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Council Tax Guide

2026/2027

South Derbyshire District Council

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Help with the cost of your rent or Council Tax

We know there is a big difference between **'won't pay'** and **'can't pay'**. There's lots of support for people who 'can't pay' for whatever reason, but you need to be aware of what happens if you 'won't pay'.

Each year in South Derbyshire, we help many residents that are struggling with the cost of their rent or Council Tax. You may be employed, looking for work, unable to work because of illness, a single occupant, be a carer for others or be of pensionable age.

How can we help?
We look at your liability to pay rent or Council Tax, your income and savings and who lives in your household, to help us understand your unique situation and whether we can help. More information: www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/council-tax - click on 'Problems paying Council Tax' button, or call us on **01283 221 000.**

Paying for your Council services on time

If you don't pay your monthly instalment on time we will remind you.

If you don't then pay within seven days of the issue of the reminder, your instalment arrangement will be cancelled and the full year's bill will be immediately due and payable.

If you still do not pay, we will take action through the Magistrates' Court, which will add £77.50 in fees and costs to your bill.

Court proceedings will result in a liability order being issued against you. This means we can take further action, such as using enforcement agents, attaching your earnings or making you bankrupt. This may mean further substantial costs payable by you. After the liability order we may suspend further action if an acceptable agreement to pay the debt is made and kept up to date.

Appeals against your Council Tax charge

Appeals relating to either the liable person, or entitlement to Council Tax discounts, reliefs and exemptions should be made in writing to the Revenues Manager. If you are still not satisfied with their decision you can appeal directly to the Valuation Tribunal, an independent body which will review the case based on the facts and within the legislation.

Making an appeal does not allow you to withhold payment. If an appeal is successful, you will be entitles to a refund, if an overpayment occurred.

Appeals against your property valuation

You only have grounds to appeal your valuation band in the following cases:

- a house has been converted into flats
- any part of the property has been demolished
- the property is worth less because it has been adapted to make it suitable for a resident with a physical disability
- the physical state of the local area changes and this affects the value of the property
- the balance between domestic and business use changes
- the listing officer has altered the list without first making a proposal to the taxpayer within six months of becoming the taxpayer at that property for the first time (unless the same appeal has already been considered by a Valuation Tribunal).

Appeals against valuation bands are made to:

You can view your property and check if you can request a review, by selecting 'Council Tax' on www.voa.gov.uk.
You can contact the VOA using https://www.gov.uk/contact-voa , or in writing to
The Valuation Officer for South Derbyshire, Valuation Office Agency, Ground Floor,

- Ferrers House, Castle Meadow Road, Nottingham, NH2 1AB.

Tackling fraud

We have joined forces with Derby City Council to help stamp out fraud. By working together the partnership will benefit from sharing resources, intelligence and
state-of-the art detection techniques to tackle a wide range of fraud, including:

- Validating Council house tenancies and making sure that properties are allocated to those that have a genuine need;
- Tackling illegal subletting to reduce unauthorised occupation and return properties back to the housing stock;
- Identifying false claims for Council Tax reduction;
- Making sure people pay their Council Tax on time; and
- Stopping false Right to Buy requests supported by third parties and to help avoid/reduce the potential for money laundering.

Anyone found guilty of fraud will not only have to pay the money back, but may also be prosecuted or subject to additional financial penalties.
Reporting fraud is quick, easy to do and confidential. Please go to www.report-fraud.co.uk/derbycity/SDDC where you can complete a confidential online referral form to report a fraud or, alternatively, email: fraud@southderbyshire.gov.uk

Help with paying your Council Tax

Contact our debt recovery team if you think you may have a problem meeting your next payment. The sooner you call us, the more help we can provide. Don't leave it too late, we're here to support!

Call us on
01283 221 000

IMPORTANT information on help with council tax bills

Council Tax Support Scheme

South Derbyshire District Council is responsible for deciding the level of Council Tax Support for residents. Help for council taxpayers who are of pension age is determined in line with the prescribed national legislation.

