

**STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Wednesday 25 February 2026**

**COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION**

**SETTING THE AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX FOR THE COUNCIL'S AREA**

1. That the following be approved:
  - a. the revised working revenue estimates for the year 2025/26 amounting to £10,585,480 and the revenue estimates for 2026/27 amounting to £13,587,330;
  - b. the contribution to balances totalling £6,053 in 2025/26;
  - c. the contribution to balances totalling £241 in 2026/27.
2. That it be noted that at its meeting on 10 December 2025 the Cabinet calculated the amount of 28,884.5 Band D equivalent properties as its council tax base for the year 2026/27 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by Section 74 of the Localism Act 2011.
3. That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2026/27 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by Section 74 of the Localism Act 2011:
  - a. £91,216,105 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2)(a) to (f) of the Act, less the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3)(a) to (d)
  - b. £83,885,797 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3)(a) to (d) of the Act.
  - c. £7,330,308 Being the amount by which the aggregate at 3a above exceeds the aggregate at 3b above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
  - d. £253.78 Being the amount at 3c divided by the amount at 2 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B (1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year
  - e. Valuation Bands

A	£169.18
B	£197.38

C	£225.58
D	£253.78
E	£310.18
F	£366.57
G	£422.97
H	£507.56

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 3d. 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 D, calculated by the 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. a. That it be noted that for the year 2026/27 Hertfordshire County Council have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

	Basic Amount of Council Tax	Adult Social Care Charge	2026/27 Council Tax
A	£1,030.46	£208.33	£1,238.79
B	£1,202.20	£243.06	£1,445.26
C	£1,373.95	£277.78	£1,651.73
D	£1,545.69	£312.50	£1,858.19
E	£1,889.18	£381.94	£2,271.12
F	£2,232.66	£451.39	£2,684.05
G	£2,576.15	£520.83	£3,096.98
H	£3,091.38	£625.00	£3,716.38

- b. That it be noted that for the year 2026/27 Hertfordshire Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and amended by Section 27 of the Police and Magistrates' Court Act 1994, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

A	£186.67
B	£217.78
C	£248.89
D	£280.00
E	£342.22
F	£404.44
G	£466.67
H	£560.00

5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3e. and 4a. and b. above, the Council in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts for council tax for the year 2026/27 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

A	£1,594.64
B	£1,860.42
C	£2,126.20
D	£2,391.97
E	£2,923.52
F	£3,455.06
G	£3,986.62
H	£4,783.94

6. To determine in accordance with Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2026/27 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3e.