



Dorset Council

Date: Tuesday, 10 February 2026
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

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To consider recommendations from Cabinet.

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Appendix 2

Council tax resolution

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that the council calculated the council tax base 2026/27
 - a) for Dorset Council to be 163,765.1 and that this calculation was carried out in accordance with Regulation 3 of 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)
 - b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relates as set out in Appendix 2(i) column 2 (the tax base for each parish or town council area).
2. That the council tax requirement for the council's own purposes for 2026/27 (excluding parish precepts) is £361,249,434.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2026/27 in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - a) £1,203,026,331 being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) taking into account all precepts issued to it by parish and town councils (gross expenditure including parish precept and contributions to reserves)
 - b) £818,916,122 being the aggregate of amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) (gross income including reserves and government grants to be used to meet gross expenditure)
 - c) £384,110,209 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above, exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its council tax requirement for the year (gross expenditure less gross income)
 - d) £2,345.49 being the amount at 3(c) above, all divided by the amount at 1(a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) as the basic amount of its council tax for the year (including parish and town precepts) (average council tax at band D for the Council including parish and town precepts).
 - e) £22,860,774.95 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per Appendix 2(i), column 1) (parish and town precepts)
 - f) £2,205.90 being the aggregate amount at 3(d) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above, by the amount at 1(a) above, calculated by the 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 area to which no special item relates (the Dorset Council element of the council tax for Band D dwellings)
 - g) The amounts shown at Appendix 2(i) columns 4 to 11, being for each parish or town in the Council's area, the result of dividing the special item at 3(e) by

the amount at 1(b) above, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act as the basic amount of its council tax in those parts of its area to which a special item relates and the categories set out in Section 36 of the Act (town/parish council taxes for each valuation band in each town/parish).

4. That it be noted for the year 2026/27 the Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner and the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of the dwelling shown below:

2026/27	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Police	215.05	250.90	286.74	322.58	394.26	465.95	537.63	645.16
Fire	64.63	75.41	86.18	96.95	118.49	140.04	161.58	193.90

5. The Dorset Council charge includes a precept specifically for Adult Social Care (ASC). This is split as follows:

2026/27	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Core	1230.90	1436.05	1641.20	1846.35	2256.65	2666.95	3077.25	3692.70
ASC	239.70	279.65	319.60	359.55	439.45	519.35	599.25	719.10
Total	1470.60	1715.70	1960.80	2205.90	2696.10	3186.30	3676.50	4411.80

6. That it be noted for the year 2026/27 parish and town councils have stated the amount of precept for Band D properties as set out in Appendix 2(i) column 3, issued to the Council in accordance with Section 41 of the Act (as amended by the Charter Trustees Regulations 1996 and the Localism Act 2011).
7. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Act hereby sets the aggregate amounts in Appendix 2(ii) as the amounts of council tax for 2026/27 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.
8. The Council's basic amount of council tax for 2026/27 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under 52ZB of the Act.