was carried unanimously.

Resolved unanimously:

That Full Council approves the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2026/27 set out in the report, in accordance with the relevant statutory guidance.

124 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2026/27 - 2035/36 & CAPITAL STRATEGY (INVESTED IN THE FUTURE)

Councillor Hamilton-Cox presented the General Fund Capital Programme report for 2026/27 - 2035/36. The report presented Cabinet's final budget proposals to allow Council to approve a General Fund Capital Programme for 2026/27 to 2035/36 and a Capital Strategy as required by regulations.

Councillor Hamilton-Cox responded to questions from Councillors.

Councillor Hamilton-Cox, seconded by Councillor Bottoms, proposed the recommendations as set out in the report.

There was no debate and the proposition was clearly carried when put to the vote.

Resolved unanimously:

That Council notes the report and approves the following:

- (1) That the General Fund Capital Programme as set out at Appendix A, be approved subject to recommendation 2 below
- (2) That the Capital Strategy (Incorporating the Capital Investment Strategy: Investing in the Future) as set out at Appendix B, be approved

The meeting adjourned at 8pm for a comfort break and reconvened at 8.09pm.

125 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2026/27

The Treasury Management Strategy was presented to Council by Councillor Hamilton-Cox. The report set out the 2026/27 framework for Council's approval.

There were no questions. Councillor Hamilton-Cox proposed the recommendations set out in the report, seconded by Councillor Bottoms.

There was a short debate on the proposition, which was clearly carried when put to the vote.

Resolved:

That the Council notes the report and approves:

- (1) The Treasury Management Strategy 2026/27, Appendices A to C specifically the Council's The Authorised Limit for External Debt (section 4.7)

126 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2025/26 - 2029/30

Councillor Hamilton-Cox provided an update on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) forecasts for 2026/27 to 2030/31. There were no questions.

Councillor Hamilton-Cox proposed recommendation (2) of the report, seconded by Councillor Bottoms.

After a brief debate the proposition was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved unanimously:

- (1) That the updated position regarding the production of the consolidated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as set out in the report be noted.
- (2) That delegated authority be given to the Portfolio Holder and Chief Finance Officer to undertake any required amendments to reflect minor additional content and/ or presentational adjustments.

127 COUNCIL TAX 2026/27

Councillor considered a report of the council tax rates for the district for the year 2026/27. There were no questions.

Councillor Hamilton-Cox proposed the recommendations as set out in the report, seconded by Councillor Bottoms.

The item required a recorded vote:

For the proposition: Armistead, Bannon, Belcher, Black (Matthew), Black (Phillip), Blaikie, Bottoms, Brookes, Budden, Cleet, Colbridge, Colley, Cozler, Deery, Dowding, Fish, Gardiner, Gawith, Greenwell, Hamilton-Cox, Hanna, Hanson, Harris, Hart, Hartley, Jackson (Caroline), Jackson (Peter), Lenox, Livermore, Maddocks, McGowan, Mills (Abi), Mills (Hamish), Newton, Otway, Pattison, Penney, Potter, Pritchard, Riches, Sommerville, Stubbins, Stubbs, Tyldesley, Tynan, Whitaker, Wild, Wilkinson and Wood.(49).

Against the proposition: Bradley (1)

Abstentions: None.

Resolved:

- (1) That it be noted that, under delegated powers in accordance with section 84 of the Local Government Act 2003, the following amounts have been calculated for the year 2026/27, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended) made under section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the "Act"):
 - (a) 43,832.69 being the amount of its council tax base for the whole district [item T in the formula in section 31B of the Act];
 - (b) 18,007.60 being the amount of its council tax base for the non-parished part of

the district; and

(c)

