

# General Fund Revenue Budget 2026/27: Proposed Fees and Charges

Fees and Charges are disclosed on a directorate basis as follows:

## Place and Resources Fees & Charges Proposals – 2026/27

### 1. Proposals – Place Directorate

#### 1.1 Development and Housing

##### (1) Housing

Temporary accommodation is charged in line with Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates. LHA rates have been frozen at the 2024/25 level and will continue to be at the 30th percentile of local market rents until at least April 2026.

Properties which are managed under lease agreements for Registered Providers or private landlords are capped at 90% 2011 LHA level, plus a management fee provision of £40pw.

Do It Yourself Shared Ownership (DIYSO) leases will be increased to be consistent with the Social Rent Cap.

The Council also charge for homeless households placed in Bed and Breakfast accommodation. Households will need to claim Housing Benefit or will be charged up to the amount Housing Benefit would pay, if they were eligible. In addition, households will need to pay the ineligible charges, mainly breakfast. These charges are proposed to increase in accordance with inflation for 2025/26.

The Council can assist with providing removals and/or storage for homeless applicants. The full cost of providing this service will be recharged to the client.

The Council provides repairs and maintenance to a small supply of temporary accommodation, including an out-of-hours service. In the event that a tenant or licensee uses the emergency service for a non-emergency repair, or fails to attend an appointment for a contractor to attend to a repair, a charge will be made to the tenant to cover the call-out costs. Where repairs arise as a result of neglect or damage caused by the tenant or licensee, or a member of their household, or a visitor to their home, the full cost of the repair will be recharged to the tenant or licensee.

Housing related support services will be charged at the actual cost of the service received.

The Council charges Registered Providers for advertising properties through its Choice Based Lettings Scheme.

For 2026/27, the Council will charge an agency fee of 12% to any application for grants or loans where these are overseen and managed by the Home Improvement Agency.

	DESCRIPTION	FEE 2025/26	PROPOSED FEE 2026/27	Increase %
	Copy of housing assessment	No Charge	No Charge	
SL	Average rent for temporary accommodation per week	In Line with Local Housing Allowance  Leased accommodation capped at 90% 2011 LHA level	In Line with Local Housing Allowance  Leased accommodation capped at 90% 2011 LHA level	
SD	Secure Tenancies	Social Rent (80% Market)	Social Rent (80% Market)	
SD	Four Houses Corner Pitch Fees	£96	£100 + £5 Service charge	9.4%
SD	Do It Yourself Ownership rent (DIYSO) rent	Social Rent Cap applied to individual contracts	Social Rent Cap applied to individual contracts	
SD	Transport costs to temporary accommodation (TA)	Actual cost	Actual cost	
D	Home Improvement Agency (HIA) fee for private adaption work	12% of total cost of works to eligible clients	12% of total cost of works to eligible clients	
D	Choice Based Letting - Other Registered Providers	£50 per advert placed (billed quarterly in arrears)	£50 per advert placed (billed quarterly in arrears)	
D	Rechargeable repairs - tenant damage	Actual cost	Actual cost	
D	Failed call out charges	Actual cost	Actual cost	
	<b>B&amp;B charging</b>			<b>Increase %</b>
	Ineligible Charges for Bed and Breakfast Accommodation:			
D	Heating, lighting and hot water per week per Family Unit*	£52.82	£55.09	4.3%
D	Breakfast per person, per week	£4.54	£4.73	4.3%
	* Family Units Include: Single person, Couple - no children, Couple with 1-4 children, Single person with 1-4 children.			

## (2) Planning Services

The Planning Service is proposing an uplift of fees and charges by 4.8% in line with budget build guidance for any discretionary fees which can be locally set. For the Planning Application Fee, these are set nationally and are linked to September CPI which was 3.8%.

	2024/25	
	No. Applications	Total Income
Pre-Application Advice	144	£89,206
Planning Application Fees	2,058	£1,101,481
Historic Environment Records	28	£4,325

### a) Pre-Application Advice

The following fees (with the exception of Householder Advice) are for written advice together with a site visit and one meeting. Additional meetings will incur additional charges:

		Fee 25/26 including VAT	Proposed Fee 26/27 including VAT	% Uplift
D	<b>Householder Advice – written advice only</b>  <b>Note:</b> No add-on options are included.	240	£252	5.0%
D	<b>Householder Advice on Listed Buildings - written advice only</b>  <b>Note:</b> No add-on options are included.	n/a	£445	

			Fee 25/26 including VAT	Proposed Fee 26/27 including VAT	% Uplift
D	<b>Pre-application Advice Based on Floorspace</b>  <b>Note: In all cases it is at the discretion of the Planning Service whether to accept a pre-application enquiry, or to enter into a bespoke PPA.</b>	Less than 50 sqm	£300	£314	4.7%
D		51 to 100 sqm	£600	£629	4.8%
D		101 to 200 sqm	£1,200	£1,258	4.8%
D		201 to 500 sqm	£1,500	£1,572	4.8%
D		501 to 1000 sqm	£1,920	£2,012	4.8%
D		1001 to 2000 sqm	£2,640	£3,144	19.1%
D		2001 to 5000 sqm	£3,300	£4,716	42.9%
D		5001 to 10000 sqm	£12,000	£12,576	4.8%
D		10001 to 15000 sqm	£25,080	£26,284	4.8%
D		Over 15001 sqm	£35,040	£36,722	4.8%

			Fee 25/26 including VAT	Proposed Fee 26/27 including VAT	% Uplift
D	<b>Pre-Application Advice Based on Number of Dwellings</b>  <b>Note: In all cases it is at the discretion of the Planning Service whether to accept a pre-application enquiry, or to enter into a bespoke PPA.</b>	First dwelling	£504	£528	4.8%
D		Each Additional dwelling	£354	£371	4.8%

			Fee 25/26 including VAT	Proposed Fee 26/27 including VAT	% Uplift
D	<b>Pre-Application Advice Based on Site Area</b>  <b>Note: In all cases it is at the discretion of the Planning Service whether to accept a pre-application enquiry, or to enter into a bespoke PPA.</b>	Less than 1ha - <b>per 0.1ha</b>	£204	£272 per 0.1ha (with a minimum charge of £445)	33.3%
D		1ha to 3ha	£2,640	£2,767	4.8%
D		3.01ha to 5ha	£6,540	£6,854	4.8%
D		5.01 to 10ha	£13,080	£13,708	4.8%
D		10.01 to 15ha	£25,080	£26,083	4.0%
D		Over 15.01ha	£35,040	£36,722	4.8%

		Fee 2025/26 - Including VAT	Proposed Fee 26/27 including VAT	% Uplift
D	<p><b>Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> If a meeting is required on site, this is at the discretion of the officer and we reserve the right to charge an additional fee.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If new information is presented before the meeting, we reserve the right to charge an additional fee. The submission of new information will need to be agreed before the meeting.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If multiple officers are required to attend, a bespoke fee may be required.</p>	£522	£547	4.8%

**Applicable to All Pre-Application Enquiries:**

- Where a proposal includes development that has different elements that fall into more than one category listed, then the fees for all relevant categories forming the proposal are added together. The adjusted fee will be subject to VAT as set out above.
- If the pre-application contains additional proposed options for consideration by the LPA, then the fee will be as set out above, plus an additional 50% of the fee that would be required as set out above per additional proposal option where development is in the same category. The adjusted fee will be subject to VAT as set out above.
- Further / follow-up advice: this includes subsequent pre-application enquiries of the same character (and/or description) by the same applicant on the same site as a previous paid for pre-application enquiry or planning application and must be submitted within 3 months of the date of the original pre-app response or planning application decision from the LPA. This is charged at 75% of the relevant fee calculated as set out above. The adjusted fee will be subject to VAT as set out above.
- Any fees paid will not be refunded if it is decided by an applicant/agent that the advice is no longer required, even if this has not yet been supplied.

## b) Other Charges

			Proposed Fee 25/26 including VAT	Proposed Fee 26/27 including VAT	% Uplift
D	Discretionary Work	per hour	£174	£182	4.6%
D	Technical Specialist Document Review	per hour	£174	£182	4.6%
D	Duty Planning Officer Advice	Free. Refer to website for full details/limitations of service at:	<a href="https://www.westberks.gov.uk/contact-duty-planning-officer">https://www.westberks.gov.uk/contact-duty-planning-officer</a>		
D	Confirmation of compliance with a S106 / compliance with a notice and solicitor enquiries relating to CIL / S106	per hour	£174	£182	4.6%
D	External Specialist Consultant Advice (This will be required where advice is not available in house)		Price on Application	Price on Application	
D	Monitoring of S106 Agreements / Unilateral Undertakings		Bespoke Fee	Bespoke Fee	
D	Set Up of BNG Habitat Banks / Nutrient Neutrality Mitigation		Bespoke Fee based on document review, site visit and subsequent advice. This is in addition to legal fees.	Bespoke Fee based on document review, site visit and subsequent advice. This is in addition to legal fees.	
D	Monitoring of S106 BNG Habitat Banks / Nutrient Neutrality Mitigation		Bespoke Fee based on habitat size and complexity.	Bespoke Fee based on habitat size and complexity.	
D	Administration charge for submitting applications by post	For non-major applications	£60	£63	5.0%
D		For major applications	£180	£189	5.0%
D	Pre-application enquiry relating to amount of CIL likely to be charged for a development		Bespoke Fee based on discretionary hourly rate	Bespoke Fee based on discretionary hourly rate	
D	Providing archaeological information and advice for agri-environment schemes in line with nationally agreed service standards		Scale of charges, depending on the type of scheme and the area covered, in line with nationally agreed service standards.	Scale of charges, depending on the type of scheme and the area covered, in line with nationally agreed service standards.	
D	Advice which is not covered by any of the above Categories	per hour	£174	£182	4.6%

			<b>FEE 2025/26 - Not subject to VAT</b>	<b>Proposed Fee 26/27 - Not subject to VAT</b>	<b>% Uplift</b>
D	Two Strikes – Invalid submissions (if an application is not validated in two successive submissions)		25% of Application Fee	25% of Application Fee	
D	Charging for invalid applications (that have not been made valid within 28 days)		25% of Application Fee	25% of Application Fee	
D	Making an application to amend, discharge or vary a planning obligation		£1,800 minimum but a bespoke fee will be requested if the work required is considered to go beyond this fee level. This is in addition to legal fees.	£1,886 minimum but a bespoke fee will be requested if the work required is considered to go beyond this fee level. This is in addition to legal fees.	4.8%
D	Administration charge for withdrawing planning applications prior to validation	For householder, advertisement consent and prior notification application	£30	£31	3.3%
D		For all other application types with a planning fee of less than £2,000	£60	£63	5.0%
D		For all other application types with a planning fee of £2,000 or more	£150	£157	4.7%

### **c) Planning Applications**

Planning Application Fees are set centrally by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities department in line with 'The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023' (and any subsequent amendments).

