

17 February 2026
MEETING OF CABINET

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN LEGRYS

Can I ask the Leader why the following publicly announced changes to proposals are not shown:

- 10% Increase car parking charges (to be removed?)
- extension of 'free two hour' parking charge exemption for Money Hill car park (not shown)

RESPONSE FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Government announced details of the final Local Government Finance Settlement for 2026/27 on 9 February 2026. Given the unprecedented and significant changes to the funding formula, and the consequent material impact on the Council's funding position over the medium term, it was agreed that an extraordinary Cabinet meeting should be convened on 17 February 2026 to consider the implications.

While the agenda for the Full Council meeting on 19 February 2026 was issued on 11 February 2026, it was considered more appropriate to await the outcomes of the extraordinary Cabinet meeting on 17 February 2026. Accordingly, it was agreed that an addendum report would be presented to Full Council, incorporating all updates since the budget proposals were considered by Cabinet on 3 February 2026, including both the announcements made at that meeting and the details of the final finance settlement. This approach ensures that Members are presented with a single, consolidated view of all changes affecting the budget proposals.