

COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2026

Present: Councillor R Bullock, Mayor

Councillors: D Bagshaw
P J Bales
L A Ball BEM
M Brown
R Bullock
G Bunn
S Camplin
C Carr
S J Carr
A Cooper
T A Cullen
S Dannheimer
H J Faccio
K A Harlow
S P Jeremiah
A Kingdon
H Land
D L MacRae
R D MacRae
T J Marsh
G Marshall
J W McGrath
W Mee
J M Owen
P J Owen
S Paterson
D D Pringle
M Radulovic MBE
H E Skinner
P A Smith
V C Smith
A W G A Stockwell
C M Tideswell
D K Watts
S Webb
E Williamson
E Winfield
K Woodhead

Prior to the meeting a minute's silence was held following the sad passing of Christine Bonser, a long-standing and much valued employee of the Council.

96 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S A Bagshaw, B C Carr, J Couch, H Crosby, S Kerry and H G Khaled.

97 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

98 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 17 December 2025, 2 January 2026 and 28 January 2026 were confirmed as a correct record.

99 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave a brief résumé of his engagements since the previous Council meeting.

100 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL - PAY AWARD AND REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES

The recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel were debated, including the recommendation for a rise in allowances and that £600 be added to the basic allowance.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. £600 be added to the basic allowance for 2026/27.**
- 2. Members' Allowances be increased by 3% for 2026/27.**

101 PAY POLICY 2026/27

The Council debated the Pay Policy Statement for 2026/27, as required by the Localism Act 2011.

RESOLVED that the Pay Policy Statement 2026/27 be approved.

102 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Members considered the appointments to Committees in accordance with the schedule laid before the meeting.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. Councillors A Cooper and E Winfield be added as substitutes to the Chief Officer Employment Committee.**
- 2. Councillor H Land be added as a substitute to the Chief Officer Employment Committee.**

3. **Councillor D D Pringle replace Councillor J M Owen on the Chief Officer Employment Committee.**
4. **Councillor S J Carr replace E Williamson on the Licensing and Appeals Committee.**

103 APPROVAL OF THE REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS, CAPITAL STRATEGY, TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, INVESTMENTS STRATEGY, GENERAL FUND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR COMMENCING 1 APRIL 2026

The Council debated the capital and revenue budget proposals together with the Capital Strategy, Prudential Indicators, Treasury Management Strategy, Investment Strategy and General Fund Medium Term Financial Strategy and Business Plans.

It was stated that there was a continuing serious economic context for local government but the Council had delivered another “no cuts to jobs and services” budget, which led the way in housing, house building and the environment. The budget would focus on a diverse programme of continued investment in Broxtowe’s town centre regeneration, council house delivery, parks and open spaces, and an exciting cultural offer, which continued to support financial sustainability, and improve the residents and tenants’ lives.

It was proposed by Councillor P J Owen and seconded by D D Pringle that the following amendment be made to the budget.

“The Council shall –

- Reduce the General Fund revenue budget by £205,600 thereby resulting in a 0% increase for the Broxtowe Borough Council element of the Council Tax (a ‘tax freeze’).
- The cost of the tax freeze be funded by an increase in the Council’s employee savings target from the proposed £800k to up to £1.0m with the remaining shortfall being met by an additional withdrawal from General Fund Reserve balances.

The Council is therefore asked to RESOLVE that:

- Resolution 1 bullet point 2 be amended to read ‘The General Fund revenue budgets as submitted be reduced by £200,000 to allow for the additional employee savings target.
- Resolution 1 bullet point 4 be amended to read ‘The Council Tax Requirement for 2026/27, including special expenses (but excluding local precepting requirements), be £7,010,792.
- Resolution 1 bullet point 5 be amended to read ‘An amount of £765,934 be withdrawn from the General Fund reserves and an amount of £439,883 be taken from General Fund earmarked reserves in 2026/27.’
- The figures provided in resolutions 2, 3, 4 and 5 be amended accordingly to reflect the reduction in the Broxtowe Borough Council basic Council Tax amount for a band D property from £198.61 to £192.93.”