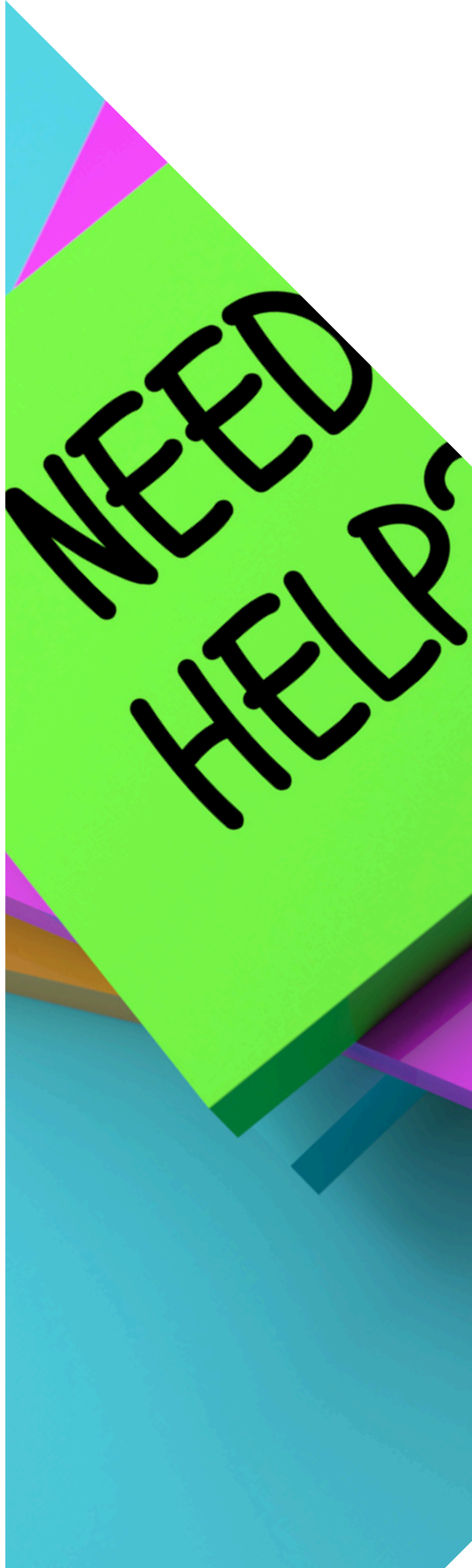
From 1 April 2022 we have made some significant changes to our local scheme for working age people to simplify the regulations and make it easier for council tax payers to receive support.

The revised local scheme for those of working age is known as the South Derbyshire District Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2026-27 and details of the scheme are available at: www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/ctrs

Council Tax Support is marked as a discount on the Council Tax bill, which shows the actual amount of Council Tax payable from April 2026 after any discount exemptions and relief have been awarded.

Please contact the Customer Services team as soon as possible if you think you will have any difficulty in making payment. Alternatively, independent help and advice is available from a number of organisations such as Citizens Advice Money Advice and Derbyshire Housing Aid.

DON'T FORGET! Remember to tell us about any changes in circumstances that may affect the amount you have to pay!



Discounts, reliefs and exemptions

Discounts

Single resident

Council Tax is based on two or more adults living in a property. If there is only one adult occupier we grant a 25% discount.

Disregarded persons

There are some circumstances where adult occupiers do not count in determining a discount - these are referred to as 'disregarded persons'.

- If all but one occupier is classed as 'disregarded persons' a 25% discount is granted.
- If all occupiers are classed as 'disregarded persons' we allow a 50% discount.

Disregarded persons are classified as below:

- students, student nurses, apprentices or youth training trainees
- those under 20 who are still at school or who have just left school
- those who still have child benefit paid for them
- those with severe mental impairment
- carers
- person in prison or held somewhere else by the authorities
- person living in hospital
- hospital or care home residents
- members of a religious community
- homeless hostel or night shelter residents
- members, and the dependants of, International Headquarters, specific defence
- organisations, visiting forces
- those with diplomatic immunity or privileges
- non-British spouses or dependants of students who are prevented by the terms of their leave from entering or remaining in the UK or from working or claiming benefit
- foreign language assistants

Reliefs

Disabled person

Your Council Tax may be reduced if a permanently disabled person lives with you. The disabled person must be permanently and substantially disabled, and a room, other than a bathroom, kitchen or lavatory, is predominantly used by and is required to meet the needs of the disabled person, or a second bathroom (not en-suite) or kitchen is required for meeting the needs of the disabled person or there is sufficient floor space to permit the use of a wheelchair which the disabled person needs to use.

Empty property

A property will have 100% relief from the first time it became unoccupied and substantially unfurnished. This will last for a period of three months after which a full charge becomes payable. This relief does not commence again if the ownership of the property changes within this period or if the property is occupied for less than six weeks. If the property remains empty for one year or more, a 100% premium becomes payable on top of the full charge. This premium increases progressively the longer the property remains empty.

Uninhabitable and unfurnished property

A property which requires or is undergoing major repair work or undergoing structural alteration will get a relief of 100% for a period of 12 months only. Please note general refurbishment, fitting of new kitchens or bathrooms or no connection to services does not class a property as uninhabitable for Council Tax purposes.

Annexes

Subject to the exemption criteria for annexes, a property which is separate from the main property but is subject to conditions preventing separate sale or letting, can now receive a 50% discount if it is occupied as a main residence by a relative of the occupier of the main house, or if the property is unoccupied but is being used as part of the main house, for example as a study area.

Exemptions

Exemptions (listed below) are subject to qualifying criteria so we may ask you to provide documentary evidence to us. Some exemptions have a limited time scale. We review exemptions at least once each year and we may ask you to provide information that helps us to do this.

Unoccupied property

If a property is left unfurnished, no discount is granted after any applicable exemption. If it remains furnished e.g. furnished lets or second homes, there is no discount applicable. The only exception to this is if it is tied accommodation, which is provided for work purposes. i.e. accommodation over a public house.

The following types of domestic property are exempt from payment of Council Tax:

B Owned by a charity (exemption allowed for up to six months only).

D Left empty by someone who has gone to prison.

E Left empty by someone who has moved to receive care in a hospital or a nursing home, or a care home.

F Subject to probate or letters of administration being granted (exemption continues for up to six months after this has been granted).

G Empty because occupation is forbidden by law.

H Awaiting occupation by a minister of religion.