These sums are uplifted annually by a minimum of September CPI. Please refer to this website for the details of scale fees at <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/planningfees>

## d) Archaeology

<b>Searches of the Historic Environment Record</b>				
		<b>FEE 2025/26 - Including VAT</b>	<b>Proposed Fee 26/27 including VAT</b>	<b>% Uplift</b>
D	A4 computer print out (b/w) HER data	£0.16	£0.17	8.7%
D	A4 computer print out (colour) HER data	£0.68	£0.70	3.3%
D	A3 computer print out (b/w) HER data	£0.37	£0.38	4.1%
D	A3 computer print out (colour) HER data	£1.25	£1.31	4.7%

  

		<b>FEE 2025/26 - Not subject to VAT</b>	<b>Proposed Fee 26/27 - Not subject to VAT</b>	<b>% Uplift</b>
D	Research charges for staff time dealing with HER enquiries	£165 per hour with a minimum charge of £100	£173 per hour with a minimum of 1 hours charge	4.8%

## 1.2 Community Services:

### (1) Public Protection Partnership

The Public Protection Partnership (PPP) provides chargeable services on behalf of West Berkshire Council and Bracknell Forest Council. The proposed fees for 2026-27 have been agreed by the Joint Public Protection Committee and the relevant licensing committees of the two councils.

PPP chargeable services can be found in Appendix Giii.

### (2) Registration Services

The registration service fees are allocated based on a cost recovery model, as defined by applicable legislation. Following a review of the costs of delivering the service and a benchmarking exercise with other Local Authorities, the registration fees that are set locally are to be uplifted on average by 4.8%. Registration fees are largely controlled by statute:

2024/25	Total income	Number of Transactions
Licences	£30,617	41
Births, Deaths & Marriages	£566,927	3,897
Celebration	£1,476	61
Citizenship	£23,938	44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£622,958</b>	<b>4,043</b>

			Fee 2025/26 - not subject to VAT	Proposed Fee 2026/27 - not subject to VAT	Increase %
SL	Marriage and Civil Partnership	Notice of Marriage or Civil Partnership	£42	£42	0%
D		Additional fee for Saturday appointment	£31	£33	5.2%
SL	Register Office	Available Wednesday morning. Fee paid at time of notice and includes fee for a certificate	£56	£56	0%
D	Shaw House Ceremony Room - Up to 46 guests	Monday - Thursday	£368	£386	4.8%
		Friday	£389	£408	4.9%
		Saturday	£409	£428	4.7%
		Sunday & Bank Holiday	£509	£533	4.7%

			Fee 2025/26 - not subject to VAT	Proposed Fee 2026/27 - not subject to VAT	Increase %
D	Shaw House Great Hall - Up to 100 guests	Monday - Thursday	£507	£532	4.9%
		Friday	£531	£556	4.7%
		Saturday	£558	£585	4.9%
		Sunday & Bank Holiday	£658	£690	4.9%
D	Small Ceremony Room- up to 8 people		n/a	£170	New
D	Ceremonies at approved premises	Monday - Thursday	£644	£675	4.8%
		Friday	£664	£696	4.8%
		Saturday	£684	£717	4.8%
		Sunday & Bank Holiday	£783	£820	4.7%
D	Additional Ceremony Hall Decoration	Great Hall	£1.00	£2.00	100.0%
	Approved Premise Licence - any number of rooms		£2,836	£2,972	4.8%
D	Private Citizenship ceremony Mon to Sat		£159	£167	5.0%
D	Marriages & Civil Partnerships Booking Fee (non refundable)		£35	£36	3.7%
D	Ceremony Amendment Fee (Change of date/time)		£18	£19	6.0%
D	Additional Registrar Fee	Superintendent Registrar	£21	£22	3.4%
		Registrar	£18	£19	6.0%
D	Marriages & Civil Partnerships Cancellation Fee	More than 4 months before ceremony	Fees refunded minus £132	Fees refunded minus £138	5.1%
		1-4 months before ceremony	50% refund	50% refund	
		Less than 1 month before ceremony	No refund	No refund	
SL	Certificates	All Certificates	£12.50	£12.50	0%
SL		Priority service within 24 hours	£38.50	£38.50	0%

			<b>Fee 2025/26 - including VAT</b>	<b>Proposed Fee 2026/27 - including VAT</b>	<b>Increase %</b>
D	Celebratory Services - Baby Naming/Affirmation of vows - Shaw House	Monday to Friday	£435	£455	4.7%
		Saturday	£551	£577	4.7%
D	Celebratory Services - Baby Naming/Affirmation of vows - At approved premises	Monday - Friday	£517	£542	4.7%
		Saturday	£619	£649	4.8%
		Sunday & Bank Holiday	£694	£728	4.8%
D	Postage 24h tracked		n/a	£4.50	New
D	Internation Postage - Standard		n/a	£5	New
D	Booking fee		n/a	£50	New
D	Admin fee		n/a	£40	New
D	Wedding music Ceremony Room & Great Hall only		n/a	£20	New
D	Wedding live streaming		n/a	£100	New
D	Keepsake DVD		n/a	£100	New

	<b>Additional Fees:</b>	<b>Fee 2025/26 - not subject to VAT</b>	<b>Proposed Fee 2026/27 - not subject to VAT</b>	<b>Increase %</b>
SL	Consideration by a Superintendent Registrar of a divorce/civil partnership dissolution obtained outside of the British Isles	£55	£55	0%
SL	Consideration by the Registrar General of a divorce/civil partnership dissolution obtained outside of the British Isles	£83	£83	0%
SL	Forename added within 12 months of birth registration	£44	£44	0%
SL	Consideration by a Registrar/Superintendent Registrar of a correction application to a register entry	£83	£83	0%
SL	Consideration by the Registrar General of a correction application to a register entry	£99	£99	0%

	<b>Additional Fees:</b>	<b>Fee 2025/26 - not subject to VAT</b>	<b>Proposed Fee 2026/27 - not subject to VAT</b>	<b>Increase %</b>
D	Proof of Life Forms	£25	£26	4.0%

**(3) Shaw House**

As this relates to a discretionary element of the Libraries and Museums service, there is generally no need to undertake a formal consultation on proposed fee changes. This is because the services can be accessed elsewhere.

**(4) West Berkshire Museum**

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### 1.3 Environment

#### 1) Car Park and Public Transport

The Car Park and Public Transport fees and charges have been uplifted to the nearest 10p of the budget build guidance of 4.8%:

<b>Car Parking</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
Total income	£3,584,549
Number of Transactions	9,194

		<b>Fee 2025/26</b>	<b>Proposed Fee 2026/27</b>	<b>% Uplift</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Newbury - Car Park Charges (Monday to Sunday including Bank Holidays):</b>					
A - Central KFC, Central (N) Library, Corn Exchange, Kennet Centre, Pelican Lane, West Street (Monday to Sunday)	Up to 1 hour	£1.70	£1.80	5.88%	Blue Badge Holders: first 3 hours free using a parking clock.
	Up to 2 hours	£3.00	£3.20	6.67%	
	Up to 3 hours	£4.20	£4.50	7.14%	
	Up to 4 hours	£5.50	£5.90	7.27%	
	Up to 6 hours	£7.50	£8.00	6.67%	
	Up to 8 hours	£9.00	£9.60	6.67%	
	Over 8 hours	£13.00	£13.90	6.92%	
	Evening Charge	£2.50	£2.70	8.00%	
B - Eight Bells, Northcroft Lane, Wharf (Monday to Sunday)	Up to 1 hour	£1.70	£1.80	5.88%	
	Up to 2 hours	£3.00	£3.20	6.67%	
	Up to 3 hours	£4.20	£4.50	7.14%	
	Up to 4 hours (max stay)	£5.50	£5.90	7.27%	
	Evening Charge	£2.50	£2.70	8.00%	
C1 - Northbrook Multi-storey (Monday to Sunday)	Up to 1 hour	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%	
	Up to 2 hours	£2.50	£2.70	8.00%	
	Up to 3 hours	£3.50	£3.70	5.71%	
	Up to 4 hours	£4.50	£4.80	6.67%	
	Over 4 hours	£5.50	£5.90	7.27%	
	Evening Charge	£2.50	£2.70	8.00%	
C2 - Northcroft Lane West (Monday to Sunday, 01 October to 31 March) ; Football Club (Monday to Sunday)	Up to 1 hour	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%	
	Up to 2 hours	£2.00	£2.10	5.00%	
	Up to 3 hours	£3.00	£3.20	6.67%	
	Up to 4 hours	£4.00	£4.30	7.50%	
	Over 4 hours	£5.00	£5.40	8.00%	

		Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	% Uplift	Notes
<b>Newbury - Car Park Charges (Monday to Sunday including Bank Holidays):</b>					
E - Northcroft Lane West (Monday to Sunday, 01 April to 30 September)	Up to 2 hours	Free	Free	0.00%	
	Up to 3 hours	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%	
	Up to 4 hours	£2.00	£2.10	5.00%	
	Over 4 hours	£4.00	£4.30	7.50%	
C2 - Football Club (Monday to Sunday)	Up to 1 hour	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%	
	Up to 2 hours	£2.00	£2.10	5.00%	
	Up to 3 hours	£3.00	£3.20	6.67%	
	Up to 4 hours	£4.00	£4.30	7.50%	
	Over 4 hours	£5.00	£5.30	6.00%	
	Evening Charge	£2.50	£2.70	8.00%	
D - Goldwell Park, Northcroft Leisure Centre (Monday to Sunday)	Up to 3 hours	Free	Free	0.00%	
	Up to 4 hours	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%	
	Up to 6 hours (max stay)	£2.00	£2.10	5.00%	
	Evening Charge 7pm (up to 3 hours)	Free	Free	0.00%	
	Evening Charge 7pm (over 3 hours)	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%	
F - Newbury Station (Monday – Friday including bank holidays)	Up to 1 hour	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%	
	Up to 2 hours	£2.00	£2.10	5.00%	
	Up to 3 hours	£3.00	£3.20	6.67%	
	Up to 4 hours	£4.00	£4.30	7.50%	
	Peak daily charge (arrive before 10am) Ticket expires 23:59	£7.30	£8.20	12.33%	
	Off Peak daily charge (arrive after 10am) Ticket expires 23:59	£4.40	£5.30	20.45%	
F - Newbury Station (Saturday & Sunday)	Up to 2 hours	£2.00	£2.10	5.00%	
	Up to 4 hours	£3.50	£3.70	5.71%	
	Daily Charge	£4.40	£5.30	20.45%	

		Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	% Uplift	Notes
<b>Out of Newbury Car Park Charges (Monday to Sunday including Bank Holidays):</b>					
G - Church Street (Hungerford), River Meadow (Pangbourne), Station Road (Pangbourne) (Monday to Sunday)	Up to 1 hour	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	Blue Badge Holders: first 3 hours free using a parking clock.
	Up to 2 hours	£1.50	£1.60	6.7%	
	Up to 3 hours	£2.00	£2.10	5.0%	
	Up to 4 hours	£2.50	£2.70	8.0%	
	Over 4 hours	£6.00	£6.40	6.7%	
	Evening Charge	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
H - Station Road (Hungerford) (Monday to Sunday)	Up to 1 hour	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
	Up to 2 hours	£1.50	£1.60	6.7%	
	Up to 3 hours	£2.00	£2.10	5.0%	
	Up to 4 hours	£2.50	£2.70	8.0%	
	Over 4 hours	£3.00	£3.20	6.7%	
	Evening Charge	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
I - Burdwood Centre (Thatcham) (Monday to Sunday)	Up to 2 hours	Free	Free	0.0%	
	Up to 3 hours	£1.20	£1.30	8.3%	
	Up to 4 hours	£1.60	£1.70	6.2%	
	Over 4 hours	£3.00	£3.20	6.7%	
	Evening Charge	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
J - Gilbert Court (Thatcham) (Monday to Sunday)	Up to 1 hour	Free	Free	0.0%	
	Up to 2 hours	£0.80	£0.90	12.5%	
	Up to 3 hours	£1.20	£1.30	8.3%	
	Up to 4 hours	£1.60	£1.70	6.2%	
	Over 4 hours	£3.00	£3.20	6.7%	
	Evening Charge	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
K - Kingsland Centre (Thatcham) (Monday to Sunday)	Up to 1 hour	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
	Up to 2 hours	£1.50	£1.60	6.7%	
	Up to 3 hours	£2.00	£2.10	5.0%	
	Up to 4 hours	£2.50	£2.70	8.0%	
	Over 4 hours	£3.50	£3.70	5.7%	
	Evening Charge	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
L - Theale Main (Monday to Sunday)	Up to 1 hour	£0.80	£0.90	12.5%	
	Up to 2 hours	£1.20	£1.30	8.3%	
	Up to 3 hours	£1.60	£1.70	6.2%	
	Up to 4 hours	£2.00	£2.10	5.0%	
	Over 4 hours	£3.00	£3.20	6.7%	
	Evening Charge	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	

		Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	% Uplift	Notes
<b>Out of Newbury Car Park Charges (Monday to Sunday including Bank Holidays):</b>					
M - Theale West (Monday to Sunday)	Up to 1 hour	£0.80	£0.90	12.5%	
	Up to 2 hours (max stay)	£1.50	£1.60	6.7%	
	Evening Charge	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
N - High Street (Lambourn) (Monday to Sunday)	Up to 1 hour	Free	Free	0.0%	
	Up to 4 hours	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
	Over 4 hours	£2.00	£2.10	5.0%	
	Evening Charge (up to 1 hour)	Free	Free	0.0%	
	Evening Charge (over 1 hour)	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
O - Station Road (Thatcham) (Monday to Sunday)	After 10am Monday-Friday, and Weekends	£2.20	£2.35	6.8%	
	Before 10am Monday-Friday	£3.60	£3.85	6.9%	
P - Kennet Leisure (Thatcham) (Monday to Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm)	Up to 2 hours	Free	Free	0.0%	
	Up to 3 hours	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
	Over 3 hours	£10.00	£10.70	7.0%	

		Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	% Uplift	Notes
<b>On-street Parking Charges (Monday to Sunday including Bank Holidays):</b>					
OA - Newbury: Bartholomew Street, Broadway, Cheap Street, Northbrook Street	Up to 30 mins	Free	Free	0.0%	
	Up to 1 hour (max stay)	£1.20	£1.30	8.3%	
	Evening Charge	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
OB - Newbury: Kings Road West, Pelican Lane, West Mills	Up to 30 mins	Free	Free	0.0%	
	Up to 1 hour	£1.20	£1.30	8.3%	
	Up to 2 hours (max stay)	£2.20	£2.40	9.1%	
	Evening Charge	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
OC - Newbury: Newtown Road (North)	Up to 30 mins	Free	Free	0.0%	
	Up to 2 hours	£1.20	£1.30	8.3%	
	Up to 4 hours (max stay)	£2.20	£2.40	9.1%	
	Evening Charge	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
OD - Newbury: Newtown Road (South)	Up to 4 hours	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
	Over 4 hours	£1.50	£1.60	6.7%	
	Evening Charge	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
OE - Newbury: Catherine Road, Link Road	Up to 2 hours	£1.20	£1.30	8.3%	
	Up to 4 hours	£2.20	£2.40	9.1%	
	Over 4 hours	£4.00	£4.30	7.5%	
	Evening Charge	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
OE - Newbury: Station Road	Up to 2 hours	£1.20	£1.30	8.3%	
	Up to 4 hours	£2.20	£2.40	9.1%	
	Over 4 hours	£4.00	£4.30	7.5%	
	Evening Charge	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
OF - Newbury: Old Bath Road	Up to 2 hours	£1.20	£1.30	8.3%	
	Up to 4 hours	£1.70	£1.80	5.9%	
	Over 4 hours	£2.00	£2.10	5.0%	
	Evening Charge	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
OG - Newbury: Faraday Road, Ampere Road, Kelvin Road & Marconi Road	Up to 30 mins	Free	Free	0.0%	
	Up to 2 hours	£1.20	£1.30	8.3%	
	Up to 4 hours	£1.70	£1.80	5.9%	
	Over 4 hours	£2.00	£2.10	5.0%	
	Evening Charge	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	

		Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	% Uplift	Notes
<b>On-street Parking Charges (Monday to Sunday including Bank Holidays):</b>					
OH - Hungerford: High Street	Up to 1 hour	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
	Up to 2 hours	£1.50	£1.60	6.7%	
	Up to 3 hours	£2.00	£2.10	5.0%	
	Up to 4 hours	£2.50	£2.70	8.0%	
	Over 4 hours	£6.00	£6.40	6.7%	
	Evening Charge	Free	Free	0.0%	
OJ - Thatcham: Pipers Lane, Aylesford Way	Up to 4 hours (all day)	£1.00	£1.10	10.0%	
	Over 4 hours (all day)	£1.70	£1.80	5.9%	

		Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	% Uplift	Notes
<b>Parking Season Tickets</b>					
ST1, ST2 and ST3 - Newbury (Central KFC, Library, Kennet Centre, Pelican Lane)	Annual	£1,040.00	£1,112.00	6.9%	Annual passes = 80 x charge of daily ticket; Quarterly passes = 25 x charge of daily ticket; Monthly passes = 10 x charge of daily ticket. 50% discount applies for Council-approved volunteers if vehicle and valid Blue Badge are registered to the same person.
	Quarter	£325.00	£347.50	6.9%	
	Month	£130.00	£139.00	6.9%	
ST4 - Newbury (Northbrook)	Annual	£440.00	£472.00	7.3%	
	Quarter	£137.50	£147.50	7.3%	
	Month	£55.00	£59.00	7.3%	
ST5 - Newbury (Newbury Station)	Annual	£585.00	£656.00	12.1%	
	Quarter	£180.00	£205.00	13.9%	
	Month	£75.00	£82.00	9.3%	
ST6 and ST7 - Hungerford (Station Road) and Theale (Main)	Annual	£240.00	£256.00	6.7%	
	Quarter	£75.00	£80.00	6.7%	
	Month	£30.00	£32.00	6.7%	
ST8 - Pangbourne (Station Road)	Annual	£480.00	£512.00	6.7%	
	Quarter	£150.00	£160.00	6.7%	
	Month	£60.00	£64.00	6.7%	
ST9 - Thatcham (Kingsland Centre)	Annual	£280.00	£296.00	5.7%	
	Quarter	£90.00	£92.50	2.8%	
	Month	£35.00	£37.00	5.7%	
Lambourn (High Street)	Annual	£160.00	£168.00	5.0%	
	Quarter	£50.00	£52.50	5.0%	
	Month	£20.00	£21.00	5.0%	

	Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	% Uplift	Notes
<b>Resident Parking Permits (first permit)</b>				
Tier 1 - Hungerford – High Street (HHS), Newbury – Park Terrace (PT)	£80.00	£85.50	6.9%	50% discount available for Blue Badge holders.
Tier 2 - Newbury (except Park Terrace) (C1, E1, N1, NW1, SE1, SW1, SW2, W1)	£50.00	£53.50	7.0%	
Tier 3 - Hungerford (except High Street) (H1), Pangbourne (P1), Thatcham (TM), Theale (TE)	£40.00	£43.00	7.5%	
Tier 4 - Chieveley (CH), Lambourn (L1)	£30.00	£32.00	6.7%	
<b>Resident Parking Permits (second permit)</b>				
Tier 1 - Hungerford – High Street (HHS), Newbury – Park Terrace (PT)	£120.00	£128.25	6.9%	50% discount available for Blue Badge holders.
Tier 2 - Newbury (except Park Terrace) (C1, E1, N1, NW1, SE1, SW1, SW2, W1)	£75.00	£80.25	7.0%	
Tier 3 - Hungerford (except High Street) (H1), Pangbourne (P1), Thatcham (TM), Theale (TE)	£60.00	£64.50	7.5%	
Tier 4 - Chieveley (CH), Lambourn (L1)	£45.00	£48.00	6.7%	
<b>Resident Visitor Permits</b>				
Hungerford – High Street (HHS), Newbury – Park Terrace (PT)	Not applicable	Not applicable		
1 – 100 Permits	Per permit	£1.10	£1.20	9.1%
101+ Permits	Per permit	£1.60	£1.70	6.2%
Visitor (Special Parking) Permit	Per annum	£30.00	£32.00	6.7%
<b>All Zone Permits (for professional carers)</b>				
Medical professionals and non-profit care companies only	£10.50	£11.20	6.7%	Maximum stay of 2 hours in any location.
Commercial care providers	£52.50	£56.20	7.0%	

Other Charges		Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	Uplift %		
Blue Badge (new application)		£10.00	£10.00	0.0%		
Replacement Blue Badge		£10.00	£10.00	0.0%		
Parking Dispensation	Per Day	£15.80	£16.90	7.0%		
Parking Suspensions	Per application	£15.80	£16.90	7.0%		
	Per 5m bay per day	£10.50	£11.20	6.7%		
<b>Council owned EV Charge Points (these are the base charges and will be subject to increase/decrease in line with the Council's 2022/23 electricity costs).</b>						
		Min	Max	Min	Max	
Slow (7kWh) Charger	per kWh	35p	75p	40p	80p	14.3%
Fast (22kW AC) Charger	per kWh	40p	50p	48p	58p	20.0%
Rapid (50kW DC) Charger	per kWh	45p	60p	55p	70p	22.2%
Overstay fee (for Rapid charger).	per hour after 2 hours	£10.00		£12.00		20.0%
Dependent on provider and energy prices						

