ADEPT
Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport

General Meeting
November 2026

Proposed ADEPT membership fees – 2026/27

Recommendations

The Leadership Team recommends that:

- The annual subscription rate for all membership categories for 2027/28 is increased in line with the Consumer Prices Index for September 2026 (3.5%).

1. Background

At the General Meeting in November 2019, members agreed to a proposal from the Leadership Team to increase the annual subscription rate for all membership categories in line with inflation as indicated by the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) for September of the preceding year. This policy would be subject to annual review. Table 1 (below) presents changes to the membership fee since then.

Year	Membership fee increase
2020/21	1.7%
2021/22	-
2022/23	3%
2023/24	-
2024/25	6.7%
2025/26	1.7%
2026/27	3.8%

Table 2 sets out the 2026/27 fee structure for all membership categories.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	Local Authority		Combined Authority		Sub-natl. Transport Body	Corporate Partner	Special Honorary	National Assn.
	Year 1	£655						
	Thereafter							
FEES	<250k	£724	<1m	£1,000	£1,203	£6,986*[1]	£59	£3,603
	250k-500k	£1,444	1-2m	£1,500				
	>500k	£2,444	2m+	£2,000				

[1] Includes £1,000 contribution to the Bursary Fund

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2. Rationale for the fee changes

ADEPT membership fees remain competitive compared to similar organisations such as ADASS and ADCS. Whilst our local authority membership numbers are static, combined authority membership is slowly growing, and alternative funding streams are generating income (see finance update paper for detail). Nonetheless, and like many other organisations, ADEPT's income is being affected by increasing costs, reduced event sponsorship and severe financial pressures on local authority budgets.

3. Recommendation of the Leadership Team

Having reviewed the budget / reserves and recognising inflationary pressures on the Association's costs, the Leadership Team has concluded it is appropriate to raise the annual membership fee for all membership categories by 3.5%. This is aligned with the CPI inflation figure for September 2026.

If agreed, membership fees for 2027/28 will be:

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	Local Authority		Combined Authority		Sub-natl. Transport Body	Corporate Partner	Special Honorary	National Assn.
	Year 1	£678						
	Thereafter							
FEES	<250k	£750	<1m	£1,035	£1,245	£7,195	£61	£3,730
	250k-500k	£1,495	1-2m	£1,553				
	>500k	£2,530	2m+	£2,070				

4. Timing

Members are asked to approve the proposal at the General Members Meeting taking place during the Autumn Conference on 26th November 2026.

Hannah Bartram, Chief Executive Officer and June Meadows, Finance Officer