I Left empty by someone who has moved elsewhere to receive personal care other than in a hospital or care home.

J Left empty by someone who has moved out to provide personal care to another person.

K In the ownership of a student and last occupied by that student.

L Has been repossessed.

Q Responsibility of a bankrupt's trustee.

R Sites for an individual caravan or mobile home, or a mooring.

T Difficult to let because they are linked to, or in the grounds of, another property and may not be let separately from that other property without breaching planning permission. The liable person must, however, live in the other property to qualify.

Occupied property

Some exemptions apply where a property is occupied by specified people. These apply in the following circumstances:

M/N Occupied entirely by students.

O Forces barracks and married quarters. Their occupants will contribute to the cost of local services through a special arrangement.

P At least one liable person is a member of a visiting force.

S All the residents are less than 18 years of age.

U All the residents are severely mentally impaired.

V At least one liable person is a foreign diplomat.

W Annexed to a family home and occupied by that family's elderly or disabled relatives.

Failure to tell us you no longer qualify for a discount, relief or exemption, or to make a false statement in order to claim any reduction in Council Tax, may result in a financial penalty.

Second Home Premium Charge

For the purpose of council tax, second homes are dwellings that are substantially furnished, but have may not have a resident (ie, it is not someone's sole or main residence).

From 1 April 2026, the Second Home Premium charge will mean an additional 100% Council Tax for all properties that have been classified as a Second Home for 2 years or more.

The Government has a applied a number of **mandatory** exceptions to the premium being applied, which are noted below.

Undergoing Probate. Second home status normally becomes applicable when the exemption has expired, which is six months after Probate has been granted.

Actively being Marketed for Sale or To Let. This will be applicable for a maximum of 12 months, once the two years empty threshold has been reached, or until it is no longer actively marketed For Sale/To Let

Annexe – forms part of a single property with one or more other dwellings

Job Related – you are required to live at the property for the purposes to do your job. i.e. it must be stipulated in your contract that you must live at that property. For example, teachers at boarding schools who are required to live in school accommodation but have their own property elsewhere.

Seasonal Homes – where all year round or permanent occupation is prohibited

Caravan Pitches/Boat Moorings – where the pitch/mooring is occupied by a caravan/boat but the caravan/boat is not lived in.

As well as the Mandatory exceptions, there are also a number of **Discretionary** exceptions, which South Derbyshire District Council have agreed to introduce:

• **Properties remaining unoccupied as not easily rented out or sold due to them being above a business such as pub or shop** - For legal/licensing/insurance purposes the property may not be occupied by anyone other than the owner/licensee or there is no separate entrance to the accommodation except through the business itself.

• **Holiday let properties** – These holiday lets must be categorised for Council Tax as they are not rented out frequently enough to be classed under Business Rates, where other reliefs may apply, but are still being used as a holiday let.

• **Work purposes** - These are occupied either because they are owned by companies who use them as workers' accommodation, or someone is renting as they are working in this area, but they have a main residence elsewhere.

• **Living abroad** - Owners living or working abroad and have a UK base making it not ideal for rental purposes

Long Term Empty Premium Charge

The current Long Term Empty Premium Charge will now become applicable after 1 year and not 2 years as it was previously. This applies to properties which are unoccupied and unfurnished and has remained so for a period exceeding 12 months. The 12 months starts from the time that the property FIRST became empty and unoccupied and does not renew with change of ownership.

There are some exceptions to the Premium charge being applied and these are:

Properties undergoing probate - Empty charge becomes applicable if property is unfurnished when the exemption for Probate has expired, which is 6 months after probate has been granted.

Properties being actively marketed for Sale or To Let - this will be applicable for a maximum of 12 months, or until it is no longer actively marketed For Sale/To Let

Undergoing major repair works if work is prolonged particularly if property is a Listed Building or in a Conservation area.

Properties owned by Armed Forces Personnel based away from main home a dwelling which would be the sole or main residence of a member of the Armed Forces, but who has been provided with a dwelling as a result of being in Armed Forces for example on Barracks. As such the property owned by them remains unoccupied.

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Depending on how long a property has been empty for, the amount of Premium will be increased.

Empty Duration	Premium Amount	Total Charge
1 year +	100%	200%
5 year +	200%	300%
10 year +	300%	400%

Awaiting deletion from Valuation Office Agency List. – a report must have been submitted either by the Billing Authority, or the owner has made an appeal directly, to the Valuation Office Agency for removal of the Council Tax band from the property. Normally if the property is in a derelict state.

Part of the Empty Homes scheme – registered with South Derbyshire District Council's Empty Homes Officer.

Let or Sale of property is restricted – for example, can only be occupied by residents over 55 years of age.