Other Charges		Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	Uplift %	Notes	
<b>Public Transport</b>						
D	Charge per departure		£0.60	£0.60	0.0%	It will not be financially viable to increase charges at The Wharf at this time.
D	Bus stands 0400-1800	up to 20 minutes	£0.00	£0.00	0.0%	
		20 minutes to 1 hour (max stay)	£1.20	£1.20	0.0%	
D	Coach stands 0400-1800	up to 90 mins (max stay)	£4.20	£4.20	0.0%	
D	Bus/coach stand and Bays B-F Mon-Sat 1800-0400 and all day Sunday	up to 3 hours	£3.10	£3.10	0.0%	
		over 3 hours	£6.30	£6.30	0.0%	
D	Additional charge for breaches		£25.00-£50.00	£25.00-£50.00	0.0%	No changes planned due to current market
D	Temporary bus stop closure	Per stop	£202.00	£212.00	5.0%	
		Per pair of opposite stops	£235.00	£246.00	4.7%	
D	Provision of information at bus stops for services not subsidised by WBC	Per stop	£13.00	£14.00	7.7%	
D	Concessionary bus pass replacement fee		£16.50	£16.50	0.0%	No proposed change following benchmarking exercise
D	Fares on Council-supported bus services	Single, return, adult, child and multi-journey tickets	Differing fares for each start-destination combination and bus route, with prices for single and return journeys, adult and child rates, in addition to multi-journey tickets. Details on multi-journey tickets can be found below and at <a href="http://www.westberks.gov.uk/connect">www.westberks.gov.uk/connect</a> Details on single/return/adult/child fares can be found on bus or by contacting <a href="mailto:transport@westberks.gov.uk">transport@westberks.gov.uk</a>			

Other Charges		Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	Uplift %	Notes	
<b>Public Transport</b>						
D	Connect urban adult fares	Connect Day	£6	£6	0.0%	Unlimited use for one day on valid routes.
		FlexiConnect (10 trips)	£16.50	£23.00	39.4%	Up to ten single journeys, on valid routes. Harmonising with Simply Newbury & Thatcham price.
		Connect 7-day	£16.50	£23.00	39.4%	Unlimited use for 7 consecutive days, on valid routes. Harmonising with Simply Newbury & Thatcham price.
		Connect 30-day	£61	£72	18.0%	Unlimited use for 30 consecutive days, on valid routes. Harmonising with Simply Newbury & Thatcham price.
D	Connect rural adult fares	Connect Day	£6	£7.30	21.7%	Unlimited use for one day on valid routes.
		FlexiConnect (10 trips)	£22	£26	18.2%	Up to ten single journeys, on valid routes. 3.5 x Day Ticket.
		Connect 7-day	£22	£26	18.2%	Unlimited use for 7 consecutive days, on valid routes. 3.5 x Day Ticket.
		Connect 30-day	£80	£91	13.8%	Unlimited use for 30 consecutive days, on valid routes. 3.5 x 7 Day Ticket.

Other Charges		Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	Uplift %	Notes	
<b>Public Transport</b>						
D	Connect urban child/youth fares	Connect Day	£4	£4.50	12.5%	Unlimited use for one day on valid routes. Harmonising with Simply Newbury & Thatcham price. Create a new Child Rural Day Ticket
		FlexiConnect (10 trips)	£12	£15.50	29.2%	Up to ten single journeys, on valid routes. Harmonising with Simply Newbury & Thatcham price.
		Connect 7-day	£12	£15.50	29.2%	Unlimited use for 7 consecutive days, on valid routes. Harmonising with Simply Newbury & Thatcham price.
		Connect 30- day	£42	£55	31.0%	Unlimited use for 30 consecutive days, on valid routes. Harmonising with Simply Newbury & Thatcham price.
D	Connect rural child/youth fares	Connect Day	£4	£5.50	37.5%	Unlimited use for one day on valid routes. Based on 75% cost of Adult Rural Day Ticket.
		FlexiConnect (10 trips)	£14	£19.25	37.5%	Up to ten single journeys, on valid routes. Based on 3.5 X Day Ticket.
		Connect 7-day	£14	£19.25	37.5%	Unlimited use for 7 consecutive days, on valid routes. Based on 3.5 X Day Ticket.
		Connect 30- day	£54	£67	24.1%	Unlimited use for 30 consecutive days, on valid routes. Based on 3.5 x 7 Day Ticket

Other Charges			Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	Uplift %	Notes
<b>Public Transport</b>						
D	Connect Group Day	Urban	£10	£10	0.0%	Unlimited use for one day for up to 4 people (adults and/or children), on valid routes. No rise. Same price as Simply Reading Buses group of 4 ticket.
		Rural	£16.50	£16.50	0.0%	Unlimited use for one day for up to 4 people (adults and/or children), on valid routes. No rise. It is acknowledged that at this time this ticket provides customers with no benefit in purchasing over 4 x single £3 fare cap tickets but it will be necessary to set a price in readiness for when the fare cap scheme ends.
D	Early Bird	Urban	£1.50	£1.60	6.7%	For concessionary pass holders travelling before 9.30am. Match Newbury & District commercial fare
		Rural	£2.00	£2.00	0.0%	For concessionary pass holders travelling before 9.30am.

## 2) Highways

Fees are charged for a range of services e.g. where Highway Authority approval is required to place items or to work on the public highway. These include vehicular crossings, skips, scaffolds, table and chairs on the highway, issuing permits for and inspecting utility operations, and temporary or permanent traffic regulation orders.

In addition, there are fees charged to developers for design checking, supervision and the inspection of new roads under construction and off-site highway improvements, as well as for sustainable drainage advice.

Where the Council has the ability to uplift the fees and charges, these costs have been increased by 4.8% unless otherwise stated:

2024/25	Total Income
Traffic Regulation Orders	£865,730
Streetworks	£302,472
Streetworks Permit Scheme	£235,581
Section 38 & 278	£423,685
Other Highway Income	£253,548

			Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	Increase %	Notes
<b>Licence Fees, Permits and Other Charges</b>						
D	Tree Preservation Order		£34	£36	5.9%	
D	Michaelmas Fair		£4,946	£5,183	4.8%	
D	Public Rights of Way	Search fees	£96	£101	5.2%	
D		Path order fees	£1,859 - £4,760	£1,948 - £4,988	4.8%	
SD	Statutory Declarations		£282 flat rate with rights to increase if the work required is onerous	£295 flat rate with rights to increase if the work required is onerous	4.6%	

			Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	Increase %	Notes
<b>Highways Act Charges</b>						
D	Land charges		£67	£70	4.5%	
D	Vehicular Crossing (S.184)	Approval	£193	£202	4.7%	
D	Skips on the Highway (S.139)	Initial fee	£59	£62	5.1%	
		per week	£69	£72	4.3%	
D	Scaffold/hoarding on the Highway (S.169/172)	Initial fee	£119	£125	5.0%	
		per week	£68	£71	4.4%	
SL	Tables and Chairs on the Highway (based on number of Chairs) (S.115)	New licence	£500	£500		Change in legislation
		Renewal licence	£350	£350		
D	Storing Materials on the Highways (S.171)	Initial fee	£113	£118	4.4%	
		per week	£37	£39	5.4%	
D	EV charging duct across footpath (S.171) Application	Approval	£189	£198	4.8%	
D	Temporary Excavation in the highway (S.171)		£149	£349	134.2%	
D	Cranes, machinery, structure on the highway (S.178)		£216	£226	4.6%	
D	S142 Licence to plant in the highway		£179	£188	5.0%	

**These are maximum charges, pending consultation on changes to the West Berkshire Permit Scheme.**

		Fee 2025/26		Proposed Fee 2026/27		Increase %	Note
Reinstatement category of street		0-2 & Traffic Sensitive	3-4 & Non-Traffic Sensitive	0-2 & Traffic Sensitive	3-4 & Non-Traffic Sensitive		
SL	Provisional Advance Authorisation (PPA)	£69	£49	£84	£70	31%	Fees set following statutory review every 3 years (last took place May 2025).
SL	Major	£156	£98	£219	£138	41%	
SL	Standard	£85	£49	£123	£47	27%	
SL	Minor Activity	£43	£30	£61	£39	37%	
SL	Immediate	£39	£26	£55	£35	38%	
SL	Variation	£0	£0	£30	£23		

		FEE 2025/26	PROPOSED FEE 2026/27	Increase %	Notes
<b>Other Licences and Charges:</b>					
	Licence to place advertising sign on public highway (A board or similar).	£70	£73	4.3%	
	Streetworks licence (S.50 NRSWA)	£337	£450	33.5%	
SL	Utility Works Inspection (NRSWA/TMA)	£50	£50	0.0%	
SL	Fixed Penalty Charge (Utility Companies) NRSWA/TMA	£120/£80	£240/£160	100.0%	Fees subject to a national increase mid year 25/26
SL	Working on the highway without a valid permit	£500 (£300 if paid within 29 days)	£1000 (£600 if paid within 29 days)	100.0%	Fees subject to a national increase mid year 25/26
SL	Follow up Inspection (utility works)	£120	£120	0.0%	
D	Permanent Traffic Regulation Order for Developer	£1,112.00	£1,165	4.8%	
D	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders Section 14(1)	£3,181	£3,334	4.8%	
D	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders Section 14(1) - Cancellation fee for applications withdrawn less than <b>six</b> weeks prior to Order coming into force (equal to 50% of the fee)	£1,591	£1,667	4.8%	
D	Re-use and/or re-notification of a pre-existing Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (equal to 50% of the fee)	£1,591	£1,667	4.8%	

