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NOTES

Main Estimate	The Estimate is structured as follows:
PART I	<p>Part I EXPENDITURE AND AMBIT - contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the net provision sought (i.e., the amount of expenditure in resource and capital terms by budgetary category and the net cash requirement) for the coming financial year a formal description of the services to be financed from each budget boundary any income to be retained (known as AMBIT) who will account for the Estimate any resources, capital and cash which have already been allocated in the Vote on Account.
PART II	<p>Part II SUBHEAD DETAIL - sets out in a tabular matrix format the resources required. Each of the columns numbered 1 to 12 is expressed in accruals terms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Columns 1-7 fall within the resource budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Columns 1 and 4 show direct gross resource expenditure and include amounts in respect of the current consumption of assets but do not include the amounts associated with the acquisition of assets. Columns 2 and 5 show income that may be used to offset gross resource expenditure and are deducted from the amount in columns 1 and 4 to give a net total amount (columns 3 and 6). Column 7 shows the net resource requirement. Columns 8 to 10 show the capital (i.e. non-resource) element of the Estimate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Column 8 shows capital acquisitions. Column 9 shows any income related to capital expenditure, such as income from the disposal of fixed assets. Column 10 shows the net capital requirement. The final two columns (column 11 and 12) of the table show the net total resource and capital provision for the previous financial year. These figures are for comparative purposes and are adjusted as far as possible to be consistent with the structure for the coming year. <p>Part II RESOURCE TO CASH RECONCILIATION – is a detailed explanation of the reconciliation between the net resource total and the net cash requirement, which includes capital expenditure, removes any non-cash items, adjusts for Non-Departmental Public Bodies, reflects movements in working balances and removes non-voted budget items.</p>

PART III	<p>NOTE A – shows the Comprehensive net expenditure & reconciliation table, any income received to offset against gross spending, any extra income and receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund.</p> <p>NOTE B – shows the sources of all types of income both resource and capital. The Commission does not expect to receive any income.</p> <p>NOTE C – shows the income payable to the Consolidated Fund. This is not applicable to the Commission.</p> <p>NOTE D – Explains the Accounting Officer responsibilities</p> <p>Ailsa Irvine has personal responsibility for the proper presentation of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's resource accounts and their transmission to the Comptroller & Auditor General and is also responsible for the use of public money and stewardship of assets.</p> <p>In discharging these responsibilities, particular regard is given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • observing any accounting and disclosure requirements (including any Accounts Direction) and applying suitable accounting policies on a consistent basis • making judgements and estimates on a reasonable basis • stating whether applicable accounting standards, as set out in the Financial Reporting Manual (FReM), or an organisation's version of it, have been followed, and explain any material departures in the accounts; and • preparing the accounts on a going concern basis. <p>The responsibilities of an Accounting Officer, including responsibility for regularity and propriety of the public finances for which an Accounting Officer is answerable, for keeping proper records and for safeguarding assets, are also set out in Chapter 3 of <i>Managing Public Money</i>.</p>
2025-26 Main Estimate	<p>The 2025-26 Main Estimates are presented in six booklets. This booklet covers the Main Estimate for The Local Government Boundary Commission for England.</p> <p>Separate booklets are being presented to Parliament for the main central government departments, The House of Commons (Administration), the National Audit Office, the Electoral Commission, the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, and the Parliamentary Works Grant.</p>
Parliamentary Procedure	<p>Full details of Parliamentary procedure for the voting of resources are given in the Main Estimate Booklet for central government departments which is published around the same time.</p>

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

INTRODUCTION

1. This Supply Estimate covers the administration and programme costs of The Local Government Boundary Commission for England on planning for and carrying out the functions and duties imposed on it by, or by virtue of, the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, and the Greater London Authority Act 1999.
2. These functions and duties include: undertaking electoral reviews of local authorities in England and implementing any changes by Order; undertaking reviews of administrative boundaries of local authorities in England and making recommendations to the Secretary of State for any changes; providing advice, at their request, to the Secretary of State on any proposals they receive from local authorities for a change to unitary status; undertaking reviews of the constituencies of the Greater London Assembly and implementing any changes by Order; altering the boundaries of district council or London borough wards and county council divisions as a consequence of the outcome of community governance reviews conducted by local authorities in England; and making orders to implement proposals from local authorities wishing to move to elections by thirds or by halves.
3. Paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 requires the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to submit to the Speaker's Committee each financial year an estimate of the Commission's income and expenditure. After concluding its examination and making modifications (if any) to the Estimate, the Speaker's Committee shall lay the Estimate before the House of Commons.
4. Supply Estimates are the means by which The Local Government Boundary Commission for England seeks authority from Parliament for its spending each year. The Main Estimate starts the process and is presented to Parliament around the start of the financial year to which it relates.

