Council Tax Information for 2022/23

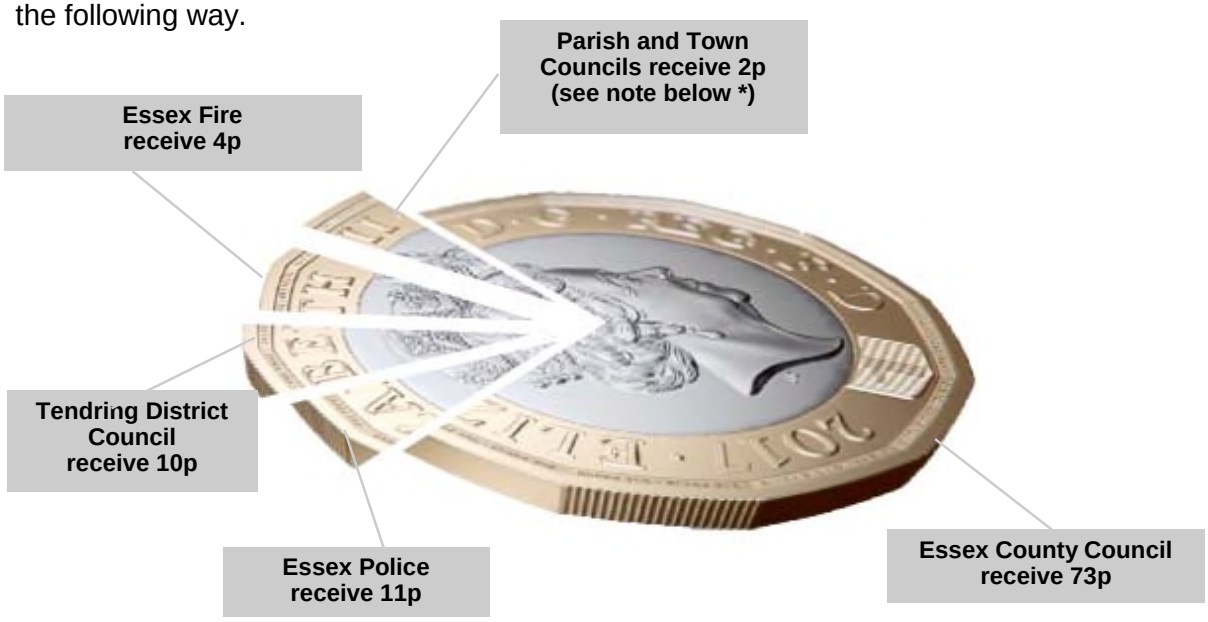
What is Council Tax?

Council Tax is a tax local authorities charge to raise money to pay for their services.
Almost every household has to pay Council Tax, whether your home is a house, bungalow, flat, maisonette, mobile home or houseboat, and whether you own or rent it.
Each property is put into one of eight bands, depending on how much it was worth on 1 April 1991.
Your Council Tax bill shows the band your home is in.

We (Tendring District Council) collect your Council Tax and put it into a separate fund called the collection fund. We share this fund with Essex County Council, Essex Police, Essex Fire and the Parish and Town Councils.

Valuation band	Value of property on 1 April 1991
Band A	£40,000 or less
Band B	£40,001 to £52,000
Band C	£52,001 to £68,000
Band D	£68,001 to £88,000
Band E	£88,001 to £120,000
Band F	£120,001 to £160,000
Band G	£160,001 to £320,000
Band H	More than £320,000

This year we need to collect £96 million in Council Tax. Every £1 of Council Tax is shared in the following way.



- Essex County Council use Council Tax to pay for services such as social services, highways and libraries.
- We use Council Tax to help pay for services such as collecting rubbish, planning, leisure services and improving facilities for our community.

* *These are averages across all the Parish and Town Councils.*

Who has to pay Council Tax?

Council Tax is charged for every domestic dwelling in the country.

In most cases the person (or people) aged 18 or over nearest the top of the following list will be responsible for paying Council Tax:

- Owner-occupiers
- Leaseholders
- Tenants
- People who have a licence to occupy
- Residents with no legal interest in the property
- People who own the property but don't live in it.

People such as joint tenants and couples are jointly and severally liable for all the Council Tax for their dwelling.

Adult Social Care

In relation to the year beginning in 2020 and any subsequent year, the following statement-

The Secretary of State made an offer to adult social care authorities. ("Adult social care authorities" are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014, namely county councils in England, district councils for an area in England for which there is no county council, London borough councils, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.)

The offer was the option of an adult social care authority being able to charge an additional "precept" on its council tax without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting its expenditure on adult social care from the financial year 2016-17. It was originally made in respect of the financial years up to and including 2019-20. If the Secretary of State chooses to renew this offer in respect of a particular financial year, this is subject to the approval of the House of Commons.

How to pay

Information on various payment methods and your options for instalment plans is available on the back of your bill and on our website.

www.tendringdc.gov.uk/council-tax/pay

People with Disabilities

The Disabled Band Reduction scheme makes sure disabled people don't pay more Council Tax if they need a bigger property, or have adapted their home because of their disability.