The debate on the amendment was had. On being put to the meeting the motion was defeated. The vote was recorded and the voting was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
L A Ball BEM	D Bagshaw	
M Brown	P Bales	
J M Owen	R Bullock	
P J Owen	G Bunn	
D D Pringle	S L Camplin	
A W G A Stockwell	C Carr	
	S J Carr	
	A Cooper	
	T A Cullen	
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	K Woodhead	

The debate progressed on to the original motion. It was noted that the proposed budget included the work on Bramcote Leisure Centre. There were concerns about flooding, Local Government Reorganisation and the Housing Regulator's report. There were also measures to reduce anti-social behaviour through the budget process.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a recorded vote was required. The voting was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
D Bagshaw		L A Ball BEM
P Bales		M Brown
R Bullock		A Kingdon
G Bunn		H Land
S L Camplin		J M Owen
C Carr		P J Owen
S J Carr		D D Pringle
A Cooper		A W G A Stockwell
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RESOLVED that:

1. **The recommendations arising from the Cabinet meeting of 3 February 2026, as set out below, be approved and adopted.**
 - **The Housing Revenue Account budget as submitted be approved.**
 - **The General Fund revenue budgets as submitted be approved.**
 - **The capital submissions and priorities within them be approved and the Interim Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer be authorised to arrange the financing of the Capital Programme as necessary.**
 - **The Council Tax Requirement for 2026/27, including special expenses (but excluding local precepting requirements), be £7,216,416.**
 - **An amount of £760,309 be withdrawn from the General Fund reserves and an amount of £439,883 be taken from General Fund earmarked reserves in 2026/27.**
 - **The Capital Strategy 2026/27 to 2028/29 be approved.**
 - **The Minimum Revenue Provision policy as set out be approved.**
 - **The Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2026/27 to 2028/29 be approved.**
 - **The Investments Strategy 2026/27 to 2028/29 be approved.**
 - **The General Fund Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2029/30 be approved.**

2. It be noted that Cabinet, at its meeting on 27 November 2025, approved the following amounts for the year 2026/27 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012:

(a) 36,201.43 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, as its council tax base for the year.

(b) Part of the Council's area

Parish of Awsworth	629.28
Parish of Brinsley	786.40
Parish of Cossall	237.99
Parish of Eastwood	3,183.61
Parish of Greasley	3,807.97
Parish of Kimberley	1,918.98
Parish of Nuthall	2,284.63
Parish of Stapleford	4,378.60
Parish of Trowell	849.81
Beeston Special Expense Area	17,947.93

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

The amount calculated for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates is 176.23.

3. The following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2026/27 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act) as amended:

(a) £59,572,540 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act.

(b) £51,073,421 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.

(c) £8,499,118 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.

(d) £234.77 being the amount at 3(c) above divided by the amount at 2(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.

(e) £1,309,152 being the aggregate amount of all special items (including parish precepts and special expenses) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.

(f) £198.61 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the amount at 2(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.

(g)	<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	
	Parish of Awsworth	£354.35
	Parish of Brinsley	£320.13
	Parish of Cossall	£261.85
	Parish of Eastwood	£268.62
	Parish of Greasley	£259.56
	Parish of Kimberley	£277.57
	Parish of Nuthall	£253.15
	Parish of Stapleford	£255.70
	Parish of Trowell	£308.04
	Beeston Special Expense Area	£200.08

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Parish of Awsworth	236.23	275.61	314.98	354.35	433.09	511.84	590.58	708.70
Parish of Brinsley	213.42	248.99	284.56	320.13	391.27	462.41	533.55	640.26
Parish of Cossall	174.57	203.66	232.76	261.85	320.04	378.23	436.42	523.70
Parish of Eastwood	179.08	208.93	238.77	268.62	328.31	388.01	447.70	537.24
Parish of Greasley	173.04	201.88	230.72	259.56	317.24	374.92	432.60	519.12
Parish of Kimberley	185.05	215.89	246.73	277.57	339.25	400.93	462.62	555.14
Parish of Nuthall	168.77	196.89	225.02	253.15	309.41	365.66	421.92	506.30
Parish of Stapleford	170.47	198.88	227.29	255.70	312.52	369.34	426.17	511.40
Parish of Trowell	205.36	239.59	273.81	308.04	376.49	444.95	513.40	616.08
Beeston Special Expense Area	133.39	155.62	177.85	200.08	244.54	289.00	333.47	400.16
All other parts of the Council's Area	132.41	154.47	176.54	198.61	242.75	286.88	331.02	397.22

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(f) and 3(g) 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 Band 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. That it be noted for the year 2026/27, the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority, Nottinghamshire County Council and the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner are proposing 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 dwellings shown below:

PRECEPTING AUTHORITY	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Nottinghamshire County Council	1,313.42	1,532.32	1,751.23	1,970.13	2,407.94	2,845.74	3,283.55	3,940.26
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner	207.40	241.97	276.53	311.10	380.23	449.37	518.50	622.20
Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority	68.14	79.50	90.85	102.21	124.92	147.64	170.35	204.42