Table of Council Tax Levels for Properties in South Derbyshire, by Band and Parish

The Council, at its meeting on 26 February 2026, set the Council Tax as shown below:

Property Banding	A £0 to 40,000	B £40,001 to £52,000	C £52,001 to £68,000	D £68,001 to £88,000	E £88,001 to £120,000	F £120,001 to £160,000	G £160,001 to £320,000	H £320,001 or above
Aston-on-Trent	1603.52	1870.77	2138.03	2405.28	2939.79	3474.29	4008.80	4810.56
Barrow-on-Trent	1577.45	1840.36	2103.27	2366.18	2892.00	3417.82	3943.63	4732.36
Bretby	1548.21	1806.24	2064.28	2322.31	2838.38	3354.45	3870.52	4644.62
Burnaston	1564.67	1825.45	2086.23	2347.01	2868.57	3390.13	3911.68	4694.02
Castle Gresley	1568.67	1830.11	2091.56	2353.00	2875.89	3398.78	3921.67	4706.00
Church Broughton	1575.57	1838.16	2100.76	2363.35	2888.54	3413.73	3938.92	4726.70
Coton-in-the-Elms	1560.42	1820.49	2080.56	2340.63	2860.77	3380.91	3901.05	4681.26
Dalbury Lees	1552.50	1811.25	2070.00	2328.75	2846.25	3363.75	3881.25	4657.50
Drakelow	1554.27	1813.31	2072.36	2331.40	2849.49	3367.58	3885.67	4662.80
Egginton	1573.59	1835.86	2098.12	2360.39	2884.92	3409.45	3933.98	4720.78
Elvaston	1568.83	1830.30	2091.77	2353.24	2876.18	3399.12	3922.07	4706.48
Etwall	1581.48	1845.06	2108.64	2372.22	2899.38	3426.54	3953.70	4744.44
Findern	1560.96	1821.12	2081.28	2341.44	2861.76	3382.08	3902.40	4682.88
Foston and Scropton	1615.89	1885.20	2154.52	2423.83	2962.46	3501.09	4039.72	4847.66
Hartshorne	1542.77	1799.89	2057.02	2314.15	2828.41	3342.66	3856.92	4628.30
Hatton	1582.60	1846.37	2110.13	2373.90	2901.43	3428.97	3956.50	4747.80
Hilton	1574.18	1836.54	2098.91	2361.27	2886.00	3410.72	3935.45	4722.54
Linton	1580.47	1843.88	2107.29	2370.70	2897.52	3424.34	3951.17	4741.40
Melbourne	1575.59	1838.18	2100.78	2363.38	2888.58	3413.77	3938.97	4726.76
Netherseal	1561.55	1821.81	2082.07	2342.33	2862.85	3383.37	3903.88	4684.66
Newton Solney	1565.49	1826.40	2087.32	2348.23	2870.06	3391.89	3913.72	4696.46
Overseal	1566.13	1827.15	2088.17	2349.19	2871.23	3393.27	3915.32	4698.38
Repton	1580.08	1843.43	2106.77	2370.12	2896.81	3423.51	3950.20	4740.24
Rosliston	1575.13	1837.65	2100.17	2362.69	2887.73	3412.77	3937.82	4725.38
Shardlow and Great Wilne	1595.24	1861.11	2126.99	2392.86	2924.61	3456.35	3988.10	4785.72
Smisby	1584.87	1849.01	2113.16	2377.30	2905.59	3433.88	3962.17	4754.60
Stenson Fields	1550.67	1809.11	2067.56	2326.00	2842.89	3359.78	3876.67	4652.00
Ticknall	1576.49	1839.23	2101.98	2364.73	2890.23	3415.72	3941.22	4729.46
Walton-on-Trent	1555.93	1815.26	2074.58	2333.90	2852.54	3371.19	3889.83	4667.80
Weston-on-Trent	1555.66	1814.94	2074.21	2333.49	2852.04	3370.60	3889.15	4666.98
Willington	1577.46	1840.37	2103.28	2366.19	2892.01	3417.83	3943.65	4732.38
Woodville	1567.93	1829.26	2090.58	2351.90	2874.54	3397.19	3919.83	4703.80
All other parts of the Council's area	1537.86	1794.15	2050.47	2306.78	2819.41	3332.02	3844.64	4613.56

By Proportion of Band D

The bar below shows what proportion of the Band D charge other Bands pay

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
6/9	7/9	8/9	1.00	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9

Property Banding	Precept 2026/27 £	Parish addition Band D £	Band D Total 2026/27 £
Aston-on-Trent	72,000	98.50	2,405.28
Barrow-on-Trent	14,673	59.40	2,366.18
Bretby	6,335	15.53	2,322.31
Burnaston	27,675	40.23	2,347.01
Castle Gresley	30,000	46.22	2,353.00
Church Broughton	14,256	56.57	2,363.35
Coton-in-the-Elms	9,850	33.85	2,340.63
Dalbury Lees	3,120	21.97	2,328.75
Drakelow	22,130	24.62	2,331.40
Egginton	14,047	53.61	2,360.39
Elvaston	69,000	46.46	2,353.24
Etwall	80,947	65.44	2,372.22
Findern	53,615	34.66	2,341.44
Foston and Scropton	29,730	117.05	2,423.83
Hartshorne	11,085	7.37	2,314.15
Hatton	85,180	67.12	2,373.90
Hilton	172,900	54.49	2,361.27
Linton	48,960	63.92	2,370.70
Melbourne	117,670	56.60	2,363.38
Netherseal	12,122	35.55	2,342.33
Newton Solney	16,000	41.45	2,348.23
Overseal	40,753	42.41	2,349.19
Repton	80,000	63.34	2,370.12
Rosliston	17,500	55.91	2,362.69
Shardlow and Great Wilne	36,500	86.08	2,392.86
Smisby	8,955	70.52	2,377.30
Stenson Fields	30,000	19.22	2,326.00
Ticknall	17,500	57.95	2,364.73
Walton-on-Trent	8,135	27.12	2,333.90
Weston-on-Trent	18,000	26.71	2,333.49
Willington	63,212	59.41	2,366.19
Woodville	82,883	45.12	2,351.90
All other parts of the Council area			2,306.78

How are South Derbyshire District Council Services paid for?