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Tax Base</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Tax Base</i>
Aldcliffe with Stodday	151.70	Nether Kellet	291.56
Arkholme-with-Cawood	175.80	Over Kellet	413.33
Bolton-le-Sands	1,704.93	Over Wyresdale	131.32
Borwick	94.29	Overton	385.53
Burrow-with-Burrow	116.20	Priest Hutton	96.60
Cantsfield	64.42	Quernmore	251.91
Carnforth	1,828.98	Roeburndale	21.33
Caton-with-Littledale	1,138.55	Scotforth	167.92
Cloughton	52.25	Silverdale	859.22
Cockerham	309.95	Slyne-with-Hest	1,332.66
Ellel	1,181.86	Tatham	214.35
Gressingham	84.54	Thurnham	248.62
Halton-with-Aughton	1,188.41	Tunstall	65.26
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	663.64	Warton	909.41
Hornby-with-Farleton	358.15	Wennington	63.21
Ireby and Leck	115.81	Whittington	186.40
Melling-with-Wrayton	150.08	Wray-with-Botton	216.30
Middleton	239.61	The Yealands	271.57
Morecambe Town Council	10,079.42		

being the amounts of its council tax base for each parish within the district.

- (2) That in accordance with section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, it be noted that there are no expenses to be treated as the City Council's special expenses.
- (3) That the following amounts be now calculated by the City Council for the year 2026/27 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act, as amended by the Localism Act 2011:
- (a) £139,350,849.82 being the aggregate of the amounts which the City Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by parish councils;
 - (b) £125,573,457.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the City Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;
 - (c) £13,777,392.82 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the City Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year. [Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act];
 - (d) All town and parish councils have notified Lancaster of their precept requirement for 2026-27. The resulting aggregate amount of all special items (parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act is £1,846,049.82;
 - (e) £11,931,343.00 being the council tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2026/27 (excluding parish precepts);
 - (f) £314.32 being the amount at 3(c) above [Item R], all divided by the amount at 1(a) above [Item T], calculated by the City Council, in accordance with section

31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year (including parish precepts);

- (g) £272.20 being the amount at 3(f) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(d) above by the amount at 1(a) above, calculated by the City Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its district to which no parish precept relates.
- (h)

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Tax Rate £</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Tax Rate £</i>
Aldcliffe with Stodday	312.08	Nether Kellet	324.47
Arkholme-with-Cawood	295.49	Over Kellet	298.81
Bolton-le-Sands	302.22	Over Wyresdale	284.38
Borwick	285.46	Overton	302.02
Burrow-with-Burrow	291.13	Priest Hutton	303.26
Cantsfield	272.20	Quernmore	294.67
Carnforth	377.72	Roeburndale	272.20
Caton-with-Littledale	311.51	Scotforth	292.69
Cloughton	272.20	Silverdale	362.36
Cockerham	328.75	Slyne-with-Hest	328.52
Ellel	306.42	Tatham	300.95
Gressingham	321.29	Thurnham	299.15
Halton-with-Aughton	323.38	Tunstall	341.92
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	292.04	Warton	298.00
Hornby-with-Farleton	325.93	Wennington	667.31
Ireby and Leck	346.32	Whittington	308.79
Melling-with-Wrayton	375.05	Wray-with-Botton	324.95
Middleton	342.84	The Yealands	310.50
Morecambe Town Council	376.25		

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(g) above the amounts of the parish precepts relating to dwellings in those parts of the district mentioned above, divided in each case by the relevant amount at 1(c) above, calculated by the City Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the district to which parish precepts relate.

