

Your guide to Camden's budget

2026 to 2027



We have just set Camden Council's budget for the coming year. As explained in the attached letter, we have made the difficult decision to increase council tax by 4.99% to balance our budget. This increase includes funding protected specifically for adult social care, and continued support for those who need it most. We will continue to work hard to make every pound count. Your council tax goes directly into frontline services to keep our borough safe, clean and thriving. A borough for everyone.

Despite huge pressure we are meeting challenges head-on

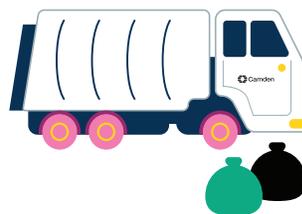
Like many councils, our financial outlook remains exceptionally challenging. Rising inflation and unprecedented pressures on our services mean that we have to be pragmatic to balance our budget. Since 2011 we have made savings of over £240m, whilst continuing to provide the services people rely on **and** investing in new areas of support. Our strong track record in managing our budget puts us in the best possible position to tackle the challenges we face.

Funding your services 2026 to 2027



£6.3m

tackling anti-social behaviour and keeping Camden safe



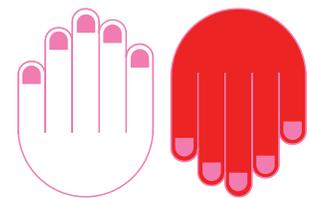
£21m

on rubbish and recycling collections



£13.7m

on keeping our streets and public spaces clean and welcoming



£130.8m

on our 'outstanding' adult social care services



£86.9m

on our 'outstanding' early years and children's services



£2.1m

on our Cost of Living Fund which supported 3,154 households last year



£34-36m

on our Council Tax Support Scheme - ensuring 16,000+ households pay nothing and almost 6,000 get reduced bills



£29.9m

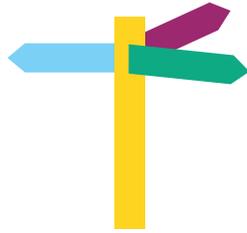
to update around 3,000 council homes - cutting bills and reducing carbon emissions

Funding your services 2026 to 2027



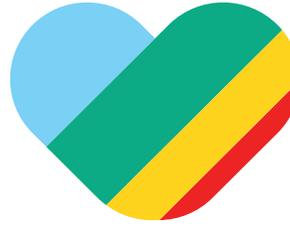
£27.8m

to prevent homelessness and support people who have become homeless



£1.7m

supporting 800 people into work, training or to start a business



£5.2m

supporting our local voluntary and community sector



£28.2m

protecting and promoting the health and wellbeing of all residents



£5m

from our £30m Community Wealth Fund to support diverse and inclusive local businesses



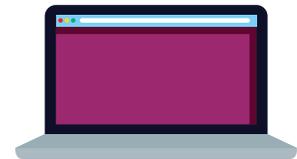
£3.9m

on our nine libraries providing books, digital access, events and more



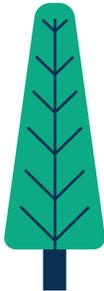
£140k

on pregnancy grant payments to support parents on low incomes



£150k

to help more people get online to access services, support and opportunities



£4.6m

to plant 4,000+ trees - creating new tree cover equivalent to 37 football pitches over the next five years



£3.8m

improving and maintaining our parks, gardens and green spaces

Greater London Authority

4.1% increase

Transport for London, the Police and London Fire Brigade



Adult Social Care precept

2% increase

an extra £3.2 million to invest in our social care services to support older residents, disabled residents, and residents with dementia or mental health problems