Net budget and Council Tax Requirement	Budget 2025-26 £	Budget 2026-27 £
Net expenditure - South Derbyshire District Council	18,501,356	20,521,848
add: Parish Precepts	1,211,365	1,314,733
Sub total	**19,712,721**	**21,836,582**
Less: General Government Grant	-8,055,000	-10,239,837
Less: Specific Grant and New Homes Bonus	-2,962,097	-2,642,417
Less: Surplus on the Collection Fund	-114, 671	0
Equals Council Tax Requirement (CTR)	**8,580,953**	**8,954,328**

Debt outstanding	as at 31 March 2024 £000	as at 31 March 2025 £000
Long term loans	37,423	37,423
Short term finance	89	71
Total debt outstanding	37,512	37,494
Less: Short term deposits	-50,170	-51,757
Less: Long term deposits	-3,434	-3,500
Net Debt	**-16,092**	**-17,763**

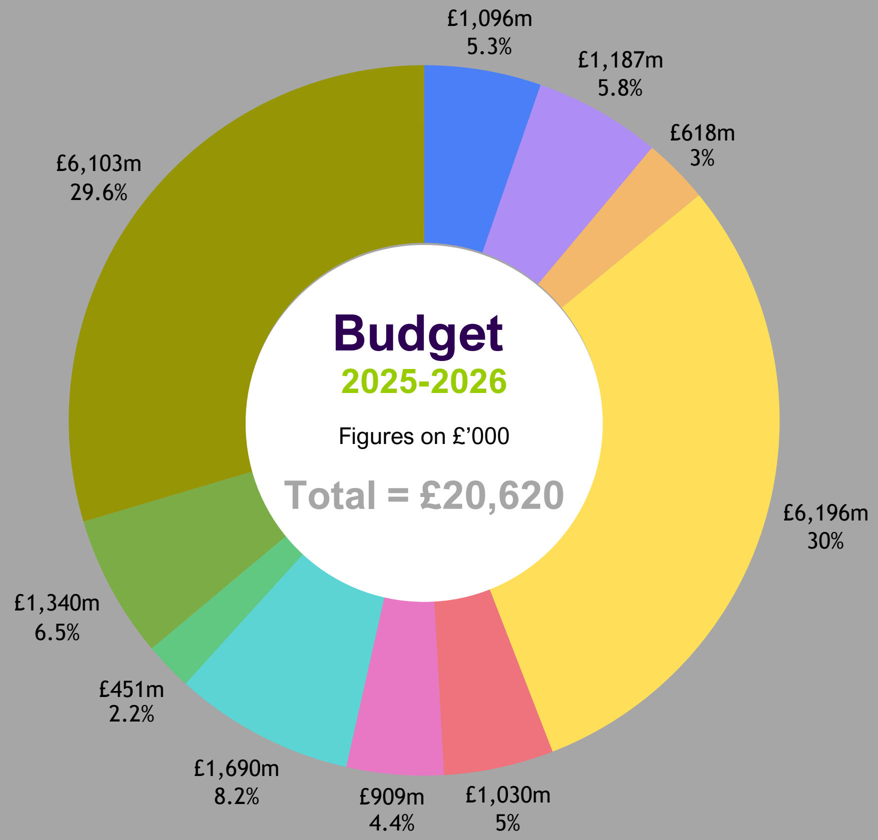
Staff Employed

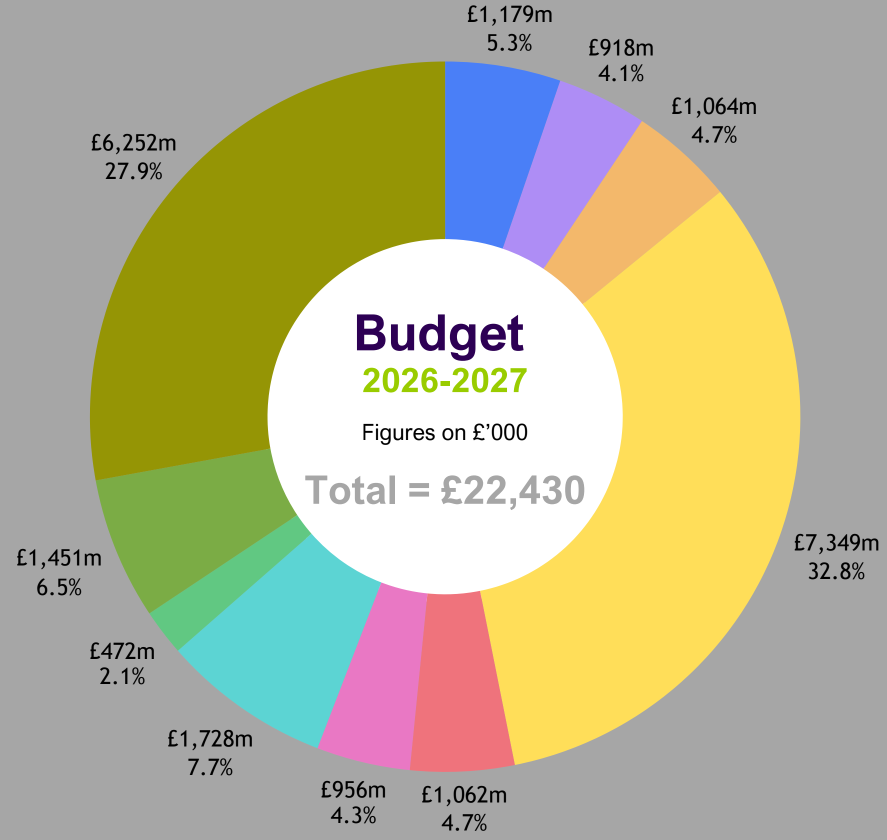
In 2026-27 the budgeted number of employees is 432.