- (i) VALUATION BANDS

Area	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Non Parished Area	181.47	211.71	241.96	272.20	332.69	393.18	453.67	544.40
Aldcliffe-with-Stodday	208.05	242.73	277.40	312.08	381.43	450.78	520.13	624.16
Arkholme-with-Cawood	196.99	229.83	262.66	295.49	361.15	426.82	492.48	590.98
Bolton-le-Sands	201.48	235.06	268.64	302.22	369.38	436.54	503.70	604.44
Borwick	190.31	222.02	253.74	285.46	348.90	412.33	475.77	570.92
Burrow-with-Burrow	194.09	226.43	258.78	291.13	355.83	420.52	485.22	582.26
Cantsfield	181.47	211.71	241.96	272.20	332.69	393.18	453.67	544.40
Carnforth	251.81	293.78	335.75	377.72	461.66	545.60	629.53	755.44
Caton-with-Littledale	207.67	242.29	276.90	311.51	380.73	449.96	519.18	623.02
Claughton	181.47	211.71	241.96	272.20	332.69	393.18	453.67	544.40
Cockerham	219.17	255.69	292.22	328.75	401.81	474.86	547.92	657.50
Ellel	204.28	238.33	272.37	306.42	374.51	442.61	510.70	612.84
Gressingham	214.19	249.89	285.59	321.29	392.69	464.09	535.48	642.58
Halton-with-Aughton	215.59	251.52	287.45	323.38	395.24	467.10	538.97	646.76
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	194.69	227.14	259.59	292.04	356.94	421.84	486.73	584.08
Hornby-with-Farleton	217.29	253.50	289.72	325.93	398.36	470.79	543.22	651.86
Ireby and Leck	230.88	269.36	307.84	346.32	423.28	500.24	577.20	692.64
Melling-with-Wrayton	250.03	291.71	333.38	375.05	458.39	541.74	625.08	750.10
Middleton	228.56	266.65	304.75	342.84	419.03	495.21	571.40	685.68
Morecambe Town Council	250.83	292.64	334.44	376.25	459.86	543.47	627.08	752.50
Nether Kellet	216.31	252.37	288.42	324.47	396.57	468.68	540.78	648.94
Over Kellet	199.21	232.41	265.61	298.81	365.21	431.61	498.02	597.62
Over Wyresdale	189.59	221.18	252.78	284.38	347.58	410.77	473.97	568.76
Overton	201.35	234.90	268.46	302.02	369.14	436.25	503.37	604.04
Priest Hutton	202.17	235.87	269.56	303.26	370.65	438.04	505.43	606.52
Quernmore	196.45	229.19	261.93	294.67	360.15	425.63	491.12	589.34
Roeburndale	181.47	211.71	241.96	272.20	332.69	393.18	453.67	544.40
Scottforth	195.13	227.65	260.17	292.69	357.73	422.77	487.82	585.38
Silverdale	241.57	281.84	322.10	362.36	442.88	523.41	603.93	724.72
Slyne-with-Hest	219.01	255.52	292.02	328.52	401.52	474.53	547.53	657.04
Tatham	200.63	234.07	267.51	300.95	367.83	434.71	501.58	601.90
Thurnham	199.43	232.67	265.91	299.15	365.63	432.11	498.58	598.30
Tunstall	227.95	265.94	303.93	341.92	417.90	493.88	569.87	683.84
Warton	198.67	231.78	264.89	298.00	364.22	430.44	496.67	596.00
Wennington	444.87	519.02	593.16	667.31	815.60	963.89	1,112.18	1,334.62
Whittington	205.86	240.17	274.48	308.79	377.41	446.03	514.65	617.58
Wray-with-Botton	216.63	252.74	288.84	324.95	397.16	469.37	541.58	649.90
The Yealands	207.00	241.50	276.00	310.50	379.50	448.50	517.50	621.00

being the amounts given by multiplying the relevant amounts at 3(g) or 3(h) 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 number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the City Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- (4) It is noted that Lancashire County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and the Lancashire Fire Authority have issued precepts to the City Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each category of the dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the following table for the year 2026/27.

Valuation Band	Lancashire County Council	Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire	Lancashire Fire Authority
	£	£	£
A	1,201.17	194.93	63.15
B	1,401.36	227.42	73.68
C	1,601.56	259.91	84.20
D	1,801.75	292.40	94.73
E	2,202.14	357.38	115.78
F	2,602.53	422.36	136.83
G	3,002.92	487.33	157.88
H	3,603.50	584.80	189.46

- (5) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(i) and 4 above, the City Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of council tax for 2026/27 for each part of its area for each of the categories of dwellings.