You may qualify if your property has

- A room which is mainly used by a disabled resident and is essential, or of major importance to their welfare; or
- An extra bathroom or extra kitchen which is necessary to meet the needs of the disabled resident; or
- Enough floor space to use a wheelchair. The disabled resident must need to use their wheelchair indoors.

Empty Properties/Second Homes

There is usually a full charge for unoccupied properties, whether they are furnished or unfurnished. Some unoccupied properties can receive an exemption. Details about exemptions can be found later in this leaflet.

Long Term Empty Premium

Why

From 1st April 2019 the Local Government Finance Act 2012 gave local authorities the power to increase the Council Tax by way of a premium to encourage owners to bring empty properties back into use.

Empty homes are not just a problem in Tendring, but nationally and are a wasted resource. Given the acute need for housing, it is vital that every effort is made to bring such properties back into use at the earliest opportunity.

The changes proposed will therefore also bring us into line with many other local authorities, especially those across Essex where the 'premium' is already being charged.
Tendring District council approved the following taking effect from 1st April 2022

Premium Rate	Properties effected	Date From
100% (on top of what you normally pay)	Properties empty for 2 - 5 years	1st April 2022
200% (on top of what you normally pay)	Properties empty for 5 - 10 years	1st April 2022
300% (on top of what you normally pay)	Properties empty for 10 years and over	1st April 2022

The Empty Homes Premium will be added to any property which has remained empty and unfurnished for longer than two years; regardless of how long the current owner has had the property. Change of ownership or liability does not affect the premium charged and no account shall be taken for any one or more periods of less than 6 weeks during which the property is not empty. The Empty homes premium will not apply if:

- The property is the main residence of a member of the armed forces absent as a result of such service
- The property forms part of a single property (i.e. an annex) which is being treated as a part of the main dwelling by a resident of that property
- The property is on the market for sale or rent.

If your bill shows a long-term empty premium and you think that your property is in one of these categories please contact us straight away.

How do I to end the premium charge?

- To end the premium charge, you must bring the property back into use.

To notify the Council that you have done this please complete the online enquiry form on the link below:

https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/council-tax/contact

If Your Circumstances Change

If you claim a Council Tax discount, exemption or Local Council Tax Support, you must inform us immediately about any change in your circumstances which may affect your entitlement.

A £70 penalty notice will be issued to anyone who either fails to inform the Council within 21 days of any relevant change in circumstances or provides false information to obtain any Council Tax discount or exemption.

Discounts

A full Council Tax bill is based on at least two adults living in your home. You will get 25% off the bill for your main home if you live alone, or are the only person living in the property who is counted for Council Tax purposes.

These people are not counted for Council Tax:

- Children under 18
- People on some apprentice schemes
- 18 and 19 year olds in full-time education
- Full-time college and university students
- Young people under 25 who get funding from the Skills Funding Agency or Young Peoples Learning Agency
- Student nurses
- Foreign language assistants registered with the British Council
- People with a severe mental disability
- Live-in carers who look after someone who isn't their partner, spouse or child
- Diplomats
- Members of International Headquarters and Defence Organisations
- Members of religious communities
- People in prison or detained under the Mental Health Act.

Repairs or Alterations

A property may receive a 100% discount for up to 12 months if it requires or is undergoing structural alterations.

In case of repairs, a further 6 month discount can be granted after the works are completed, as long as the total duration of both discounts does not exceed 12 months and the property remains unfurnished and unoccupied.

Further details are available on our website:

www.tendringdc.gov.uk/council-tax/discounts

Reductions for Annexes

A 50% reduction in Council Tax applies for people living in annexes provided they are related to the person liable to pay Council Tax on the main dwelling.

The reduction also applies for people living in dwellings with annexes which are unoccupied provided they are using the annexe as part of their main residence.

Exemptions for Unoccupied Properties

B. Unoccupied dwellings owned by charities - up to 6 months only
D. Unoccupied because the taxpayer is in prison or detained under The Mental Health Act
E. Unoccupied because the taxpayer has moved to a care home or hospital
F. Unoccupied when the owner has died and the property has to be sold to clear the debts of the estate or the deceased did not leave a will. The exemption can only apply for up to 6 months after probate or letters of administration have been granted
G. Occupation is prohibited by law
H. Empty dwelling being held for a Minister of Religion
I. Unoccupied by a person receiving care
J. Unoccupied by a person providing care elsewhere
K. Unoccupied by students
L. Repossessed properties
Q. Property left empty by a bankrupt
R. Unoccupied caravan pitches and boat moorings
T. Is part of a property that also includes another home and cannot be let separately due to planning restrictions.

Exemptions for Occupied Properties

M. College/university halls of residence
N. Property solely occupied by full time students
O. Armed forces accommodation
P. Visiting forces accommodation
S. All occupants are aged under 18
U. Property occupied solely by those who are severely mentally impaired
V. Diplomats property
W. Annex occupied by a dependant relative.