PART I: EXPENDITURE AND AMBIT

			£
	Voted	Non-Voted	Total
Departmental Expenditure Limit			
Resource	3,668,000	-	3,668,000
Capital	50,000	-	50,000
Annually Managed Expenditure			
Resource	-	-	-
Capital	-	-	-
Total Net Budget			
Resource	3,668,000	-	3,668,000
Capital	50,000	-	50,000
Non-Budget Expenditure	-		
Net Cash Requirement	3,626,000		

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2026 for expenditure by The Local Government Boundary Commission for England on:

Departmental Expenditure Limit:

Expenditure arising from:

Administration and operational cost and associated non-cash items, planning for and carrying out the functions and duties imposed on it by, or by virtue of, the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 and the Greater London Authority Act 1999.

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The Local Government Boundary Commission for England will account for this Estimate.

			£
	Voted total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete or surrender
Departmental Expenditure Limit			
Resource	3,668,000	1,246,000	2,422,000
Capital	50,000	23,000	27,000
Annually Managed Expenditure			
Resource	-	-	-
Capital	-	-	-
Non-Budget Expenditure	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	3,626,000	1,237,000	2,389,000

PART II: SUBHEAD DETAIL

£'000											
2025-26 Plans										2024-25 Plans	
Resources							Capital			Resources	Capital
Administration			Programme			Total					
Gross	Income	Net	Gross	Income	Net	Net	Gross	Income	Net	Net	Net
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Departmental Expenditure Limit (DEL)											
Voted expenditure											
A Local Government Boundary Commission for England	-	-	-	3,668	-	3,668	3,668	50	-	50	2,769 50
Total voted DEL	-	-	-	3,668	-	3,668	3,668	50	-	50	2,769 50
Total DEL	-	-	-	3,668	-	3,668	3,668	50	-	50	2,769 50
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)											
Voted expenditure											
<i>Local Government Boundary Commission for England</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 -
Total voted AME	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 -
Total AME	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 -
Voted expenditure	-	-	-	3,668	-	3,668	3,668	50	-	50	2,779 50
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total for Estimate	-	-	-	3,668	-	3,668	3,668	50	-	50	2,779 50

PART II: RESOURCE TO CASH RECONCILIATION

	£'000		
	2025-26 Plans	2024-25 Plans	2023-24 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement	3,668	2,779	2,448
Net Capital Requirement	50	50	33
Accruals to cash adjustments	-92	-80	-68
<i>Of which:</i>			
<i>Adjustment for ALBs:</i>			
Remove voted resource and capital	-	-	-
Add cash grant-in-aid	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to remove non-cash items:</i>			
Depreciation	-44	-127	-179
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-	-	-10
Lease liabilities	-	-	134
Departmental Unallocated Provision	-	-	-
Supported capital expenditure (revenue)	-	-	-
Prior Period Adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-48	-25	-29
<i>Adjustment to reflect movements in working balances:</i>			
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	-	-5
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in creditors	-	72	21
Use of provisions	-	-	-
Removal of non-voted budget items			
<i>Of which:</i>			
Consolidated Fund Standing Services	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	3,626	2,749	2,413

PART III: NOTE A – STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE NET EXPENDITURE & RECONCILIATION TABLE

	£'000		
	2025-26 Plans	2024-25 Plans	2023-24 Outturn
Gross Administration Costs	-	-	-
<i>Less:</i>			
Administration DEL Income	-	-	-
Net Administration Costs			
Gross Programme Costs	3,668	2,779	2,448
<i>Less:</i>			
Programme DEL Income	-	-	-
Programme AME Income	-	-	-
Non-budget income	-	-	-
Net Programme Costs	3,668	2,779	2,448
Total Net Operating Costs	3,668	2,779	2,448
<i>Of which:</i>			
Resource DEL	3,668	2,769	2,438
Capital DEL	-	-	-
Resource AME	-	10	10
Capital AME	-	-	-
Non-budget	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to include:</i>			
Departmental Unallocated Provision (resource)	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts in the budget but not in the SoCNE	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Capital in the SoCNE	-	-	-
Grants to devolved administrations	-	-	-
Non-Budget Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts in the SoCNE	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Total Resource Budget	3,668	2,779	2,448
<i>Of which:</i>			
Resource DEL	3,668	2,769	2,633
Resource AME	-	10	10
<i>Adjustments to include:</i>			
Grants to devolved administrations	-	-	-
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts in the resource budget	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Total Resource (Estimate)	3,668	2,779	2,643

PART III: NOTE B – ANALYSIS OF DEPARTMENTAL INCOME

No income is expected in 2025-26. No income was received in 2024-25 or 2023-24.

PART III: NOTE C – ANALYSIS OF CONSOLIDATED FUND EXTRA RECEIPTS

No CFER income is expected in 2025-26. No CFER income was received in 2024-25 or 2023-24.

PART III: NOTE D – Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

The Accounting Officer prepares resource accounts for each financial year.

The Speaker's Committee has appointed Ailsa Irvine, the Chief Executive, as Accounting Officer of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

See NOTES at the beginning of the document for details of Accounting Officer responsibilities.

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