This compares with 421 for 2025-26

Change in Council Tax Requirement (CTR)	£
Requirement 2026-27	8,954,328
Requirement 2025-26	8,580,953
Increase in requirement	**373,375**
Represented By	
Increase in other costs	-1,610,744.09
Increase in service income	3,489,169.06
Increase in Parish Precepts	103,368.80
Overall increase in costs	**1,981,793.77**
Overall increase in funding	-1,750,485.41
Net Budget Deficit	**231,308.36**
Contribution from Reserves	142,067.00
Overall increase in CTR	**373,375.36**

How much is spent on South Derbyshire District Council services?





South Derbyshire District Council's share of Council Tax will be £190.78 for 2026/27 for those in Band D properties.
It was previously £185.24 for 2025/26

What did South Derbyshire District Council achieve in 2025/2026?

Recycled and composted 47% of household waste!

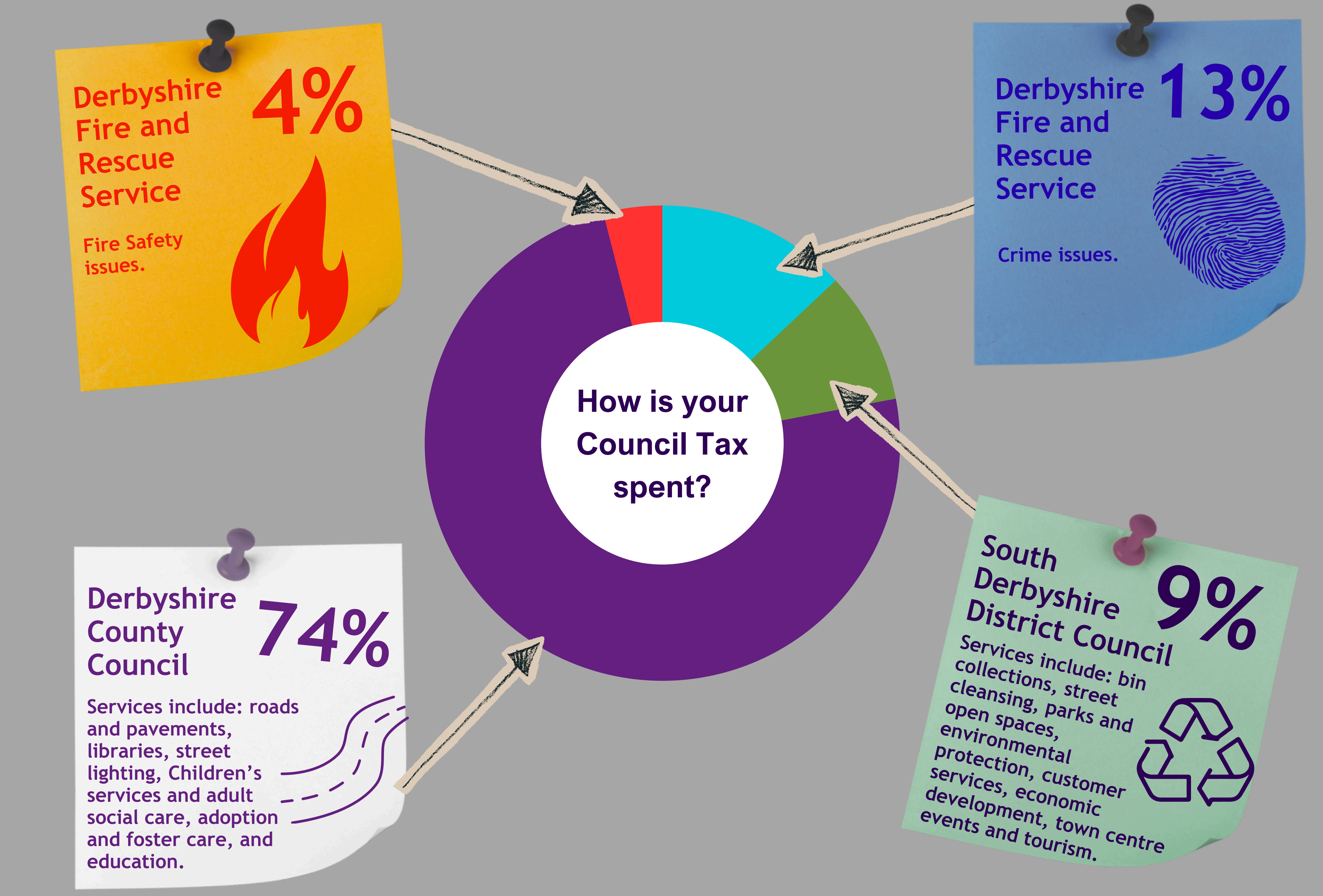
Submitted Plans for brand-new Leisure Centre.