Local Council Tax Support (LCTS)

Local Council Tax Support is a reduction of your council tax bill based on:

- Your income
- The size of your family
- Other adults living with you
- The amount of Council Tax you have to pay

In general, the lower your income the more the bill can be reduced by Local Council Tax Support. Everyone of working age will have to pay at least 20% of their bill.

Other adults (non-dependants) who live with you may be expected to help you pay the Council tax. This means you may get less help from Local Council Tax Support.

The rules for Local Council Tax Support are different depending on whether you are:

- Working age
- Pension age

For more information about Local Council Tax Support, and to find out whether you are eligible please visit www.tendringdc.gov.uk

Your Local Authority may prosecute or impose a sanction if you give false information when applying for a Council Tax Reduction, or if you don't tell the Local Authority about a change in your circumstances which affects your award within 21 days of the change taking place.

In some cases the Local Authority may not prosecute you but may impose a sanction which could include asking you to pay a penalty.

The £70 fixed penalty is in addition to repaying any Council Tax Reduction you shouldn't have received.

Fraud

Not Every Person is Honest

Do you know of anyone who is currently trying to abuse the system by falsely claiming a Council Tax discount (including Local Council Tax Support) or an exemption?

Funding has been cut for the Council, but help us to prevent further cuts to **your** Council services by stopping those individuals who are not fully paying their way.

If you do have any suspicions contact us anonymously

Telephone on 0800 1697 004 or
E-mail fraud.hotline@tendringdc.gov.uk or complete an online referral by visiting the Council's website on https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/benefits/fraud

All the information you provide us with will be treated in the strictest confidence, and can be anonymous.

Tendring District Council is dedicated to tackling any form of Fraud.

WARNING — FRAUD

You will have to pay back any overpayment in all circumstances. If the Council feels a serious offence has been committed in relation to Local Council Tax Support you can be interviewed under caution. This could result in the Council prosecuting you or you being offered a caution or an Administrative Penalty (fined up to 50% of the original total overpayment).

HELP US STAMP OUT COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT FRAUD AND EXEMPTION ABUSE

How do I appeal?

Valuation appeals

If you think your home should be in a different valuation band, please contact the **Valuation Office Agency** (not us).

The Valuation Office Agency (VOA) values domestic properties for Council Tax. This valuation is used to set your council tax band. You might need to contact the VOA if you think your council tax band is wrong.

You can find out more about when you can challenge your band and what you need to do at gov.uk/challenge-council-tax-band. If you challenge your band, you must continue to pay council tax at your current band until your appeal is decided.

You can contact the VOA at gov.uk/contact-voa. If you are unable to use the online service you can also contact the VOA on 03000 501 501 [English authorities] /03000 505 505 [Welsh authorities].

Other appeals

You can appeal to us if:

- you feel the property should be exempt from Council Tax
- you believe we have made a mistake working out your bill
- we have not given you a discount, or
- we have not reduced your bill because you or someone you live with has a disability.

If you think the decision is wrong you can:

1. Make an appeal in writing to Tendring District Council telling us why you think the decision is wrong. Making an appeal does not allow you to withhold payment of Council Tax.

2. If the Council cannot resolve your appeal or you do not get a reply within 2 months you may appeal to the Valuation Tribunal. You must do this within 2 months of the date of when the Council notified you of its decision or, if you have received no reply from us, within four months from the date of your initial appeal. You will need to fill in an appeal form. You can do this online at www.valuationtribunal.gov.uk.

If you appeal, you must continue to pay your Council Tax until your appeal is decided. If your appeal succeeds, we will give you back any Council Tax you have overpaid.

Privacy Notice

Privacy Notice - Tendring District Council is required by law to protect the public funds it administers. In order to meet this requirement, this will include sharing information internally and externally to prevent and detect fraud, improve the way it delivers services and for the purpose of performing its statutory obligations and enforcement duties. All personal information will be processed in accordance with current data protection legislation

Is your bill correct?

Please tell us about any changes in your circumstances, or if your billing details are wrong.

DO NOT IGNORE YOUR BILL - If you do not pay it and do not agree any other arrangement, we may take action against you which could increase the amount you have to pay.

Penalties

A £70 penalty notice will be issued to anyone who fails to inform the Council within 21 days of any relevant change of circumstances which affects entitlement to a discount, (including Local Council Tax Support) or exemption, or fails to reply to a request for information in relation to an entitlement to a discount (including Local Council Tax Support), or provides false information to obtain any Council Tax discount or exemption.

