

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL
27 FEBRUARY 2026

COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2026/27

1. It be noted that on 8 December 2025 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base for 2026/27 as follows:
 - (a) for the whole Council area as **45,008.70**
[Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached **Table E** below.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2026/27 (excluding Parish precepts) is £11,347,143.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2026/27 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) £125,995,726 being the aggregate of the amounts which the 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) £114,046,695 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £11,949,031 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. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) £265.48 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
 - (e) £601,888 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached **Table E** below).
 - (f) £252.11 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (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 Parish precept relates.

4. To note that Gloucestershire County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in **Table A** below.
5. To note that the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in **Table A** below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2026/27 for Cheltenham Borough Council, Gloucestershire County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire, for each of the categories of dwellings.

Table A

Council Tax for 2026/27 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£							
Cheltenham Borough Council	168.07	196.09	224.10	252.11	308.13	364.16	420.18	504.22
Gloucestershire County Council	1,175.64	1,371.58	1,567.52	1,763.46	2,155.34	2,547.22	2,939.10	3,526.92
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire	227.05	264.90	302.74	340.58	416.26	491.95	567.63	681.16
Aggregate Council Tax (Excluding Parishes)	1,570.76	1,832.57	2,094.36	2,356.15	2,879.73	3,403.33	3,926.91	4,712.30

Table B

Parish amount of Council Tax for 2026/27 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:5

Part of the Council's area	Valuation Bands							
Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charlton Kings	37.29	43.50	49.72	55.93	68.36	80.79	93.22	111.86
Leckhampton with Warden Hill	26.49	30.90	35.32	39.73	48.56	57.39	66.22	79.46
Prestbury	24.68	28.79	32.91	37.02	45.25	53.47	61.70	74.04
Swindon	12.89	15.03	17.18	19.33	23.63	27.92	32.22	38.66
Up Hatherley	9.79	11.43	13.06	14.69	17.95	21.22	24.48	29.38

Table C

Aggregate of amounts of Council Tax for the year 2026/27 for the Borough of Cheltenham and each Parish, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Part of the Council's area	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Band	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charlton Kings	205.36	239.59	273.82	308.04	376.49	444.95	513.40	616.08
Leckhampton with Warden Hill	194.56	226.99	259.42	291.84	356.69	421.55	486.40	583.68
Prestbury	192.75	224.88	257.01	289.13	353.38	417.63	481.88	578.26
Swindon	180.96	211.12	241.28	271.44	331.76	392.08	452.40	542.88
Up Hatherley	177.86	207.52	237.16	266.80	326.08	385.38	444.66	533.60

Table D

Aggregate of amounts of Council Tax the year 2026/27, for Gloucestershire County Council, The Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire, the Borough of Cheltenham and each Parish, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Part of the Council's area	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Band	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charlton Kings	1,608.05	1,876.07	2,144.08	2,412.08	2,948.09	3,484.12	4,020.13	4,824.16
Leckhampton with Warden Hill	1,597.25	1,863.47	2,129.68	2,395.88	2,928.29	3,460.72	3,993.13	4,791.76
Prestbury	1,595.44	1,861.36	2,127.27	2,393.17	2,924.98	3,456.80	3,988.61	4,786.34
Swindon	1,583.65	1,847.60	2,111.54	2,375.48	2,903.36	3,431.25	3,959.13	4,750.96
Up Hatherley	1,580.55	1,844.00	2,107.42	2,370.84	2,897.68	3,424.55	3,951.39	4,741.68
All other parts of the Council's area	1,570.76	1,832.57	2,094.36	2,356.15	2,879.73	3,403.33	3,926.91	4,712.30

Table E

Parish Council Precepts, Tax Base and Council Tax for 2026/27 and 2025/26:

Parish	2025/26			2026/27			Council Tax Increase/ (decrease)
	Tax Base	Precept £	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base	Precept £	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Charlton Kings	5,049.80	260,263.00	51.54	5,086.00	284,461.00	55.93	8.52%
Leckhampton with Warden Hill	3,523.30	96,505.00	27.39	3,658.90	145,360.00	39.73	45.05%
Prestbury	3,228.20	116,965.00	36.23	3,237.70	119,865.00	37.02	2.18%
Swindon	707.20	13,423.58	18.98	763.80	14,765.94	19.33	1.84%
Up Hatherley	2,549.50	35,700.00	14.00	2,548.60	37,436.00	14.69	4.93%
TOTAL		522,856.58			601,887.94		

6. To note that the relevant basic amount of council tax for the financial year 2026/27, which reflects a 2.99% increase, is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended and the Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2026-27 and, therefore, there is no requirement to hold a referendum.