Reduced time to re-let Council homes, for tenants in need.

Supported hundreds of local businesses reach potential.

Enhanced parks and play areas across the District.

Held a number of FREE events for the whole family.


How is your Council Tax spent?
Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
4%
Fire Safety issues.
Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
13%
Crime issues.
South Derbyshire District Council
9%
Services include: bin collections, street cleansing, parks and open spaces, environmental protection, customer services, economic development, town centre events and tourism.
Derbyshire County Council
74%
Services include: roads and pavements, libraries, street lighting, Children's services and adult social care, adoption and foster care, and education.

Police and Crime Commissioner

2026/27 Budget and Council Tax Requirement

To see further information regarding the Police and Crime Commissioner's budget for 2026/27, their plans for investment in communities and also how it affects the Council Tax requirement, please refer to the leaflet hosted on the Commissioner's website: www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/finance-grants/council-tax-leaflet-2026-27/

The budget for policing Derbyshire in 2026/27 has been set at £258.825m, an increase of £15.596m from 2025/26.

Of this, £152.653m is provided by the Government's Police Grant. The amount contributed by local council tax is £106.296m.

What are the Police and Crime Commissioner's main responsibilities?

The Police and Crime Commissioner's main duties include:

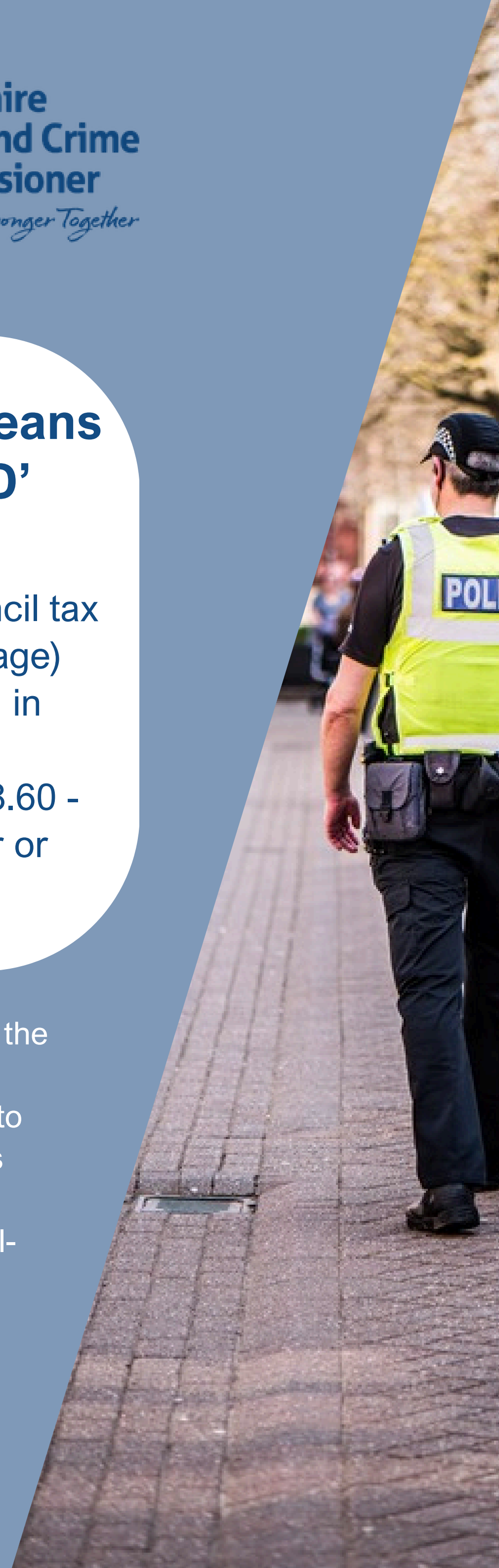
- ☑ Holding the Chief Constable to account
- ☑ Setting and updating a Police and Crime Plan
- ☑ Setting the Force budget and Council Tax precept
- ☑ Regularly talking to our communities
- ☑ Appointing – and where necessary dismissing – the Chief Constable
- ☑ Commissioning the services of partner agencies to deliver a joined-up approach to crime and awarding of grants that help to deliver the policing objectives
- ☑ Commissioning services to support victims of crime

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Safer and Stronger Together

What this means for a 'Band D' household

The annual amount of council tax paid by a Band D (the average) household towards policing in 2026/27 will increase from £293.60 in 2025/26 to £308.60 - an increase of £15 per year or 29p per week.