How we work out your Council Tax

	Last Year (2021/22) £000	This Year (2022/23) £000	
General Council Costs	3,975	4,876	
Coastal Protection	2,664	2,712	
Collecting Local Taxes & Paying Council Tax Benefit	1,920	2,212	
Community Safety	330	406	
Environmental and Public Health	4,992	5,085	
Highways, Roads & Transport	808	843	
Housing	61,996	62,884	
Leisure & Tourism	9,025	9,497	
Planning, Community, Partnership & Renewal	5,656	6,713	
Waste Collection & Recycling	4,066	4,931	
Other Services	(3,389)	(5,702)	
Gross Expenditure	**92,043**	**94,457**	
Parish/Town Council Precepts	2,101	2,273	
Less Income From:			
Grants & Contributions	(53,573)	(56,476)	
Rents/fees/charges/interest	(24,190)	(25,181)	
Net Expenditure	**16,381**	**15,073**	
Transfer from/to Reserves	(6,664)	(3,402)	
Parish/Town Council Precepts	(2,101)	(2,273)	
	7,616	**9,398**	
Revenue Support Grant and Business Rates	(5,030)	(3,477)	
Income from Collection Fund	6,018	3,191	
Council Tax Requirement *	**8,604**	**9,112**	
Average Council Tax for a property in band D* in Tendring District Council and the percentage change comparing last year and this year.	£177.64	£182.64	2.81%

** Excluding parish and town councils*

Facing cost changes

The table below shows why our spending has changed. Government policies and the state of the national economy affect our spending in general, and also affect some particular services.

	£000
Money needed for 2021/22	7,616
Changes in spending on services	2,414
Changes in grants, fees and other charges	(3,894)
Changes to how we use savings and reserves	3,262
The amount we need to raise in 2022/23 *	**9,398**

**The change between years largely reflects the unwinding of the impact of the effect of COVID 19 Business Rate Reliefs provided by the government.*

How much do you have to pay?

We work out how much Council Tax we must collect by adding together the money each of the authorities need. The amount for Tendring District Council is split between General and Special Expenses. General Expenses are applied across the whole district and Special Expenses vary from area to area.

We work out how much Council Tax the properties in each valuation band should pay in line with the amount homes in band D will pay.

So, if your home is in band D, your Council Tax for this year will be £1,866.15 plus an amount you have to pay to your local Parish/Town Council for their precept and to Tendring District Council for Special Expenses (if applicable). The table below shows the Council Tax for a property in band D.

	Amount Needed £000	Council Tax for each property in Band D £
Tendring District Council - General Expenses	8,540	171.18
Essex County Council	69,905	1,401.12
Essex Fire	3,758	75.33
Essex Police	10,903	218.52
Total (excluding Parish/Town Councils and Special Expenses)	**93,106**	**1,866.15**

Council Tax amounts for each area in the district

This chart shows how much Council Tax you have to pay, depending on where you live and which valuation band your home is in.

	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Unparished Area:								
Clacton	1,257.66	1,467.27	1,676.88	1,886.49	2,305.71	2,724.93	3,144.15	3,772.98
Parishes of:								
Alresford	1,309.77	1,528.07	1,746.36	1,964.66	2,401.25	2,837.84	3,274.43	3,929.32
Ardleigh	1,286.50	1,500.92	1,715.33	1,929.75	2,358.58	2,787.42	3,216.25	3,859.50
Beaumont-cum-Moze	1,267.29	1,478.50	1,689.72	1,900.93	2,323.36	2,745.79	3,168.22	3,801.86
Great Bentley	1,334.13	1,556.48	1,778.84	2,001.19	2,445.90	2,890.61	3,335.32	4,002.38
Little Bentley	1,262.83	1,473.30	1,683.77	1,894.24	2,315.18	2,736.12	3,157.07	3,788.48
Bradfield	1,334.31	1,556.69	1,779.08	2,001.46	2,446.23	2,891.00	3,335.77	4,002.92
Brightlingsea	1,287.55	1,502.15	1,716.74	1,931.33	2,360.51	2,789.70	3,218.88	3,862.66
Great Bromley	1,281.88	1,495.53	1,709.17	1,922.82	2,350.11	2,777.41	3,204.70	3,845.64
Little Bromley	1,255.21	1,464.42	1,673.62	1,882.82	2,301.22	2,719.63	3,138.03	3,765.64
Little Clacton	1,295.17	1,511.04	1,726.90	1,942.76	2,374.48	2,806.21	3,237.93	3,885.52
Elmstead	1,281.21	1,494.74	1,708.28	1,921.81	2,348.88	2,775.95	3,203.02	3,843.62
Frating	1,268.56	1,479.99	1,691.41	1,902.84	2,325.69	2,748.55	3,171.40	3,805.68
Frinton and Walton	1,307.77	1,525.73	1,743.69	1,961.65	2,397.57	2,833.49	3,269.42	3,923.30
Harwich	1,279.61	1,492.88	1,706.15	1,919.42	2,345.96	2,772.50	3,199.03	3,838.84
Lawford	1,300.34	1,517.06	1,733.79	1,950.51	2,383.96	2,817.40	3,250.85	3,901.02
Manningtree	1,283.74	1,497.70	1,711.65	1,925.61	2,353.52	2,781.44	3,209.35	3,851.22
Mistley	1,301.31	1,518.20	1,735.08	1,951.97	2,385.74	2,819.51	3,253.28	3,903.94
Great Oakley	1,288.77	1,503.56	1,718.36	1,933.15	2,362.74	2,792.33	3,221.92	3,866.30
Little Oakley	1,279.55	1,492.80	1,706.06	1,919.32	2,345.84	2,772.35	3,198.87	3,838.64
Ramsey and Parkeston	1,312.61	1,531.38	1,750.15	1,968.92	2,406.46	2,844.00	3,281.53	3,937.84
St Osyth	1,297.27	1,513.48	1,729.69	1,945.90	2,378.32	2,810.74	3,243.17	3,891.80
Tendring	1,273.21	1,485.42	1,697.62	1,909.82	2,334.22	2,758.63	3,183.03	3,819.64
Thorpe-le-Soken	1,289.77	1,504.73	1,719.69	1,934.65	2,364.57	2,794.49	3,224.42	3,869.30
Thorrington	1,276.79	1,489.58	1,702.38	1,915.18	2,340.78	2,766.37	3,191.97	3,830.36
Weeley	1,284.25	1,498.29	1,712.33	1,926.37	2,354.45	2,782.53	3,210.62	3,852.74
Wix	1,290.75	1,505.87	1,721.00	1,936.12	2,366.37	2,796.62	3,226.87	3,872.24
Wrabness	1,263.59	1,474.18	1,684.78	1,895.38	2,316.58	2,737.77	3,158.97	3,790.76