		FEE 2025/26	PROPOSED FEE 2026/27	Increase %	Notes
<b>Other Licences and Charges:</b>					
D	Emergency Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders Section 14(2)	£3,181	£3,334	4.8%	
D	Retrospective Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders Section 14(2)	£3,181	£3,334	4.8%	
D	Extension of Temporary Traffic Regulation Order or Notice (equal to 25% of the fee)	£795	£834	4.8%	
D	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders Section 16A where appropriate & Section 21 of TPCA	£100	£105	5.0%	
D	Cutting through signal loops and not informing LA	£668 plus cost of recutting loops	£700 plus cost of recutting loops	4.8%	
D	Tourist / Direction signs	£686 application and design fee, plus cost of actual sign installation. 50% rebate for unsuccessful applications.	£719 application and design fee, plus cost of actual sign installation. 50% rebate for unsuccessful applications.	4.8%	
D	Traffic Signs / Signals Equipment damaged by Road Traffic Accident or other event	Cost of repairs plus 10% administration charge.	Cost of repairs plus 10% administration charge.		
D	Use of permanent Traffic Regulation Order for railway crossing works	£103	£108	4.9%	
D	Access Protection Marking (single standard width dropped kerb driveway)	£278	£291	4.7%	
D	Sewerage treatment property charge	£501	£525	4.8%	
D	Cycle Training (non-schools, non-bikeability)	£63	£66	4.8%	
D	Cycle Training (bikeability, inc schools)	£10	n/a		Change of Fee Structure  Working with schools to provide bicycle training. Charge is to cover administration and risk of non-attendance.
D	Bikeability Level 1	n/a	£10		
D	Bikeability Level 2	n/a	£13		
D	Bikeability Level 1 & 2 Combined	n/a	£15		
D	Bikeability Level 3	n/a	£15		
D	Bikeability Balance	n/a	£10		
D	Bikeability holiday courses (child)	n/a	£25		
D	Bikeability Adult courses	n/a	£30		

		FEE 2025/26	PROPOSED FEE 2026/27	Increase %	Notes
<b>Other Licences and Charges:</b>					
D	Road Safety Training: School Streets online course (cost per place)	£20	£20	0.0%	
D	Road Safety Training: Biker Down (cost per place)	£15	£15	0.0%	
D	Road Safety Training: Rider Down (cost per place)	£15	£15	0.0%	
D	Recovery and storage of unauthorised signs	£179	£188	5.0%	
SL	Street Works Core Sampling - Charge per failed core test	£200 (this is an average cost - actual cost calculated from the Coring Advice Note published by SEHAUC)	£200.00	0.0%	
D	Switch out / Switch on of permanent traffic signals	£574	£602.00	4.9%	

			Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	Increase %	Notes
<b>Provision of Data:</b>						
D	Highway search enquiries	One A4 plan covering 100 metres of highway	£83	£87	4.8%	
		Additional 100 metres	£28	£29	3.6%	
		Additional question	£28	£29	3.6%	
D	Provision of recorded injury accident Data		£179 + £57 per additional block of up to 10 accidents	£188 + £58 per additional block of up to 10 accidents	5.0%	
D	Provision of Traffic Data, per request per site:	data up to 1 year old	£179	£188	5.0%	
		data up to 3 years old	£144	£151	4.9%	
		data over 3 years old	£104	£109	4.8%	

		Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27					
Charges in relation to works occupying the carriageway during periods of overrun (S74) (maximum fee)								
Item	Description of street	Amount (£) (each of first three days)	Amount (£) (each subsequent day)	Amount (£) (each of first three days)	Amount (£) (each subsequent day)	Increase %	Notes	
SL	1	Traffic-sensitive or protected street not in road categories 2,3 or 4	5,000	10,000	5,000	10,000	0.0%	
SL	2	Other street not in road categories 2,3 or 4	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	
SL	3	Traffic-sensitive or protected street in road categories 2	3,000	8,000	3,000	8,000	0.0%	
SL	4	Other street in road category 2	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	
SL	5	Traffic-sensitive or protected street in road category 3 or 4	750	750	750	750	0.0%	
SL	6	Other street in road category 3 or 4	250	250	250	250	0.0%	

		Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	Increase %	Notes
Charges in relation to works outside the carriageway during periods of overrun (S74) (maximum fee)					
Item	Description of street	Amount (£)	Amount (£)		
SL	1	Street not in road category 2, 3 or 4	2,500	2,500	0.0%
SL	2	Street in road category 2	2,000	2,000	0.0%
SL	3	Street in road category 3 or 4	250	250	0.0%

			FEE 2025/26	PROPOSED FEE 2026/27	Increase %	Notes
<b>Highways Development Control Fees</b>						
D	Street naming and numbering - Property name change		£113	£118	4.4%	
D	Changes to new addresses due to the development changing after the schedule has been issued.	Per plot	£113	£118	4.4%	
D	Street Naming and Numbering - New Developments	One address/plot	£107	£112	4.7%	
		2 - 5 addresses/plots	£168	£176	4.8%	
		6 - 10 addresses/plots	£312	£327	4.8%	
		11 - 20 addresses/plots	£495	£519	4.8%	
		21 or more addresses/plots	£26	£27	3.8%	
D	New Road Construction Supervision (S38)	% of works cost	12.5%	12.50%	0.0%	Benchmarked
D	Highways Works Supervision (S278)	% of works cost	12.5%	12.50%	0.0%	
D	S115 E Fee		£669	£701	4.8%	
<b>Provision of Pre-Planning Application Advice</b>						
D	Transport Assessment Scoping Note		£210	£220	4.8%	
D	Draft Transport Assessment		£707	£741	4.8%	
D	Provision of Private Access		£130	£136	4.6%	
D	Highway Advice for New Developments	Hourly rate will be used to provide a quote dependent on individual request. (If we can't resource a pre-app request in house, we may need to employ a consultant and re-charge their costs, plus a 10% administrative charge.)	£175 per hour	£183 per hour	4.6%	
D	Meeting charge	per hour per officer	£175	£183	4.6%	

		Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	Increase %	Notes	
<b>Sustainable Drainage Pre-Application Advice Fees</b>						
D	SuDS advice for Major sites (written responses only).	Hourly rate will be used to provide a quote dependent on individual request.	£175 per hour	£183 per hour	4.6%	
D	Meeting charge	Per hour per officer	£175	£183	4.6%	

		Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	Increase %	Notes	
<b>Ordinary Watercourse and Land Drainage Consent Pre-application Advice</b>						
D	Written advice for a general site enquiry or flood risk assessment enquiry.	Per enquiry	£334	£350	4.8%	
D	Meeting charge	Per hour per officer	£175	£183	4.6%	
D	Further written advice after meetings		£200	£210	5.0%	
D	Any additional correspondence/advice required upon application	Per hour per officer	£175	£183	4.6%	

### 3) Hire of Sports Facilities

Sports facilities at Henwick Worthy, Faraday Road, Moorside, The Diamond at Greenham, Holy Brook and Northcroft. The intention is to increase the charges for the use of Council sports facilities by 4.8% (rounded to the nearest £1), except for the peak artificial grass hire and tennis courts at Henwick Worthy which have been uplifted above inflation following a benchmarking exercise and public consultation. The proposed Henwick fees are significantly lower than those consulted on, following the Council's careful consideration of respondents' feedback:

Sports Pitches	2024/25
Total income	£116,905
Number of Transactions	2,300

			Fees and Charges 2025/26	Proposed Fees and Charges 2026/27	% Increase
<b>Henwick Worthy Sports Ground:</b>					
D	Cricket – 1 <sup>st</sup> Hand Wicket (per match)	Adult	£113.00	£118.00	4.42%
		Junior	£53.00	£56.00	5.66%
D	Cricket – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Wicket (used grass)	Adult	£84.00	£88.00	4.76%
		Junior	£41.00	£43.00	4.88%
D	Football – Grass (per game)	Adult	£86.00	£90.00	4.65%
		Junior	£42.00	£44.00	4.76%
D	Rugby – Grass (per game)	Adult	£86.00	£90.00	4.65%
		Junior	£42.00	£44.00	4.76%
D	Rugby Training	Cost per Hour	£23.00	£24.00	4.35%
	Use of Portable Lights	Cost Per Hour	£23.00	£24.00	4.35%
D	Full Pitch Artificial Grass - peak	30 Mins	£46.00	£51.00	10.87%
		1hr Only	£92.00	£102.00	10.87%
		1hr 30mins (11 a side)	£140.00	£155.00	10.71%
D	Half Pitch Artificial Grass - peak	30 Mins	£26.00	£29.00	11.54%
		1hr Only (5 a side)	£51.00	£56.00	9.80%
		1hr 30mins	£78.00	£86.00	10.26%
D	Full Pitch Artificial Grass – off-peak	30 Mins	£22.00	£23.00	4.55%
		1hr Only	£43.00	£45.00	4.65%
		1hr 30mins (11 a side)	£65.00	£68.00	4.62%
D	Half Pitch Artificial Grass – off-peak	30 Mins	£12.00	£13.00	8.33%
		1hr Only (5 a side)	£22.00	£23.00	4.55%
		1hr 30mins	£34.00	£36.00	5.88%

			Fees and Charges 2025/26	Proposed Fees and Charges 2026/27	% Increase
<b>Hardcourt Activities:</b>					
D	Netball (per court per hr)	1hr Only	£22.00	£23.00	4.55%
		1hr 30 mins	£33.00	£35.00	6.06%
D	Tennis (per court per hr)	1hr Only	£12.00	£14.00	16.67%
		1hr 30 mins	£18.00	£20.00	11.11%
D	Basketball Hardcut and BMX Pump Track	Adult	Free	Free	
		Junior	Free	Free	
<b>Faraday Road</b>					
D	Football - Grass ( Per Game)	Adult	£71.00	£74.00	4.23%
		Junior	£36.00	£38.00	5.56%
<b>Moorside:</b>					
D	Football - Grass ( Per Game)	Adult	£48.00	£50.00	4.17%
		Junior	£24.00	£25.00	4.17%
<b>The Diamond -Greenham:</b>					
D	Football - Grass ( Per Game)	Adult	£71.00	£74.00	4.23%
		Junior	£36.00	£38.00	5.56%
<b>Holybrook Park:</b>					
D	Football – Grass (per game)	Adult	£71.00	£74.00	4.23%
		Junior	£36.00	£38.00	5.56%
<b>Northcroft Recreation Ground:</b>					
D	Football - Grass (per game)	Adult	£71.00	£74.00	4.23%
		Junior	£36.00	£38.00	5.56%
<b>MISC</b>					
D	Schools LEA Rate Per Hour	60 mins	£26.00	£27.00	3.85%
		90 mins	£39.00	£41.00	5.13%
D	Open Space Hire	Community Events Other	Price on Application		
D	<b>Peak Rate – Weekday evenings after 6pm and all day Saturday, Off-Peak Rate – Weekdays before 6pm and all day Sunday</b>				

#### 4) Charges to Householders for Sewage Treatment

Approximately 150 properties, mainly in rural areas, are connected to small sewage treatment plants. These are the responsibility of West Berkshire Council to maintain, having previously been under the ownership of Newbury District Council until the point at which the affected housing stock was transferred to Sovereign Housing Association. The householders pay a fee to the Council which contributes to the maintenance costs.

