

Your Council Tax 2026-2027

Protecting vital services and providing value for money to our communities.

Place (economy, transport and environment)

- reducing the backlog of potholes by 80%, improving the condition of Derbyshire roads
- delivering over £50 million investment to look after the county's 3,361 miles of road
- securing £780,000 from Arts Council England to deliver the 3-year [Derbyshire Makes](#) programme supporting Derbyshire's cultural sector, with 60 cultural businesses supported
- delivering 12 festival days across 6 hub towns with more dates planned for the year ahead
- supporting 333 young people who are not in education, employment or training through [Youth Employment Support \(YES\)](#) Derbyshire between April and November 2025
- working with partners to deliver the [Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire](#) and supporting projects that conserve and enhance nature
- caring for Derbyshire's heritage and landmarks, including the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, to protect our county's history for future generations
- creating the [Derbyshire Heartwood Community Forest](#) which offers grants for tree planting and woodland creation to landowners, with more than 60 hectares of planting planned
- lending more than 2.5 million books and digital items from [our libraries](#), as well as providing a home library service, events, learning opportunities, and wellbeing support for our residents
- managing 385,000 tonnes of household waste, diverting 379,000 tonnes away from landfill and recycling 182,000 tonnes of household waste

Health and communities (including Trading Standards)

- seizing over 1.9 million illegal cigarettes and overseeing the closure of 11 shops selling illegal tobacco
- stopping 32,083 nuisance and scam calls via Call Blocker devices installed in the homes of vulnerable residents – preventing over £200,000 of scams
- ensuring the welfare of over 14,000 animals with an estimated value of £10 million during animal health inspections at farms and markets
- supporting more than 6,700 people to identify their health and wellbeing needs via completing a health and wellbeing assessment through Live Life Better Derbyshire

- supporting more than 1,900 people to lose weight and helping more than 1,300 people to become more physically active
- giving more than 3,100 people stop smoking advice and seeing more than 1,200 people successfully quit smoking after 4 weeks with Live Life Better Derbyshire

Adult care

- supporting more than 13,000 unpaid carers, 400 young carers and administering 922 carer personal budgets
- welcoming more than 2,100 carers to events, groups and activities
- supporting more than 5,700 older and disabled people to return home from hospital
- dealing with more than 37,000 requests for social care advice, information and assessments
- supporting more than 13,500 older and disabled people to live independently at home
- helping more than 14,300 people maximise their benefits
- awarding more than 9,900 crisis payments from our discretionary fund

Children's services

- looking after more than 1,000 children in our care and additionally supporting over 1,000 care experienced young people
- funding free early years education for around 17,000 children
- improving provision for more than 25,000 children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities
- providing additional places in our children's homes, including for young people with complex needs, to be nearer to their families

How the council budget is spent per person



The total spending includes council tax and direct government funding.

Other services refers to legal and democratic services, finance, ICT, HR, communications, strategy and transformation and property services.

The pie chart shows the 2026-2027 council budget of £820.1 million (£997 per person). This is broken down into 6 segments:

- segment 1 shows adult care at £443 per person (45%)
- segment 2 shows children's services at £254 per person (25%)
- segment 3 shows health and communities, including Trading Standards, at £13 per person (1%)
- segment 4 shows contingency, including inflation, interest, debt charges and corporate budgets, at £74 per person (7%)
- segment 5 shows other services at £118 per person (12%)
- segment 6 shows place at £95 per person (10%)

The 'precept'

Since 2016-2017 the Secretary of State has made an offer to councils with a responsibility for adult social care to charge an additional 'precept' on its council tax without holding a referendum, to assist authorities in meeting expenditure on adult social care.

More information

You may be eligible for [help with your council tax](#).

This is a summary. For more information view [budgets and spending](#).

What we'll be spending on your services

Revenue expenditure and income

2025-2026				2026-2027		
Gross expenditure £ million	Gross income £ million	Net expenditure £ million	Service area	Gross expenditure £ million	Gross income £ million	Net expenditure £ million
450.1	100.8	349.4	Adult care	621.3	256.6	364.7
1062.8	887.0	175.8	Children's services	1159.4	950.7	208.7
50.2	11.7	38.5	Refuse disposal	44.6	2.7	41.9
40.4	8.3	32.2	Highways and countryside	39.2	8.3	30.9
24.7	7.3	17.3	Public transport	8.6	7.1	1.5
4.4	1.1	3.3	Planning	4.9	1.3	3.5
49.9	49.9	0.0	Public health	55.4	55.4	0.0
10.3	0.8	9.5	Health and communities	9.7	0.8	8.9
1.5	0.2	1.4	Trading Standards	1.7	0.2	1.5
26.8	0.0	26.8	Contingency	3.2	0.0	3.2
82.8	10.8	72.0	Other services	107.1	9.7	97.4
1803.8	1077.7	726.1	Total	2055.0	1292.8	762.3
		39.9	Plus debt charges			36.6
		7.5	Plus other corporate budgets			24.6

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Gross expenditure £ million	Gross income £ million	Net expenditure £ million	Service area	Gross expenditure £ million	Gross income £ million	Net expenditure £ million
		-3.7	Less interest receipts			-3.4
		1.9	Plus internal financing			0.0
		771.7	Net budget requirement			820.1
		-19.2	Less Revenue Support Grant			-147.1
		-25.1	Less business rates			-28.2
		-102.9	Less Top Up			-127.8
		-183.1	Less general grants			-54.5
		0.0	Less use of reserves			0.0
		441.4	Council Tax			462.5

Reasons for the increase in Council Tax

Reason	£ million
Pay and price increases due to inflation and factors outside the council's control	25.0
Service pressures	70.0
Budget savings	-39.2
Change in services funded from grants and other income	195.3
Change in gross expenditure	251.1
Increase in service income, such as increased charges for services	-215.0
Increase in internal financing	-1.9

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Reason	£ million
Increase in corporate budgets	17.1
Decrease in debt charges	-3.3
Decrease in interest on balances	0.3
Change in budget requirement	48.3
Less increase in Revenue Support Grant	-127.9
Less increase in business rates	-3.1
Less increase in Top Up Grant	-24.8
Less increase in general grants	128.6
Plus decrease in use of reserves	0.0
Increase in Council Tax	21.1

Other notes

For 2026-2027 we will levy the government's Adult Social Care Precept of 2% (the maximum is 2%) towards the cost of older and vulnerable people's services. View more information at [budgets and spending](#).

The general rise of 2.90% (the maximum is 3%) to mostly support children's services, combined with adult social care precept, equals a total Council Tax rise of 4.90%.