Parish and Town Council spending and special expenses

Parish/Town Council precepts: These are the extra amounts of money that these councils need to pay for things like footpaths and community centres. The Council pays the precepts requested to the Parish and Town Councils and recovers the cost by collecting an extra amount in the area. These are shown in the table below.

Special expenses: The cost of the Council's services throughout the whole district is spread across all Council Tax payers. However, some specific functions are also carried out by Parish/Town Councils in their own areas. These functions include maintaining recreation grounds, open spaces and children's play areas. The Council calculates how much it spends in each area on those functions, reduces the general Council Tax by this amount and then charges it directly to the area where the service has been provided.

The table below shows Parish and Town Councils that spend more than £140,000 per annum.

	Last Year (2021/22) £000	This Year (2022/23) £000		Last Year (2021/22) £000	This Year (2022/23) £000
Frinton and Walton Town Council			**Brightlingsea Town Council**		
Recreation and Tourism	100	104	Recreation and Tourism	249	262
Police Community Support Officers	235	240	Waterside Activities	8	9
Other Services	193	221	Special Projects	4	19
Establishment	153	179	Improvements	4	18
Use of Reserves	30	40	Establishment	70	79
Less Income	(89)	(131)	Less Income	(149)	(195)
Total	**622**	**653**	**Total**	**186**	**192**
Harwich Town Council			**St Osyth Parish Council**		
Recreation and Tourism	59	61	Recreation and Tourism	24	28
Police Community Support Officers	20	21	Cemetery and War Memorial	25	25
Economic Development	17	28	Community Grants	16	16
Establishment	137	146	Establishment	111	116
Use of Reserves	(12)	(29)	Use of Reserves	-	-
Less Income	(16)	(17)	Less Income	(35)	(34)
Total	**205**	**210**	**Total**	**141**	**151**

Parish and Town Council spending and special expenses

	Amount each parish needs to raise in 2021/22 £	Amount each parish needs to raise in 2022/23 £	Parish part of the Council Tax for a Band D property 2022/23 £	Special Expenses at Band D 2022/23 £
Clacton (Unparished)				20.34
Parishes of:				
Alresford	86,500	88,230	98.51	
Ardleigh	41,803	68,500	63.60	
Beaumont-cum-Moze	4,000	4,400	34.78	
Great Bentley	94,652	127,252	135.04	
Little Bentley	3,300	3,345	28.09	
Bradfield	60,000	66,895	135.31	
Brightlingsea	186,806	192,347	65.18	
Great Bromley	22,000	23,350	56.67	
Little Bromley	1,700	1,700	16.67	
Little Clacton	80,000	80,000	76.61	
Elmstead	38,600	40,850	55.66	
Frating	9,000	9,500	36.69	
Frinton and Walton	622,413	653,533	79.48	16.02
Harwich	205,861	210,328	37.79	15.48
Lawford	105,456	133,970	81.21	3.15
Manningtree	23,503	26,007	76.74	(17.28)
Mistley	95,000	95,600	85.82	
Great Oakley	26,620	26,620	67.00	
Little Oakley	17,335	19,765	53.17	
Ramsey and Parkeston	72,418	74,168	102.77	
St Osyth	141,333	151,258	79.75	
Tendring	13,000	13,000	43.67	
Thorpe-le-Soken	54,488	58,500	68.50	
Thorrington	22,000	27,000	49.03	
Weeley	46,172	50,170	60.22	
Wix	20,950	21,032	69.97	
Wrabness	5,537	5,802	29.23	
TOTAL	**2,100,447**	**2,273,122**		

