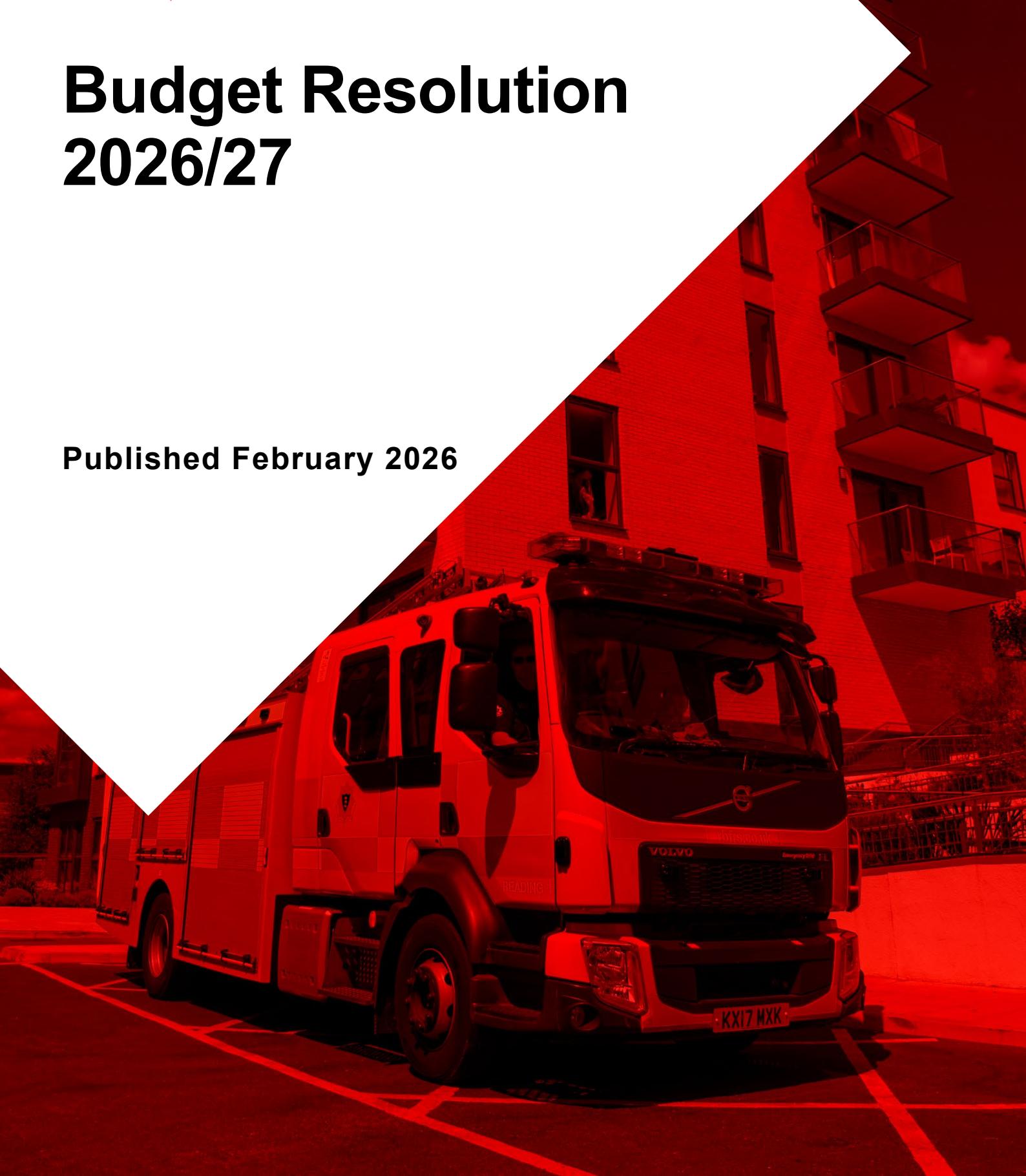




Budget Resolution 2026/27

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Resolution to Increase Band D Precept by £5

- 1 That the Fire Authority RESOLVE, in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended ("the Act"), that the following amounts be now calculated for the year 2026/27.
 - 1a The aggregate council tax base of the six Berkshire unitary authorities has been notified as 375,290.08.
 - 1b £54,992,363.39 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Fire Authority estimates for the items set out in Section 42A (2) (a) to (d) of the Act.
 - 1c £4,381,913.00 being the aggregate of the amounts of income and reserves which the Fire Authority estimates it will receive and use.
 - 1d £50,610,450.39 being the amount by which the aggregate at (1b) above exceeds the aggregate at (1c) above.
 - 1e £16,344,832.00 being the aggregate of the sums which the Fire Authority estimates will be payable for the year in respect of non-domestic rates and general government grants.
 - 1f A deficit of £2,118.82 being the net aggregate of the surpluses and deficits on billing authorities' council tax collection funds to be paid in 2026/27.
 - 1g £34,267,737.21 being the amount at (1d) less the amount at (1e) above, plus the amount at (1f) above, calculated by the Fire Authority in accordance with Section 42A (4) of the Act as its council tax requirement for the year.
 - 1h £91.31 being the amount at (1g) above divided by the aggregate council tax base at (1a) above, calculated by the Fire Authority, in accordance with Section 42B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
 - 1i The Fire Authority, in accordance with Section 40(2) (a) of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts of Council Tax for the year 2026/27 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:



Valuation Band	£
A	60.87
B	71.02
C	81.16
D	91.31
E	111.60
F	131.89
G	152.18
H	182.62

These amounts are the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (1h) 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 Fire Authority, in accordance with Section 47(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.

1j The Fire Authority, in accordance with Section 40(2) (b) of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts payable as precepts by the billing authorities for the year 2026/27:

Authority	CT Base	Precept	CT surplus / (deficit)	Net Yield from Council Tax
Slough	45,166.30	4,124,134.85	-187,083.16	3,937,051.69
Bracknell Forest	51,339.00	4,687,764.09	-41,873.00	4,645,891.09
Wokingham	78,557.77	7,173,109.98	65,090.00	7,238,199.98
RBWM	72,218.63	6,594,283.11	299,699.34	6,893,982.45
Reading	60,353.38	5,510,867.13	-72,591.00	5,438,276.13
West Berks	67,655.00	6,177,578.05	-65,361.00	6,112,217.05
	375,290.08	34,267,737.21	-2,118.82	34,265,618.39

1k The Fire Authority determines that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2026/27 is not excessive.

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