#### 5) Waste

The Garden Waste Scheme is proposed to increase by £5 per Council Tax Band. All other waste fees which are set locally are proposed to be increased by 4.8% on average:

2024/25	Total income	Number of Transactions
Garden Waste Subscriptions	£2,076,792	5,139
Waste Other	£220,574	3,017
Total	£2,297,366	£8,156

			Fees and Charges 2025/26	Proposed Fees and Charges 2026/27	Increase %	Notes
<b>Waste Services</b>						
D	Special Collection Charges (Bulky Household Collection)	Normal (within 7 days)	£63	£66.50	5.56%	
		Within 7 days by appointment inside property	£92	£96.50	4.89%	
D	Provision of wheelie bin		£37	£39.00	5.41%	
D	Provision of receptacles for collection of household waste for new developments		N/A	Price on Application		Price can vary dependant on property/development type. With charges ranging from £20 to £400 per unit and current market rates. Will require agreement of s106 for each development.

			<b>Fees and Charges 2025/26</b>	<b>Proposed Fees and Charges 2026/27</b>	<b>Increase %</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Waste Services</b>						
D	Collection of garden waste for year (scheduled) - for 1st green bin (new subscriptions or renewals).	<b>Council Tax Band</b>				
		Band A	£40	£45	12.50%	
		Band B	£45	£50	11.11%	
		Band C	£50	£55	10.00%	
		Band D	£55	£60	9.09%	
		Band E	£60	£65	8.33%	
		Band F	£65	£70	7.69%	
		Band G	£70	£75	7.14%	
	Band H	£75	£80	6.67%		
D	Garden Waste service charge for 2nd to 5th green bins (For renewals only where one off set up payment has already been made).		£53	£56	5.66%	
D	Removal of fly tipping on private land		Price on Application	Price on Application		
D	Removal of graffiti up to 2m <sup>2</sup> area		Price on Application	Price on Application		
SL	Section 33 Fixed Penalty Notice for Fly Tipping		£1,000	£1,000	0.00%	
	Section 33 Fixed Penalty Notice for Fly Tipping - if paid within 10 days		N/A	£500	N/A	

			<b>Fees and Charges 2025/26</b>	<b>Proposed Fees and Charges 2026/27</b>	<b>Increase %</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Waste Services</b>						
SL	Section 34 Fixed Penalty Notice for Duty of Care offences		£600	£600	0.00%	
	Section 34 Fixed Penalty Notice for Duty of Care offences - if paid within 10 days		N/A	£300	N/A	

			Fees and Charges 2025/26	Proposed Fees and Charges 2026/27	Increase %	Notes
<b>HWRC non-household waste charges:</b>						
SD	Soil and Rubble	Less than two 50 litre bags or a single item no larger than 2000mm x 750mm x 700mm in size.	£0.00	£0.00		
		Per 25-litre bag or its equivalent, or for a single item exceeding the free limit above, or if a household makes over four visits within a four-week period.	£4.00	£4.20	5.00%	
		Standard Car/Hatchback	£18.00	£19.00	5.56%	
		Trailer	£30.00	£32.00	6.67%	
		Small Van /Estate Car	£36.00	£38.00	5.56%	
		Transit van or similar	£118.00	£124.00	5.08%	
SD	Plasterboard	Less than two 50 litre bags or a single item no larger than 2000mm x 750mm x 700mm in size.	£0.00	£0.00		
		Per 25-litre bag or its equivalent, or for a single item exceeding the free limit above, or if a household makes over four visits within a four-week period.	£3.00	£3.20	6.67%	
		Standard car / Hatchback	£17.00	£17.90	5.29%	
		Trailer	£28.00	£29.40	5.00%	
		Small Van / Estate car	£33.00	£34.60	4.85%	
		Transit Van or similar	£107.00	£112.40	5.05%	
D	Tyres	Motorised mini bike / motorised go-kart	£4.00	£4.20	5.00%	
		Standard tyre off rim (car/motorcycle)	£7.00	£7.40	5.71%	
		Standard tyre on rim (car motor cycle)	£10.00	£10.50	5.00%	
		Medium tyre off rim (large 4 x4 / large van)	£12.00	£12.60	5.00%	
		Medium tyre on rim (large 4 x 4 / large van)	£15.00	£15.80	5.33%	
		Miscellaneous tyres	£4.00	£4.20	5.00%	
	Gas canisters		£0.00	£0.00		
<b>Charges for Non WBC Residents:</b>						
D	<b>Use of HWRCs</b>	Charge per visit	£10.00	£10.50	5.00%	

## Proposals – Resources Directorate

### 1) Electoral Services

These charges are statutory and the Council has no discretion to vary the level.

### 2) Local Land Charges

Land Charges fees are proposed to be increased by 4.8% in line with budget build guidance. A detailed benchmarking exercise was undertaken during 2024/25:

Land Charges	2024/25
Total Income	£271,501
Number of Searches	1,383

		Fee (including VAT) 2025/26	Proposed Fee (including VAT) 2026/27	% Increase
SD	CON29 Enquiries Part 1 - <b>Residential*</b> (First Parcel)	£264.00	£276.00	4.5%
SD	CON29 Enquiries Part 1- <b>Commercial**</b> (First Parcel)	£291.00	£306.00	5.2%
SD	CON29 Enquiries Part 1 (Additional Parcel)	£69.00	£72.00	4.3%
SD	CON29 Part 2 Questions 4-22 (each)	£57.00	£60.00	5.3%
SD	Solicitor / Conveyancers Additional Questions (each)	£63.00	£66.00	4.8%
	<b>*Residential definition</b>	An individual residential property, including any garden and associated parking/garage		
	<b>**Commercial definition</b>	Shops, offices, factories, warehouses, business premises, farms, fields and land		

### 3) Legal Services Fees

Fees and Charges for Legal Services have been raised by 4.8% in line with budget build guidance:

Legal Services	2024/25
Total Income	£124,575
Transactions	198

	Charge	Rate	Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	% Increase
D	Solicitors, Barristers, Chartered Legal Executives of 8 Years + PQE	Hourly	£194	£203	4.6%
D	Solicitors, Barristers and Chartered Legal Executives between 4 and 8 year PQE	Hourly	£179	£188	5.0%
D	All other fee earners (including Paralegals and Legal Executives but excluding Trainee Solicitors)	Hourly	£165	£173	4.8%
D	Trainee Solicitors	Hourly	£138	£145	5.1%

		Purpose of application	Fee 2025/26	Proposed Fee 2026/27	% Increase
D	Section 15A of the Commons Act 2006; Section 15 Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013	Landowners' Statements	£1,260	£1,320	4.8%
D	Section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006	Registration of a new Town or Village green, other than by the Owner	No Fee	No Fee	
D	Section 15(8) of the Commons Act 2006	Registration of a New Town or Village Green by Landowner	No Fee	No Fee	
D	Section 19 of the Commons Act 2006	Correction, for the purpose of Section 19(2)(a) and [c] of an error made by the Registration Authority	No Fee	No Fee	
D	Section 19 of the Commons Act 2006	Correction, for a purpose described in Section 19(2)(b) or (e)	£224	£235	4.9%
D	Section 19 of the Commons Act 2006	Correction, for a purpose described in Section 19(2)(d) – payable per register unit	£34	£36	5.9%
D	Schedule 2, Paragraph 2 or 3 to the Commons Act 2006	Non-registration of Common Land or Town or Village Green	No Fee	No Fee	

		<b>Purpose of application</b>	<b>Fee 2025/26</b>	<b>Proposed Fee 2026/27</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
D	Schedule 2, Paragraph 4 to the Commons Act 2006	Waste Land of a Manor not Registered as Common Land	No Fee	No Fee	
D	Schedule 2, Paragraph 5, to the Commons Act 2006	Town or Village Green wrongly registered as Common Land	No Fee	No Fee	
D	Schedule 2, Paragraphs 6 and 9 to the Commons Act 2006	Deregistration of certain land registered as Common Land or as a Town or Village Green	£1,120	£1,174	4.8%

## People Directorate Fees and Charges Proposals 2026/27

Statutory fees are not set by the Council and may be subject to change during the year. Statutory services are outside the scope of VAT. Non-statutory services that have an element of competition (e.g. printing) are subject to standard rated VAT. There are some exemptions to the standard rated tax rule.

### 1 Adult Social Care

- 1.1 Councils have the power to charge for certain social care services and are required to have a charging policy that is demonstrably fair and does not undermine the overall objectives of social care – that is, to promote both independence and social inclusion of service users. It is recognised that the level of fees and charges can have a direct impact on usage and take up, and in some instances work against the Council's social inclusion agenda by effectively discriminating against those who are less able to pay.
- 1.2 The Council's policy is therefore to charge service users an 'affordable' amount, which is uplifted by inflation each year where appropriate. However, where other local authorities, or Health organisations, are purchasing Council services on behalf of their service users, the charges made to these organisations are designed to reflect the actual costs of the service.
- 1.3 West Berkshire Council's Charging Policy for Adult Social Care services, introduced in 2015, states that the individual will have one assessed charge for all services. All services will be added together before a service user is financially assessed.
- 1.4 The guidance allows for a prescribed list of allowances, for example, rent, mortgage, council tax, buildings insurance, etc plus disability related costs, for example, community alarm system, extra heating costs that meet an individual's presenting care needs.
- 1.5 These allowances are then deducted from the total income to give an assessable income when an individual is receiving care in a non-residential setting.
- 1.6 From April 2012, any new or reviewed eligible individual requiring support from Adult Social Care receives this in the form of a Personal Budget through which they can arrange their support. As of 1 April 2011, individuals have been charged for each day they have booked at a Resource Centre and only in exceptional circumstances will charges be waived for non-attendance.
- 1.7 There are generally two types of charges – discretionary and statutory:

- **Discretionary Charges**

Unless otherwise stated, the fee increases for 2026/27 are by the annual September CPI of 3.8% + 1.0%. The charge to other Local Authorities and Health organisations for West Berkshire Resource Centres will also be increased by 4.8% for 2026/27.

Community Based Services will be charged at the actual cost of the service, including administration costs.

Other Day Centre services will be charged at the actual cost.

Some fees have been increased by more than 4.8% to ensure that the cost covers the work being undertaken.

- **Statutory Charges**

The method of assessing contributions from clients in long-term residential care is covered by Section 14 of the Care Act 2014, the Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) Regulations 2014, the Care and Support Statutory Guidance and the Council's ASC Charging Policy 2015.

The charges to full cost payers in WBC Homes, and to other Local Authorities and Integrated Care Boards who access services run by West Berkshire Council, are based upon current information in respect of cost and the estimated number of clients using the service.

Deputyship Fees are set by the Court of Protection.

**Key to the follow tables**

SL	Statutory by Legislation
SD	Statutory with Discretion
D	Discretionary
Note 1	Fee is below or above 4.8% due to rounding to the nearest £0.10 or £1.00.