COUNCIL TAX INFORMATION 2022/23

EVERYONE'S ESSEX

Essex County Council

THIS IS HOW MUCH WE SPEND PER DAY ON SOME OF THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

Adult Social Care

£1,850,240 per day

Schools

£1,339,199 per day

Children's Services

£387,424 per day

Early Years & Child Care

£269,585 per day

Environment & Waste

£245,609 per day

Public Health

£186,126 per day

Infrastructure

£180,597 per day

Home to School Transport

£98,311 per day

Concessionary Fares

£48,458 per day

Library Services

£40,157 per day

Economic Development

£18,708 per day

Coroner's Services

£10,190 per day

Country Parks

£9,784 per day

Registrar Services

£7,141 per day

Expenditure on services

The Council has committed to spending:

- £675 million on services supporting vulnerable adults
- £543 million on Education Excellence, Life Long Learning and Employability
- £250 million on services supporting Children's Services and Early Years

Expenditure on Services	£m
Adult Social Care	675.3
Education Excellence, Life Long Learning and Employability	543.3
Children's Services and Early Years	249.9
Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport	135.4
Waste Reduction and Recycling	90.0
Public Health	67.9
Other, which includes services such as Libraries, Coroners, Registrars and Country Parks	333.4
Total	**2,095.2**

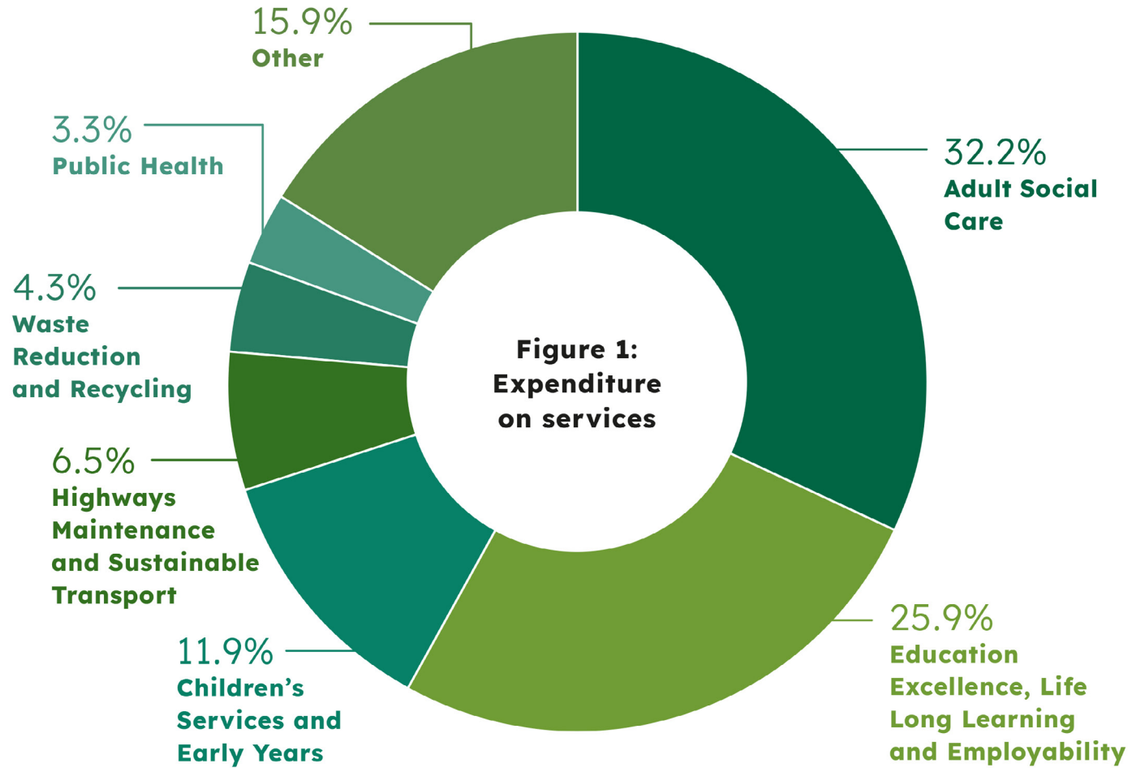


Figure 1: Expenditure on services

BUILDING A FUTURE SO EVERYONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL

Renewal, Equality and Ambition are at the heart of our plans for Essex.

Our budget this year is a positive response to exceptionally challenging times and circumstances. We know that the pandemic is not yet fully over and there is a need to help businesses, employees and residents to recover; and because cost of living pressures are becoming acute for many individuals and families.

But we can respond positively, because there is a real prospect of being able to move past the pandemic and resume normal life again, and for us to focus on growth and renewal. We need to do this in a way that meets our carbon reduction goals because climate change is the biggest single challenge of our times and a successful future depends on moving to sustainable ways of working and living.

We need to widen opportunities across Essex, so that more people can fulfil their potential – a challenge we are meeting through our Levelling Up programme. Investing in infrastructure, providing excellent social care, and maintaining and improving our road network will remain priorities.

Councillor Bentley,
Leader of the Council

Listening to you

During October and November 2021, we carried out a budget consultation and you told us that:

- National Health Service/ Healthcare and Social Care were the most important issues facing Essex today, followed by Crime/Community Safety and Environment/Climate Change
- Approaches we should take to manage financial pressure include strengthening independence - reducing the need for individuals/ families/ communities to rely on public-funded support; and prioritise resources for the vulnerable.