Area	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£							
Non Parished Area	1,640.72	1,914.17	2,187.63	2,461.08	3,007.99	3,554.90	4,101.80	4,922.16
Aldcliffe-with-Stodday	1,667.30	1,945.19	2,223.07	2,500.96	3,056.73	3,612.50	4,168.26	5,001.92
Arkholme-with-Cawood	1,656.24	1,932.29	2,208.33	2,484.37	3,036.45	3,588.54	4,140.61	4,968.74
Bolton-le-Sands	1,660.73	1,937.52	2,214.31	2,491.10	3,044.68	3,598.26	4,151.83	4,982.20
Borwick	1,649.56	1,924.48	2,199.41	2,474.34	3,024.20	3,574.05	4,123.90	4,948.68
Burrow-with-Burrow	1,653.34	1,928.89	2,204.45	2,480.01	3,031.13	3,582.24	4,133.35	4,960.02
Cantsfield	1,640.72	1,914.17	2,187.63	2,461.08	3,007.99	3,554.90	4,101.80	4,922.16
Carnforth	1,711.06	1,996.24	2,281.42	2,566.60	3,136.96	3,707.32	4,277.66	5,133.20
Caton-with-Littledale	1,666.92	1,944.75	2,222.57	2,500.39	3,056.03	3,611.68	4,167.31	5,000.78
Claughton	1,640.72	1,914.17	2,187.63	2,461.08	3,007.99	3,554.90	4,101.80	4,922.16
Cockerham	1,678.42	1,958.15	2,237.89	2,517.63	3,077.11	3,636.58	4,196.05	5,035.26
Ellel	1,663.53	1,940.79	2,218.04	2,495.30	3,049.81	3,604.33	4,158.83	4,990.60
Gressingham	1,673.44	1,952.35	2,231.26	2,510.17	3,067.99	3,625.81	4,183.61	5,020.34
Halton-with-Aughton	1,674.84	1,953.98	2,233.12	2,512.26	3,070.54	3,628.82	4,187.10	5,024.52
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	1,653.94	1,929.60	2,205.26	2,480.92	3,032.24	3,583.56	4,134.86	4,961.84
Hornby-with-Farleton	1,676.54	1,955.96	2,235.39	2,514.81	3,073.66	3,632.51	4,191.35	5,029.62
Ireby and Leck	1,690.13	1,971.82	2,253.51	2,535.20	3,098.58	3,661.96	4,225.33	5,070.40
Melling-with-Wrayton	1,709.28	1,994.17	2,279.05	2,563.93	3,133.69	3,703.46	4,273.21	5,127.86
Middleton	1,687.81	1,969.11	2,250.42	2,531.72	3,094.33	3,656.93	4,219.53	5,063.44
Morecambe Town Council	1,710.08	1,995.10	2,280.11	2,565.13	3,135.16	3,705.19	4,275.21	5,130.26
Nether Kellet	1,675.56	1,954.83	2,234.09	2,513.35	3,071.87	3,630.40	4,188.91	5,026.70
Over Kellet	1,658.46	1,934.87	2,211.28	2,487.69	3,040.51	3,593.33	4,146.15	4,975.38
Over Wyresdale	1,648.84	1,923.64	2,198.45	2,473.26	3,022.88	3,572.49	4,122.10	4,946.52
Overton	1,660.60	1,937.36	2,214.13	2,490.90	3,044.44	3,597.97	4,151.50	4,981.80
Priest Hutton	1,661.42	1,938.33	2,215.23	2,492.14	3,045.95	3,599.76	4,153.56	4,984.28
Quernmore	1,655.70	1,931.65	2,207.60	2,483.55	3,035.45	3,587.35	4,139.25	4,967.10
Roeburndale	1,640.72	1,914.17	2,187.63	2,461.08	3,007.99	3,554.90	4,101.80	4,922.16
Scotforth	1,654.38	1,930.11	2,205.84	2,481.57	3,033.03	3,584.49	4,135.95	4,963.14
Silverdale	1,700.82	1,984.30	2,267.77	2,551.24	3,118.18	3,685.13	4,252.06	5,102.48
Slyne-with-Hest	1,678.26	1,957.98	2,237.69	2,517.40	3,076.82	3,636.25	4,195.66	5,034.80
Tatham	1,659.88	1,936.53	2,213.18	2,489.83	3,043.13	3,596.43	4,149.71	4,979.66
Thurnham	1,658.68	1,935.13	2,211.58	2,488.03	3,040.93	3,593.83	4,146.71	4,976.06
Tunstall	1,687.20	1,968.40	2,249.60	2,530.80	3,093.20	3,655.60	4,218.00	5,061.60
Warton	1,657.92	1,934.24	2,210.56	2,486.88	3,039.52	3,592.16	4,144.80	4,973.76
Wennington	1,904.12	2,221.48	2,538.83	2,856.19	3,490.90	4,125.61	4,760.31	5,712.38
Whittington	1,665.11	1,942.63	2,220.15	2,497.67	3,052.71	3,607.75	4,162.78	4,995.34
Wray-with-Botton	1,675.88	1,955.20	2,234.51	2,513.83	3,072.46	3,631.09	4,189.71	5,027.66
The Yealands	1,666.25	1,943.96	2,221.67	2,499.38	3,054.80	3,610.22	4,165.63	4,998.76

