

Appendix 8

Referendum Calculation 2026/27

	2026/27	2025/26
<b>Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>£124.236m</b>	<b>£116.251m</b>
<b>Divided by Council Tax base</b>	<b>80,163.35</b>	<b>78,754.1</b>
Band D Equivalent Council Tax	<b>£1,549.79</b>	<b>£1476.13</b>
Increase in Band D Council Tax £	<b>73.66</b>	
Increase in Band D Council Tax %	<b>4.99</b>	

**Referendum thresholds for 2026-27 were published alongside the Final Local Government Finance Settlement on 9th February 2026. For 2026-27, the relevant basic amount of council tax of an authority which belongs to the category mentioned in paragraph 2(a) (includes Hackney) is excessive if the authority's relevant basic amount of council tax for 2026-27 is 5% (comprising 2% for expenditure on adult social care, and 3% for other expenditure), or more than 5%, greater than its relevant basic amount of council tax for 2025-26.**

**Hackney has ASC responsibilities and the budget proposals include an increase of 2% for ASC expenditure and 2.99% for all other expenditure and the proposed 4.99% total increase in the Hackney element of the Band D Council Tax for 2026/27 is within the set criteria of not being excessive as set above. The increase will therefore be considered by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities as not excessive and NOT requiring a referendum.**