Investing

On your list of priorities was care and support for vulnerable older people and mental health. We are investing an additional £33m combined in Adults and Children's social care in 2022/23, supporting around 9,000 older people, 5,000 adults with learning difficulties, and 2,500 children in care or in need.

Alongside our revenue budget, we need to ensure effective services not just for today, but for the future. We have ambitious plans for our capital investment - a capital programme of £284 million for 2022/23. This includes investments such as the new M11 Junction 7A, Beaulieu station, Independent Living for Older People and People with Learning Disabilities, and new school places for the growing population.

We will continue the aspiration to achieve net-zero through developing and investing in multiple schemes and innovative solutions. For 2022/23 we plan on spending £59m towards this commitment.

Saving

Recent years have seen significant reductions in local authority grants. We have had to cut our cloth accordingly, so over the past four years, we have saved £222 million.

In 2022/23, we will deliver a further £36 million through savings and new income, and continue to build on our learning from the different ways we are now working as a result of the pandemic.

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SPENDING AND CHARGES EXPLAINED

There is always a balance between investing in and protecting services and asking people to pay a little more.

This year we are increasing council tax by a total of 4.49%. This is made up of a 1.99% general council tax precept, 1% adult social care precept as set out by Government for 2022/23, plus an additional 1.5% adult social care precept, deferred from 2021/22 using the flexibility set out by Government for 2021/22.

This will result in an increase in council tax for a band D property of £1.16 per household per week, taking the Band D charge to **£1,401.12**.

The following table shows the Council tax charge by band.

Band	Council tax charge £
A	934.08
B	1,089.76
C	1,245.44
D	1,401.12
E	1,712.48
F	2,023.84
G	2,335.20
H	2,802.24

The 2022/23 budget sets out the financial resources that the Council has available to deliver the Annual Plan.

Financial Overview	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m	Change £m
Total expenditure	2,014.0	2,095.2	81.2
Income and grants	(1,119.1)	(1,137.2)	(18.1)
Budget requirement	**894.9**	**958.0**	**63.1**
This is paid for by:			
Collection fund surplus	0.3	(9.6)	(9.9)
Business Rates	(159.0)	(165.6)	(6.6)
Revenue Support Grant	(18.7)	(19.3)	(0.6)
Council tax requirement	**(717.5)**	**(763.5)**	**(46.0)**
Total funding	**(894.9)**	**(958.0)**	**(63.1)**

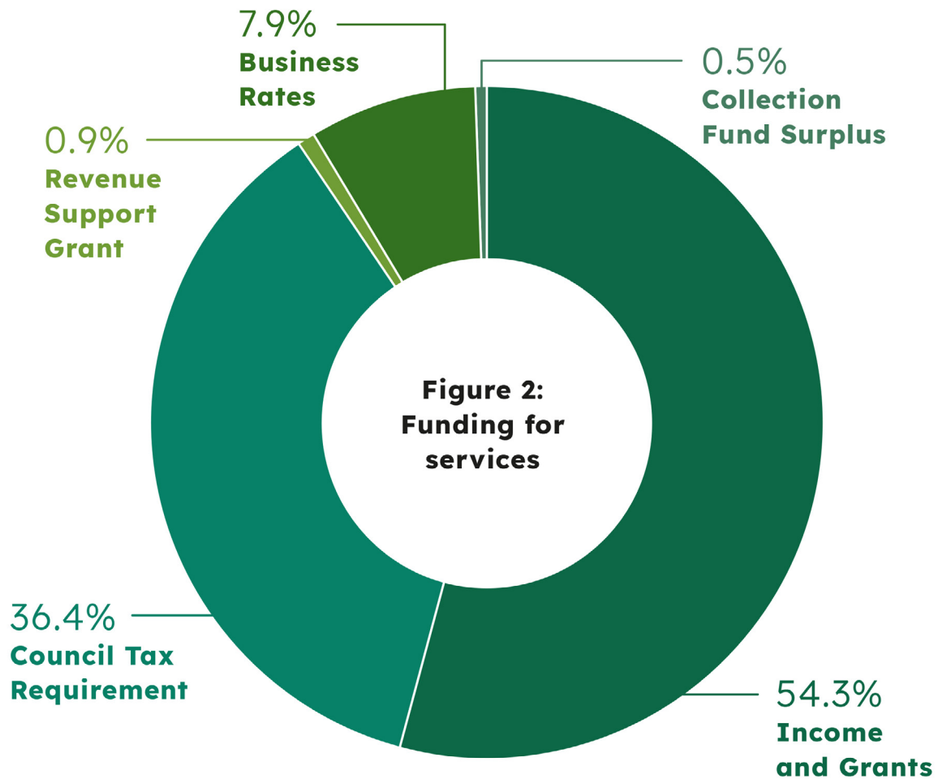

Figure 2: Funding for services

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BUILDING A SAFE AND SECURE ESSEX

ESSEX POLICE AND ESSEX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

PRECEPTS 2022/2023

PFCC
POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR ESSEX

ESSEX POLICE
Protecting and serving Essex

200 more officers to tackle violence and prevent crime, making Essex Police the largest it has ever been

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service

Investment in fire protection and prevention, on-call recruitment and training

Our proposed investment in Essex Police will fund the recruitment of a further 200 officers by March 2023 and require an increase in the precept of £9.99 on a Band D Property or 4.79%. The increase in officers is on top of the 700 extra officers recruited since 2016 and will make Essex Police the strongest it has ever been.