- (6) That it be determined that the City Council's basic amount of council tax for 2026/27 is not excessive, when compared with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of

the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011), and therefore the City Council is not required to hold a local referendum.

128 APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

No changes to committee memberships were reported.

129 QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12

The Mayor advised that 2 questions had been received by the Chief Executive in accordance with Council Procedure Rules. Both questions had been raised by Councillor Wilkinson to Councillor Bottoms with regard to car parking.

Details of the question and answer together with any supplementary questions and responses are appended to the minutes.

130 MINUTES OF CABINET

Council considered the Cabinet minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2026.

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Mayor

(The meeting finished at 8.33 p.m.)

**Any queries regarding these Minutes,
please contact Democratic Support - email democracy@lancaster.gov.uk**

Questions from Councillor Nick Wilkinson to Councillor Martin Bottoms**Question 1**

ANPR cameras are now installed in the Lancaster car parks. One of the key aims of the cameras was to reduce air pollution and congestion by giving real time data to people visiting the city so they could more easily find a parking space. What is the go live date for the public facing app/web page for the real time parking availability information?

Councillor Bottoms responded:

Parking services are working closely with ICT and the ANPR contractor to provide this information as soon as possible. There are some IT technical matters to resolve before this can be done. At present we do not have a firm timescale for placing any occupancy data from the ANPR system onto the parking page or app. This is however a priority for the work of Parking Services, IT and the provider and we will provide an update on this when timeframes are firmed up.

Supplementary question by Councillor Wilkinson:

Could I ask for a firm go live date from officers in writing.

Question 2

The parking data coupled with footfall data is an important economic indicator for Lancaster city centre and very useful for Lancaster bid to have access to. Please can this data be shared monthly with Lancaster bid?

Councillor Bottoms responded:

Parking Service are meeting the BID on Friday this week to demonstrate the system and what its reporting capabilities are. We do need to be careful on sharing information and that any reporting is set at the right level to avoid any risks which come with data sharing. We must also ensure any data we provide is GDPR compliant. Updates will be required to the Privacy Notice on the Parking pages for the website and we must also update the Data Protection Impact Assessment and agree an Information Sharing Agreement with the BID. All of this is in hand.

Supplementary question from Councillor Wilkinson

This data will be publicly available to people via the web page. They will be able to see a snap shot at any point in time on the availability of parking information so GDPR really shouldn't come into this. Could I just have a hard go live date from officers please with regards to when we can get that shared on a regular basis. A written response is fine.