CHARGE	UNIT	2024/25 INCOME	NUMBER OF CLIENTS	FEE 2025/26	PROPOSED FEE 2026/27	% Change	NOTES	
<b>RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING CARE:</b>								
SL	Residential and Nursing Care in Independent sector homes	Per Week	£5,944,856	575	Actual cost	Actual cost	Maximum charge subject to financial assessment	
SL	Residential Care in WBC Home - Notrees	Per Week	£321,437	29	£1,121.50	£1,175.30		4.8%
SL	Residential Care in WBC Home - Willows	Per Week	£724,855	45	£1,121.50	£1,175.30		4.8%
SL	Residential Care in WBC Home - Birchwood	Per Week	£1,114,273	53	£1,269.70	£1,330.60		4.8%
SL	Nursing Care in WBC Home - Birchwood	Per Week			£1,269.70	£1,330.60		4.8%
SL	Residential and Nursing care in WBC Homes - charge the assessed contribution whilst in hospital if bed retained at the home	Per Week	Included in above income	Included in above numbers	Assessed Charge	Assessed Charge		
SL	Residential and Nursing care in WBC Homes - charge the assessed contribution from date of admission even if client subsequently decides to leave the home during the review period	Per Week			Assessed Charge	Assessed Charge		

CHARGE	UNIT	2024/25 INCOME	NUMBER OF CLIENTS	FEE 2025/26	PROPOSED FEE 2026/27	% Change	NOTES		
<b>COMMUNITY SUPPORT:</b>									
SL	External Day activities	Per Day	£271,724	581	Actual cost	Actual cost		Maximum charge subject to financial assessment	
D	Transport	Per Trip			£5.00	£5.20	4.0%	* note 1	
SL	Technology Enabled Care (TEC) GPS Monitoring and Response Service	Per Day			£0.63	£0.63	0.0%	Refer to 1.8	
SL	Technology Enabled Care (TEC) Monitoring and Response Service	Per Day			£0.46	£0.46	0.0%	Refer to 1.8	
SL	Direct Payments (DP)	Per DP	£463,434	128	Actual cost	Actual cost			
SL	Personal Care	Per Hour	£3,250,289	751	£22.00	£22.00	0.0%	Refer to 1.9	
SL	Live-In Care	Per Week			Actual cost	Actual cost			
SL	Community Support	Per Hour			£20.40	£20.50	0.5%	Refer to 1.9	
SL	Extra Care Housing (ECH) at Alice Bye Court for Community Support and Personal Care	Per Hour	£1,557,585	590	Actual cost	Actual cost		Maximum charge subject to financial assessment	
SL	Extra Care Housing (ECH) at Alice Bye Court for Core Care charge for on-site response service	Per Week			£33.80	£35.40	4.7%		* note 1
SL	Extra Care Housing (ECH) at Audrey Needham House & Redwood House for Community Support and Personal Care	Per Hour			Actual cost	Actual cost			
SL	Extra Care Housing (ECH) at Audrey Needham House & Redwood House for Core Care charge for on-site response service	Per Week			£32.40	£34.00	4.9%		* note 1
SL	Sleep In Care	Per Night			Actual cost	Actual cost			
SL	Waking Night cover	Per Night			Actual cost	Actual cost			
SL	Respite Care	Per Night			£16,532	21	Actual cost		Actual cost
D	WBC Resource Centre	Per Day	£393,210	168	£64.70	£67.80	4.8%		
D	WBC Resource Centre outreach workers	Per Hour			£25.60	£26.80	4.7%	* note 1	
D	WBC Resource Centre transport	Per Trip			£5.00	£5.20	4.0%	* note 1	
D	WBC Resource Centre meals	Per Meal	£63,510	136	£6.80	£7.10	4.4%	* note 1	
D	WBC Resource Centre to other LA's and ICB's - Older People	Per Day	£58,556	3	£89.90	£94.20	4.8%		
D	WBC Resource Centre to other LA's and ICB's - Learning Disability	Per Day			£146.00	£153.00	4.8%		
D	WBC Resource Centre to other LA's and ICB's - Physical Disability	Per Day			£135.60	£142.10	4.8%		

1.8 Technology Enabled Care will not be increased for 2026/27, this is the actual cost of the service from the provider.

1.9 The rate for Personal Care and Community Support is based on the current average rate commissioned by the Council:

CHARGE	UNIT	2024/25 INCOME	NUMBER OF CLIENTS	FEE 2025/26	PROPOSED FEE 2026/27	% Change	NOTES				
<b>ADMINISTRATION FEES:</b>											
SD	Administration fee for commissioning care for full cost clients	Per Annum	£45,312	313	£365.00	£383.00	4.9%	* note 1			
SD	Setup fee for deferred payers	Set Up	£231,276	275	£1,200.00	£1,258.00	4.8%				
SD	Administration fee for deferred payers	Per Annum			£400.00	£420.00	5.0%	* note 1			
D	Support in making a Lasting Power of Attorney application	Per Application			£203.00	£213.00	4.9%	* note 1			
D	Next of kin support administration following the death of a Deputyship client	Per Hour			£134.20	£140.60	4.8%				
D	Support in making a Deputyship application	Per Application			£457.00	£480.00	5.0%	* note 1			
SL	Work up to the date that the Deputyship order is issued	Per Annum			£944.00	Fees are set by the Court of Protection			Dependent on client's capital		
SL	Deputyship - Annual management fee first year	Per Annum			£982.00						
SL	Deputyship - Annual management fee for subsequent years	Per Annum			£824.00						
SL	Deputyship - Property management fee	Per Annum			£380.00						
SL	Deputyship - Prepare and lodgement of annual return to OPG	Per Return			£274.00						
SL	Deputyship - Preparation of a basic HMRC income tax return	Per Return			£89.00						
SL	Deputyship - Preparation of a complex HMRC income tax return	Per Return			£140.00						
SL	Deputyship - travel	Per 1 hour			£51.00						
D	Support in making a Appointeeship application	Per Application			£169.20					£177.30	4.8%
D	Administration fee to ICB for reimbursement of providers / client payments	Per Annum	£262.50	£275.10	4.8%						
D	Completion of Mental Capacity (COP3) application	Per Application	£160	3	£56.10	£58.80	4.8%				

CHARGE	UNIT	2024/25 INCOME	NUMBER OF CLIENTS	FEE 2025/26	PROPOSED FEE 2026/27	% Change	NOTES		
<b>ADULT PLACEMENTS:</b>									
SD	Band 1 - Full time placement	Per Week	£212,341	50	£271.25	£284.30	4.8%	Maximum charge subject to financial assessment	
SD	Band 2 - Full time placement	Per Week			£315.34	£330.50	4.8%		
SD	Band 3 - Full time placement	Per Week			£380.31	£398.60	4.8%		
SD	Band 1 - Respite	Per Night			£78.70	£82.50	4.8%		
SD	Band 2 - Respite	Per Night			£86.30	£90.40	4.8%		
SD	Band 3 - Respite	Per Night			£102.50	£107.40	4.8%		
SD	Band 1 - Over Night	Per Night			£55.60	£58.30	4.9%		* note 1
SD	Band 2 - Over Night	Per Night			£66.40	£69.60	4.8%		
SD	Band 3 - Over Night	Per Night			£77.20	£80.90	4.8%		
SD	Band 1 - Day support	Per Hour			£12.20	£12.80	4.9%		* note 1
SD	Band 2 - Day support	Per Hour			£14.60	£15.30	4.8%		
SD	Band 3 - Day support	Per Hour			£15.90	£16.70	5.0%		* note 1
SD	Management fee - Full time placement	Per Week			£51,921	7	£142.10		£148.90
SD	Management fee - Respite	Per Week	£42.50	£44.50			4.7%	* note 1	
SD	Management fee - Day support	Per Hour	£5.60	£5.90			5.4%	* note 1	

<b>Phoenix Resource Centre</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
Total Income	26,106
Number of transactions	108

CHARGE	UNIT	FEE 2025/26	PROPOSED FEE 2026/27	% Change
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**PHOENIX RESOURCE CENTRE:**

D	Ground floor Theatre (with lighting and audio system) from	Per Day	£113.70	£119.20	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£59.50	£62.40	4.9%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£28.20	£29.60	5.0%	* note 1
D	Ground floor Theatre (with lighting and audio system) to	Per Day	£199.00	£208.60	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£106.70	£111.80	4.8%	
		Per Hour	£51.20	£53.70	4.9%	* note 1
D	Audience seating (setting up and taking down)	Per Day	£93.30	£97.80	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£93.30	£97.80	4.8%	
		Per Hour	£93.30	£97.80	4.8%	
D	First floor Theatre office	Per Day	£21.30	£22.30	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Half Day	£21.30	£22.30	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£21.30	£22.30	4.7%	* note 1
D	Ground floor frailty and dementia suite (Lilac Lounge)	Per Day	£113.20	£118.60	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£59.40	£62.30	4.9%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£19.80	£20.80	5.1%	* note 1
D	Ground floor physical disability suite (Sunshine Room)	Per Day	£75.20	£78.80	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£38.30	£40.10	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£13.40	£14.00	4.5%	* note 1
D	Ground floor sensory cooking room	Per Day	£75.20	£78.80	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£38.30	£40.10	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£13.40	£14.00	4.5%	* note 1
D	Ground floor sensory room	Per Day	£75.20	£78.80	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£38.30	£40.10	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£13.40	£14.00	4.5%	* note 1
D	Ground floor optimusic room	Per Day	£75.20	£78.80	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£38.30	£40.10	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£13.40	£14.00	4.5%	* note 1
D	Ground floor dining room	Per Day	£113.70	£119.20	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£59.50	£62.40	4.9%	* note 1
D	Ground floor dining room and kitchen	Per Day	£127.80	£133.90	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£66.90	£70.10	4.8%	
D	Ground floor small activity room	Daily Rate	£37.30	£39.10	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£19.10	£20.00	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£8.50	£8.90	4.7%	* note 1
D	First floor TT activity room	Per Day	£75.20	£78.80	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£38.30	£40.10	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£13.40	£14.00	4.5%	* note 1

CHARGE	UNIT	FEE 2025/26	PROPOSED FEE 2026/27	% Change
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**PHOENIX RESOURCE CENTRE CONTINUED:**

D	First floor Moving and Handling training room 1	Per Day	£167.00	£175.00	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£135.70	£142.20	4.8%	
		Per Hour	£46.20	£48.40	4.8%	
D	First floor Moving and Handling training room 1 - room only	Per Day	£83.40	£87.40	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£69.30	£72.60	4.8%	
		Per Hour	£23.90	£25.00	4.6%	* note 1
D	First floor large meeting room without equipment	Per Day	£46.90	£49.20	4.9%	* note 1
		Per Half Day	£24.20	£25.40	5.0%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£9.90	£10.40	5.1%	* note 1
D	First floor large meeting room with equipment	Per Day	£61.20	£64.10	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Half Day	£29.80	£31.20	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£11.90	£12.50	5.0%	* note 1
D	First floor small meeting rooms	Per Day	£28.20	£29.60	5.0%	* note 1
		Per Half Day	£14.80	£15.50	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£5.50	£5.80	5.5%	* note 1
D	Accessible shower facility and personal care rooms	Per Hour	£12.70	£13.30	4.7%	* note 1