We want to see less crime and anti-social behaviour in Essex and with your support we will ensure that Essex Police have the resources they need to get crime down, protect the vulnerable and support victims of crime.

As a result of the investment we have already made we have seen incidents of burglary, anti-social behaviour and theft fall in recent years, and drug driven violence is also starting to show a decline.

However, we know we need to do more and by investing in Essex Police, it will help us to prevent crime, have stronger neighbourhood policing and an even greater focus on tackling drug driven violence and gangs. It will also help us support the victims of crime and protect those most vulnerable from becoming victims.

Our investment in Essex County Fire and Rescue Service will improve their fire protection capacity and allow them to continue to invest in preventing harm, training our firefighters and the recruitment and retention of on-call firefighters. This investment will require an increase in the fire and rescue precept of £1.44 on a Band D property or 1.95%.

Both services have worked hard in recent years to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their operations and have been independently assessed as providing good value for money to the public by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services.

Our proposed increase in the precept along with central government funding will make our county safer by providing Essex Police and Essex County Fire and Rescue Service with the resources to tackle crime, reduce the risk of being harmed and protect our communities.

You can read more about my plans at **www.essex.pfcc.police.uk**

Roger Hirst – Your Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

ESSEX POLICE

£352.2m BUDGET	£206.6m FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TAX	£145.6m FROM LOCAL TAXATION

Our proposed increase in the precept, along with government funding, means the Chief Constable will be able to recruit 200 more police officers, taking the force up to 3,755 officers by March 2023, the largest it has ever been. This is an overall growth of 900 police officers since 2016.

78	MORE OFFICERS CONCENTRATED ON CRIME PREVENTION WORK AND BEING VISIBLE IN COMMUNITIES INCLUDING BOOSTING TOWN CENTRE AND COMMUNITY POLICING TEAMS
68	MORE OFFICERS FOCUSED ON TACKLING VIOLENCE IN ALL FORMS INCLUDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS, DOMESTIC ABUSE AND DRUG DRIVEN VIOLENCE
44	MORE OFFICERS FOCUSED ON INVESTIGATING CRIME AND BUILDING A MORE PROFESSIONAL FORCE
10	EXTRA OFFICERS SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL ORGANISED CRIME UNIT
70	MORE STAFF WORKING TO TACKLE VIOLENCE, PREVENT CRIME AND IMPROVE INVESTIGATIONS

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

£84.1m BUDGET	£32.8m FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TAX	£51.3m FROM LOCAL TAXATION & INTERNAL RESERVES

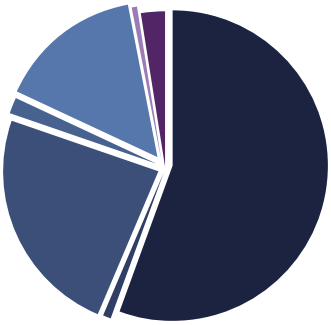
The additional investment will allow Essex County Fire and Rescue Service to manage inflationary pressures and continue to invest in improving its service to the public, including:

- Improved training provision and resources for firefighters
- Investing in prevention activity
- Improved fire protection capacity to provide an effective response to the increased risk identified through the Grenfell Tower Inquiry
- Recruiting and retaining on-call firefighters

Expenditure Budgets 2021 - 2023 (£000s)

ESSEX POLICE

	2021-22	2022-23
Police officer pay & allowance	196,956	215,313
PCSO pay & allowances	3,574	3,615
Police staff pay & allowances	86,435	92,185
Other employee expenses	7,900	6,642
Premises, transport, supplies & services	59,019	57,912
PFCC s office	1,702	1,809
Commissioning grants	6,476	9,224
Gross Police & Crime Expenditure	362,062	386,700
Income	*(31,350)*	*(35,006)*
Contribution to /(from) reserves	*(402)*	*(506)*
Net cost of service	330,310	352,200



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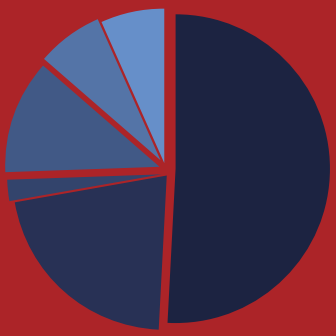

	2021-22	2022-23
Firefighter pay	41,420	43,600
Control & support staff	16,643	18,336
Enabling services	2,148	1,905
Premises & equipment	10,024	10,209
Capital financing charges	6,215	5,897
Other costs	6,705	5,606
Gross Fire & Rescue Expenditure	83,155	85,553
Operational grants & income	*(975)*	*(1,414)*
Net cost of service	82,180	84,139

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