

Public notice

London Borough of Lambeth: Constitutional Issues 2026-27

Executive arrangements

The Council operates under the strong leader and cabinet model.

Forward plan

This sets out the key decisions that the Cabinet, Cabinet Members and officers are planning to take over the forthcoming one to four months. For each item, the Forward Plan includes a short description of the issue and when a decision is expected to be taken, who the decision-maker will be and how they can be contacted, what reports and background documents are available, and who will be consulted and how. The Council publishes the Forward Plan (virtually) every Monday. Each edition is published at www.lambeth.gov.uk and can be inspected at Lambeth Town Hall (see below).

Members Allowance Scheme

The scheme is set out in full in the Council's Constitution 2026-27, and in summary provides for:

Basic Allowance: An allowance of £17,068 payable to all Councillors.

Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs): the following SRAs are paid in addition to the above.

Position / Title	£ pa
Mayor civic allowance	18,239
Deputy Mayor civic allowance	6,081
Leader of the Council	40,000
Remaining Cabinet Members	
Deputy Leader of the Council	28,000
Deputy Leader of the Council	28,000
Cabinet Member	28,000
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Cabinet Member (job share)	14,000
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Whips	
Chief Whip (job share)	7,500
Chief Whip (job share)	7,500
Majority Opposition Group Whip	13,400
Minority Opposition Group Whip	6,200
Group Leaders	
Leader of the Majority Opposition Group	18,000
Leader of the Second Opposition Group	10,000
Chairs and Committees:	
Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	18,514
Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee (Adults)	6,000
Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee (Children's)	6,000
Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee (Housing)	6,000
Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee (Finance)	6,000
Planning Applications Committee: Chair	18,514
Planning Applications Committee: Vice-Chair	6,000
Licensing Committee and Sub-Committee: Chair	11,432
Audit and Risk Committee: Chair	5,539
General Purposes Committee: Chair	n/a
Fostering and Adoption Panel: Chair	4,573
Pensions Committee: Chair	5,716
Other	
Standards Committee: Independent Person(s) (non-councillor)	572
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Corporate Committee: Independent Person(s) (non-councillor)	5,289

Monthly payments: Basic and special responsibility allowances are payable in monthly instalments.

Childcare & Dependent Care Allowance: This allowance is discretionary, and is payable to reimburse claimants for the actual expenditure incurred, the hourly rate will be set in line with the London living wage (plus a further payment of up to £15 to pay the cost of any taxi journey home for the carer).

Travel, Subsistence & Other Expenses: certain expenses can be claimed for eligible duties; full details are set out in Part 10 of the Council's Constitution.

Civic expenses: A civic expenses budget of £2,000 is available to meet the costs of civic gifts and hospitality and maintenance of civic regalia.

Further information

Copies of the scheme and guidance note, details of payments made to councillors, and the Independent Panel reports are on the Council website or may be inspected at Lambeth Town Hall – see contact information below.

Member code of conduct, register of member interests and gifts & hospitality

The Council's Member Code of Conduct for councillors and voting co-opted members (as required under the Localism Act 2011) was adopted on 20 June 2012. This is also set out in the Council's Constitution (Part 6, Section B) and may be inspected online or at Lambeth Town Hall. The register of interests of councillors and voting co-opted members and the register of gifts and hospitality are also open to public inspection.

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