<b>Hungerford Resource Centre</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
Total Income	216
Number of transactions	6

CHARGE	UNIT	FEE 2025/26	PROPOSED FEE 2026/27	% Change
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<b>HUNGERFORD RESOURCE CENTRE:</b>
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D	Ground floor main activity room	Per Day	£132.20	£138.50	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£66.90	£70.10	4.8%	
		Per Hour	£23.40	£24.50	4.7%	* note 1
D	Ground floor computer suite	Per Day	£67.40	£70.60	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Half Day	£33.90	£35.50	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£11.90	£12.50	5.0%	* note 1
D	Ground floor quiet room	Per Day	£33.90	£35.50	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Half Day	£17.70	£18.50	4.5%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£6.90	£7.20	4.3%	* note 1
D	Ground floor hairdressing salon	Per Day	£33.90	£35.50	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Half Day	£17.70	£18.50	4.5%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£6.90	£7.20	4.3%	* note 1
D	First floor meeting room 1	Per Day	£67.40	£70.60	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Half Day	£33.90	£35.50	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£11.90	£12.50	5.0%	* note 1
D	First floor meeting room 2	Per Day	£67.40	£70.60	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Half Day	£33.90	£35.50	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£11.90	£12.50	5.0%	* note 1
D	Accessible shower facility and personal care rooms	Per Hour	£12.70	£13.30	4.7%	* note 1

<b>Greenfield Resource Centre</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
Total Income	101
Number of transactions	1

CHARGE	UNIT	FEE 2025/26	PROPOSED FEE 2026/27	% Change
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<b>GREENFIELD RESOURCE CENTRE:</b>					
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D	Atrium	Per Day	£132.20	£138.50	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£66.90	£70.10	4.8%	
		Per Hour	£23.40	£24.50	4.7%	* note 1
D	Computer suite	Per Day	£67.40	£70.60	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Half Day	£33.90	£35.50	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£11.90	£12.50	5.0%	* note 1
D	Highview room	Per Day	£99.40	£104.20	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£50.40	£52.80	4.8%	
		Per Hour	£17.70	£18.50	4.5%	* note 1
D	Shaw room	Per Day	£99.40	£104.20	4.8%	
		Per Half Day	£50.40	£52.80	4.8%	
		Per Hour	£17.70	£18.50	4.5%	* note 1
D	Windmill room	Per Day	£67.40	£70.60	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Half Day	£33.90	£35.50	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£11.90	£12.50	5.0%	* note 1
D	Sensory room	Per Day	£67.40	£70.60	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Half Day	£33.90	£35.50	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£11.90	£12.50	5.0%	* note 1
D	Small office	Per Day	£33.90	£35.50	4.7%	* note 1
		Per Half Day	£17.70	£18.50	4.5%	* note 1
		Per Hour	£6.90	£7.20	4.3%	* note 1
D	Accessible bath facility and personal care rooms	Per Hour	£12.70	£13.30	4.7%	* note 1
D	Security opening and locking building at weekends	Per Day	£24.20	£25.40	5.0%	* note 1

## Social Care Training

1.10 West Berkshire Council Social Care Training courses are open for anyone to access to support the Private, Voluntary and Independent care sector. To support local and accredited social care providers, the charges for this are subsidised. Charging is essential to ensure that people book courses and attend. An increase of 4.8% has been applied to these charges for 2026/27.

1.11 The Department of Health requires Councils to work closely with its partners on joint training and to facilitate improved standards of care through training initiatives; therefore, some joint training will have the same charges as the partners involved and will sit outside this charging policy.

<b>Social Care Training</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
Total Income	34,923
Number of transactions	50

CHARGE	UNIT	FEE 2025/26	PROPOSED FEE 2026/27	% Change
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### ADULTS AND CHILDREN'S COURSES:

D	Personal Assistants	Full Day	£56.10	£58.80	4.8%
D		Half Day	£33.60	£35.20	4.8%
D	Private Social Care and all others	Full Day	£116.60	£122.20	4.8%
D		Half Day	£65.00	£68.10	4.8%
D	Voluntary / Associated Social Care	Full Day	£65.00	£68.10	4.8%
D		Half Day	£33.60	£35.20	4.8%

### CORPORATE COURSES:

D	Personal Assistants	Full Day	£56.10	£58.80	4.8%
D		Half Day	£33.60	£35.20	4.8%
D	Private Social Care and all others	Full Day	£116.60	£122.20	4.8%
D		Half Day	£65.00	£68.10	4.8%
D	Voluntary / Associated Social Care	Full Day	£116.60	£122.20	4.8%
D		Half Day	£65.00	£68.10	4.8%

### FOSTER CARE COURSES:

D	Personal Assistants	Full Day	£56.10	£58.80	4.8%
D		Half Day	£33.60	£35.20	4.8%
D	Private Social Care and all others	Full Day	£116.60	£122.20	4.8%
D		Half Day	£65.00	£68.10	4.8%
D	Voluntary / Associated Social Care	Full Day	£65.00	£68.10	4.8%
D		Half Day	£33.60	£35.20	4.8%

### OTHER COURSES FOR PRIVATE, VOLUNTARY, AND INDEPENDENT SECTOR:

D	Associated Organisations	Full Day	£202.80	£212.50	4.8%
D	Non Associated Organisations	Full Day	£525.40	£550.60	4.8%

## 2 Education: Family Hubs

- 2.1 The Family Hubs may enter into hire agreements to deliver services to children, young people, families and the local community. Family Hubs are non-profit making organisations and as such it is agreed that West Berkshire Family Hubs have a reduced charge for statutory providers for use of the Centres' facilities where they are delivering services for families with children at 0-5 years that fall within the remit of Family Hubs e.g.
- Family Groups and contact visits held by Children Services
  - Clinics and drop-ins held by Health Professionals
- 2.2 The Family Hubs started to charge for activity sessions provided to the public in 2018/19. These activities are pre-booked via an online booking system. Activities are allocated to a pricing band, depending on their nature.
- 2.3 Key to the follow tables:  
 SL Statutory by Legislation  
 SD Statutory with Discretion  
 D Discretionary

Note 1: Fee is below or above 4.8% due to rounding to the nearest £0.05

Family Hubs								
Room Hire	Unit	2024/25 Income	Number of clients	Fees 2025/26	Proposed Fees 2026/27	% change	Notes	
<b>East District - Calcot:</b>								
D	Non profit Organisation	per hour	£364	12	£12.75	£13.35	4.7%	*note 1
D	Profit Organisation	per hour			£25.00	£26.20	4.8%	
D	Statutory Services	per hour			£7.80	£8.15	4.5%	*note 1
<b>Central District - Thatcham Park Lane:</b>								
D	Non profit Organisation	per hour	£45,031	129	£12.75	£13.35	4.7%	*note 1
D	Profit Organisation	per hour			£25.00	£26.20	4.8%	
D	Statutory Services	per hour			£7.80	£8.15	4.5%	*note 1

Note: contributions are accepted for Stay and Play activities towards refreshments.

Family Hubs Additional Fees and Charges (Out of hours)						
	Unit	Fees 2025/26	Proposed Fees 2026/27	% change	Notes	
D	Caretaker Opening Charge	12.85	13.50	5%	Charges after 6pm Weekdays and on Saturdays	
D	Caretaker Waiting Time Charge	per hour				
	1 Hour	N/A	N/A	0.0%	Charges after 6pm Weekdays and on Saturdays	
	2 hours	£8.85	£9.25	4.6%		
	3 Hours	£13.35	£14.00	4.9%		
	4 Hours	£17.70	£18.55	4.8%		
	5 Hours	£21.65	£22.70	4.8%		
	6 Hours	£26.05	£27.30	4.8%		
D	Fees for afterhours bookings	One-off	£4.45	£4.65	4.6%	*note 1

Family Hubs Activity Sessions						
	Band	Unit	Fees 2025/26	Proposed Fees 2026/27	% change	Notes
D	A	per session	£0 - £3.85	£0 - £4.00	3.9%	*note 1
D	B	per session	£3.86 - £12.75	£4.01 - £13.35	4.7%	*note 1
D	C	per session	£12.76 - £25.00	£13.36 - £26.20	4.8%	

Name of session/Group	Charging Band	Basis
All Stay, Play & Learn Groups	A	Per family per session
Messy Play	A	Per family per session
All Baby Groups	A	Per family per session
Post Natal Group	A	Per family per session
Family Learning Courses	A	Per learner per session
Baby massage	B	Per family per session
Paediatric First Aid	C	Per adult one off session

### 3 Education: Home to School Transport

The Standard Rate has increased by £54 per year from £1,038 (academic year 2025/26) to £1,092 (academic year 2026/27) to reflect increasing transport costs. The rate represents £5.75 for a return journey per school day. The Rate applies across West Berkshire so that rural communities are not disadvantaged with a higher price:

#### Home to School Transport Fees and Charges

Home To School Transport							
Band		2024/25 Income	Number of fare payers	Fees 2025/26	Proposed Fees 2026/27	% change	Notes
D	Standard rate	£533,230	525	£1,038	£1,092	5%	Fare Payer charges
D	Replacement bus pass admin fee	£645	43	£15	£15	0	
D	Rail pass admin fee	£60	3	£20	£20	0	

## 4 Children's Social Care

- 4.1** Section 20 Parental Contribution Policy relates to situations where a child is accommodated by a Local Authority under Section 20 of the Children Act 1989.
- 4.2** Section 20 allows Local Authorities to provide accommodation for a child with parental consent, without a court order, if doing so safeguards or promotes the child's welfare. It is a voluntary arrangement where parents agree to the child being looked after by the Local Authority.
- 4.3** Under Schedule 2, Part III of the Children Act 1989, Local Authorities must consider whether to recover contributions toward the child's maintenance from anyone liable (usually the parents). Individual financial circumstances will be considered.
- 4.4** The rate is set at 50% of the lowest foster care rate for the youngest age band. For 2026/27, the rate has been increased by 4.8% to £139.81 per week:

	CHARGE	UNIT	2024/25 INCOME	NUMBER OF CLIENTS	FEE 2025/26	PROPOSED FEE 2026/27	% Change
	<b>PARENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>						
SD	Parental contribution for children accommodated under section 20	Per Week	£0	-	£133.41	£139.81	4.8%