5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(h) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2026/27 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 £
Parish of Awsworth	1,825.19	2,129.40	2,433.59	2,737.79	3,346.18	3,954.59	4,562.98	5,475.58
Parish of Brinsley	1,802.38	2,102.78	2,403.17	2,703.57	3,304.36	3,905.16	4,505.95	5,407.14
Parish of Cossall	1,763.53	2,057.45	2,351.37	2,645.29	3,233.13	3,820.98	4,408.82	5,290.58
Parish of Eastwood	1,768.04	2,062.72	2,357.38	2,652.06	3,241.40	3,830.76	4,420.10	5,304.12
Parish of Greasley	1,762.00	2,055.67	2,349.33	2,643.00	3,230.33	3,817.67	4,405.00	5,286.00
Parish of Kimberley	1,774.01	2,069.68	2,365.34	2,661.01	3,252.34	3,843.68	4,435.02	5,322.02
Parish of Nuthall	1,757.73	2,050.68	2,343.63	2,636.59	3,222.50	3,808.41	4,394.32	5,273.18
Parish of Stapleford	1,759.43	2,052.67	2,345.90	2,639.14	3,225.61	3,812.09	4,398.57	5,278.28
Parish of Trowell	1,794.32	2,093.38	2,392.42	2,691.48	3,289.58	3,887.70	4,485.80	5,382.96
Beeston Special Expense Area	1,722.35	2,009.41	2,296.46	2,583.52	3,157.63	3,731.75	4,305.87	5,167.04
All other parts of the Council's Area	1,721.37	2,008.26	2,295.15	2,582.05	3,155.84	3,729.63	4,303.42	5,164.10

104 URGENT BUSINESS

The following item of urgent business was submitted by Councillor G Bunn:

This Council notes the appalling state of roads throughout Broxtowe and the lack of on-street parking enforcement when cars park blocking the pavement or parking on double yellow lines, both of which are the responsibility of Nottinghamshire County Council and create a substantial risk to Broxtowe residents' health and safety.

Figures show the percentage of roads managed by Nottinghamshire County Council that they classified as 'should have been considered for maintenance' in the latest figures, showing the scale of the issue and the significantly higher percentages of poor roads in Nottinghamshire compared to the national average

Anecdotal evidence suggests that percentages have increased significantly, with pothole complaints across Broxtowe becoming an almost daily occurrence. This is a significant health and safety issue, both for road users and pedestrians.

This Council acknowledges consistent reductions in local government funding from central government under successive governments since 2010, increasing pressure on services provided by local government and also their reliance on council tax revenue. Central government cut grant funding by 40.1% in real terms between 2009/10 and 2019/20, from £51.8bn to just £31.0bn (2025/26 prices). The proportion of local authorities' income from council tax rose from 34.1% in 2009/10 to 45.6% in 2024/25, from a third to nearly half of their overall income. This is a regressive form of taxation that increases the difficulties faced by low income households and districts with large amounts of lower band housing, making it hardest to support services in the areas of highest need. In Broxtowe, Council tax now makes up nearly 50% of the council's income, with the income received from central grants and business rates (NNDR) having increased by just 2.85% from 2025/26 to 2026/27, below the rate of inflation.

This Council notes, however, that Nottinghamshire County Council has just set their budget increase at 3.99%. In cash terms, this means a Band D property will see the county council tax element rise by £75.59 a year, to £1,970.13. (In contrast, Broxtowe Council has increased their rates by just 2.94%, which for a Band D property is an additional £5.51 for the year. This is expected to lead to additional revenue of £26m for Nottinghamshire County Council in 2026/27.

In total, Nottinghamshire County Council's funding has actually increased by over 31% in 2026/27 compared to 2025/26, due to an extra £160m from central government along with the increase in council tax.

Rather than using this significant uplift to fix the roads, however, as they promised to do if they were elected the Reform-led Nottinghamshire County Council's budget instead proposes a significant £1.7m reduction in the amount spent on road maintenance and renewals:

This Council therefore resolves to:

- Write to Notts County Council to demand that they acknowledge the significant deterioration and its impact and take immediate and comprehensive action to address the state of roads in Broxtowe and across the County.
- Call on Notts County Council to update their Local Highways Maintenance Transparency Report so that residents can clearly see how much money the Council has received for this work, where from, and how it is being spent.
- Call on Notts County Council to reinstate responsive on-street parking enforcement and respond to residents when they report issues in their areas.
- Write to Claire Ward, Mayor of East Midlands, to clarify how much additional funding has been allocated to Nottinghamshire County Council for the purpose of Highway maintenance, how this funding should be spent, and how EMCCA will ensure that these requirements are followed by all local authorities responsible for highways to ensure a rapid improvement in road infrastructure.

On being put to the meeting it was agreed that the item met the criteria for urgent business.

A recorded vote was proposed by Councillor M Radulovic MBE and seconded by at least five other Councillors.

On being put to the meeting the vote was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
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P Bales		
L A Ball BEM		
M Brown		
R Bullock		
G Bunn		
S L Camplin		
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(Councillor S J Carr left the meeting before voting thereon.)