For further information regarding the Police & Crime Commissioner's budget for 2026/27, please refer to the leaflet on the Commissioner's website: www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/finance-grants/council-tax-leaflet-2026-27/



Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service

2026/27 Budget and Council Tax Requirement

The Derbyshire Fire Authority hereby require you to levy in respect of the year beginning on the 1st day of April 2026 the following precept for Fire Authority expenses, levied on the whole of the billing authority's area:-

For Fire Authority purposes £3,940,730.04

Made up of:

Precept Levied	£3,940,730.04
Movement on Collection Fund	£0
Net	£3,940,730.04

This amount is determined in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. The Council Tax base for your billing authority, as provided by your authority in accordance with the Local Authorities (calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992 is £40,044.00 and that for the whole Fire Authority is £344,446.27.

What this means for a 'Band D' household

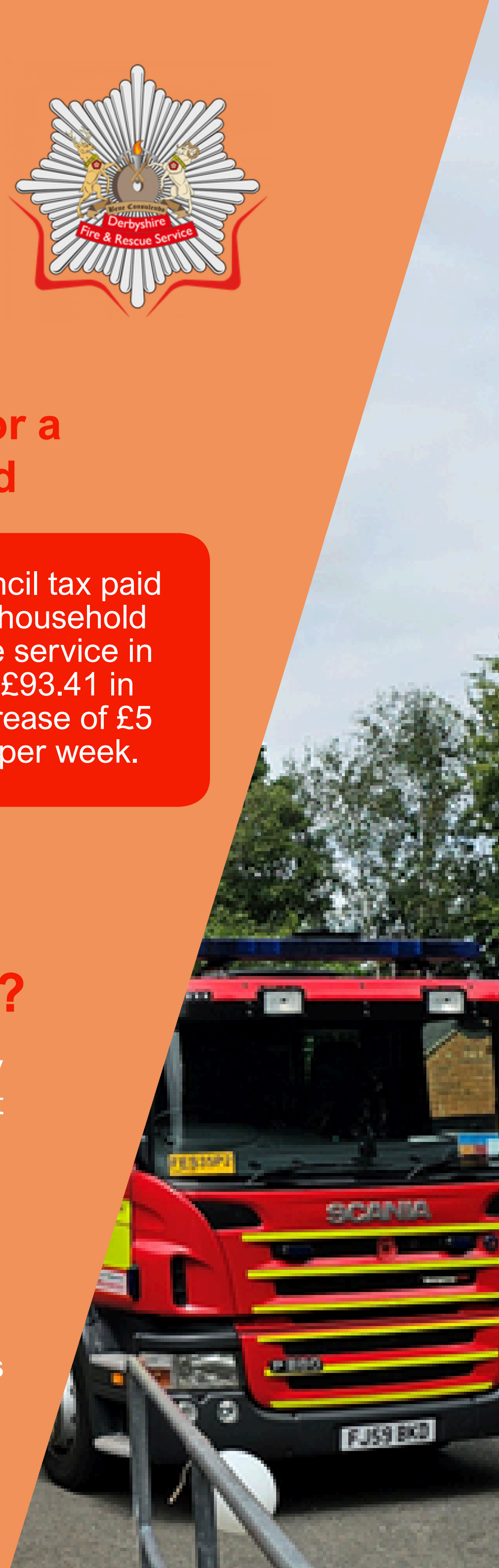
The annual amount of council tax paid by a Band D (the average) household towards the fire and rescue service in 2026/27 will increase from £93.41 in 2025/26 to £98.41 - an increase of £5 per year or just under 10p per week.

What service is provided by Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service?

The work of the service is split into three main categories; Prevention and Protection, which are part of the community safety portfolio, and Response. The work of these portfolios is made possible with the help and support of our support portfolios.The Service is also required to assess the risks to the communities of Derbyshire and to plan for emergencies not just within Derbyshire but across the borders as part of a national response to emergencies.

The Service is part of the Derbyshire Local Resilience Forum and work closely with partner organisations in Derbyshire, such as the police and county council, in assessing the levels of risk for a range of potential hazards in our area. These can range from threats to human health, such as coronavirus pandemic, to industrial accidents and terrorist incidents. Currently, there are 16 hazard categories overall and approximately 75 individual Risk Assessments to be carried out.

For further information, please visit the website: www.derbys-fire.gov.uk/about-us/what-we-spend/our-budget-and-your-council-tax



Environment Agency

2026/27 Budget and Council Tax Requirement

The majority of funding for flood defence comes directly from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). However, under the new Partnership Funding rule not all schemes will attract full central funding. To provide local funding for local priorities and contributions for partnership funding, the Regional Flood and Coastal Committees recommend through the Environment Agency a local levy.

A change in the gross budgeted expenditure between years reflects the programme of works for both capital and revenue needed by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to which you contribute. The total Local Levy raised by this committee has increased by 3.0%

Local Levy increase

The total Local Levy raised has increased from £2,359,742 in 2025/2026 to £2,430,534 for 2026/2027.

What service is provided by the Environment Agency

The Environment Agency is a levying body for its Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Functions under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the Environment Agency (Levies) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011.

The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood and coastal erosion risk management for 2,369 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. Money is spent on the construction of new flood defence schemes, the maintenance of the river system and existing flood defences together with the operation of a flood warning system and management of the risk of coastal erosion.

For further information on the Environment Agency, visit the website: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency

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