



Leicestershire Partnership Revenues & Benefits

2026/27 Proposed Budget

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform the Joint committee of the draft budget for 2026/27.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the 2026/27 budget proposals for the Partnership be approved for agreement by the by the Joint Committee.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The timetables for budget setting for the Partnership is that the budget will normally be approved prior to the 31st of January each year.

Budget overview

3.2 In preparing this draft budget for 2026/27 the following factors and assumptions have been considered:

- As per the partnership agreement the contribution rates from partners are reviewed periodically and amended to reflect changes in caseload. A review was carried out based on the caseload performance as at July 2025. This has led to amendments to the contribution rates.
- Actual spend for 2025/26 has been used as an indicator where relevant.
- A provision has been made on salaries for a 3.2% pay award for 2026/27 based on the current establishment provided by each Partner.
- In terms of general inflation, no provision has been made other than for contractual increases at RPI.
- Salary costs also include additional costs or savings associated to pension contributions; annual pay increments due during 2026/27.

3.3 The draft 2026/27 budget shows an increase of **£189,170** for the Partnership (net of other body contributions) and is detailed below (Table 1).

3.4 The main cause of the increase in 2026/27 is due to capital investment for strategic improvements in systems and software, and a process of laptop and equipment replacement. If there is any slippage in these programmes a saving will occur in the year.

Table 1 Expenditure / Income Type	2025/2026 Budget (OR)	2025/2026 Budget (LA)	2026/27 Draft Budget (5% Vacancy Factor)	Increase/ Decrease on 2025/26 Revised
		£	£	
Employees	3,414,150	3,414,150	3,417,540	3,390
Premises Related Expenditure	44,450	44,450	45,560	1,110
Transport Related Expenditure	12,000	12,000	12,000	0
Supplies & Services	1,032,130	1,032,130	1,215,810	183,680
Central & Administrative Exp	31,200	31,200	32,190	990
Total Expenditure	4,533,930	4,533,930	4,723,100	189,170
Partner Contributions	(4,515,030)	(4,515,030)	(4,704,200)	(189,170)
Contributions from Other Bodies	(18,900)	(18,900)	(18,900)	0
Contributions from Reserves	0	0	0	0
Total Funding	(4,533,930)	(4,533,930)	(4,723,100)	(189,170)

- 3.5 After allowing for a 5% vacancy factor, the budget for the Partnership will increase by £189,170 requiring increased funding from partners.

Partner Contributions

- 3.7 Partner contributions have been calculated on the basis of the budget and split in accordance with the Partnership Agreement, with the updated contribution rates: The only exception to this split is:

- Search and liability expenses which are charged to each partner based on activity. Partners will be billed quarterly for actual costs incurred and will receive any recovered income directly into their own General Fund

Based on this methodology, the estimated contributions for each partner are detailed below for a budget with a vacancy factor at 5%.

Table 2	Total	Other Bodies	HBBC	HDC	NWLDC
			36.01%	30.17%	33.82%
Total Partnership Contributions excluding Searches and Liability Orders	4,674,600	0	1,683,320	1,410,330	1,580,950
Searches	8,700	0	2,070	1,660	4,970
Liability Order Expenses	20,900	0	7,450	7,290	6,160
Total contribution (A)	4,704,200	0	1,692,840	1,419,280	1,592,080
Contributions from Other Bodies	18,900	18,900	0	0	0
Contribution from Reserves	0		0	0	0
Total contribution 2026/27	4,723,100	18,900	1,692,840	1,419,280	1,592,080
2025/26 Contribution (B)	-	0	-	-	-
	4,515,030		1,683,480	1,303,890	1,527,650
Contributions from Other Bodies	-18,900	-18,900	0	0	0
Total funding and contribution 2025/26	-	-18,900	-	-	-
	4,533,930		1,683,480	1,303,890	1,527,650
Difference – Increase/(Decrease) Partners	189,170	0	9,360	115,390	64,430
Actual Increase from requested contribution in year (A)-(B)	189,170	0	9,360	115,390	64,430

- 3.7.1 The change in the contribution percentages has the impact shown in the table below.

Table 2 (a) Contribution changes	Total	HBBC	HDC	NWLDC
Previous percentage split	100%	37.32%	28.87%	33.81%
Revised percentage split	100%	36.01%	30.17%	33.82%
Change	100%	-1.31%	1.30%	0.01%
Difference – Increase/(Decrease) Previous split	£189,170	£70,600	£54,620	£63,960
Difference – Increase/(Decrease) Revised	£189,170	£9,360	£115,390	£64,430
Change		-£61,240	£60,770	£470

3.7.2 The change in contributions is mainly due to staff cost changes, see table 3 below.

Table 3: Cost pressures	£
Pay Award - 2026/27 - 3.2%	107,180
Pension Contribution	-133,990
Increase (Decrease) in NI Contribution	-1,620
Vacancy Factor associated with additional salary costs	39,050
Other Minor Variances	9,920
Total	20,540
Additional ICT & Telephone Costs	35,270
Additional ICT Capital Costs	133,360
Total	189,170
Partner Contributions	-189,170

Appendix 1 – Breakdown of budgets

Detail Code Name	2025/2026 Budget (OR)	2025/2026 Budget (LA)	2026/27 Draft Budget (5% Vacancy Factor)
Salaries - Full Time	3,402,100	3,402,100	3,405,460
Shared Service Employees- Salaries	0	0	0
Criminal Records Bureau Checks	900	900	900
Training Incl Conferences & Seminars	10,000	10,000	10,000
Professional Subscriptions	1,150	1,150	1,180
Rent	44,450	44,450	45,560
Mileage	12,000	12,000	12,000
Computer Software Maintenance & Upgrade	644,830	644,830	812,870
Computer Consumables	5,000	5,000	5,000
Flexible Working	23,350	13,350	3,350
Clothes & Uniforms	600	600	600
Printing & Stationery	8,940	8,940	8,940
Consultancy Fees	2,000	12,000	2,000
Audit Fees	7,660	7,660	7,900
Liability Order Expenses	20,900	20,900	20,900
Postages	18,840	18,840	20,250
Virtual Mail Room	267,240	267,240	287,280
Telephone	13,080	13,080	26,990
Mobile Telephone	1,740	1,740	1,780
Subsistence	500	500	500
Travel Arrangements	500	500	500
Subscriptions	7,250	7,250	7,250
Company Searches	8,700	8,700	8,700
Other - Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	1,000
S151 Officer - Shared Services	12,000	12,000	12,380
Accountancy Support - Shared Services	6,000	6,000	6,190
Democratic Services - Shared Services	1,200	1,200	1,240
Monitoring Officer - Shared Services	12,000	12,000	12,380
Total Costs	4,533,930	4,533,930	4,723,100
Miscellaneous Income	-18,900	-18,900	-18,900
Contributions from Outside Bodies	-4,515,030	-4,515,030	-4,704,200
Contributions and funding Total	-4,533,930	-4,533,930	-4,723,100