

Dundee City Council

Council Budget for 2025/26

Message from the **Leader of the Administration**

Dundee City Council is fully committed to supporting our communities and investing in the services that matter most to you. Despite the challenges, we are focused on protecting the most vulnerable and ensuring our city continues to thrive.

The Council provides many vital public services which we recognise are so important to your everyday lives. This year's budget has been shaped by significant pressures, including funding the increased cost of employers National Insurance contributions, making our decisions tougher with increasing impact on Dundee's communities.

We've continued to listen to your feedback through the budget consultation and are maintaining Discretionary Housing Payments, investing more in services for our environment and neighbourhoods and funding for city events. We know that the cost of living remains a major concern, so we have allocated the necessary funding for support ensuring help is available for those who need it most.

As well as this, we are dedicated to investing in the city's future and development. The ongoing regeneration of Dundee has created jobs, supported young people in education and created economic growth. We continue to work with partners to attract and increase the levels of investment made into the city.

We know how important our public spaces are to you and that's why we are maintaining and enhancing the cleanliness of streets and outdoor areas across the city. This crucial public investment goes far in delivering on the equal, safe, and welcoming Dundee that we all want to live in.

We will continue to build on the city's successes and ensure that, despite financial constraints, Dundee remains a place of opportunity and growth for all.

Councillor Mark Flynn



This year's **Council Budget** delivers...

£4.2m

increase for health and social care



School Meal Charges

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£7.5m

more for Children and Families Services



£160,000

boost for economic development, including events

£300,000

to improve the city's neighbourhoods and environments



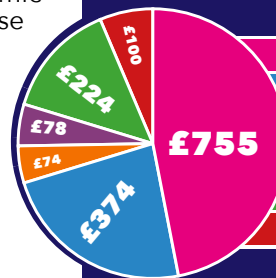
£500,000

cost of living support



How your **Council Tax** is spent:

Based on a **Band D** property for **2025/26**.



Children & Families Services

Dundee Health & Social Care Partnership

City Development

Neighbourhood Services

Other Services

Capital Financing Costs

Total: £1,605

The total figure **does not include** water and sewerage charges.

Please remember Council Tax only funds **17%** of our budget.

Glossary of terms

Capital Financing Costs: The cost of servicing the Council's debt, such as interest and repayments.

Revenue Budget: The planned cost of providing day-to-day expenditure such as salaries, energy costs and payments to organisations that provide services to the Council.

Use of Balances: One-off contributions made from usable reserves to balance the budget.

Non-Domestic Rates: Often referred to as 'business rates', this is a collection tax relating to non-residential properties. These are calculated based on the rates set by the Scottish Government and vary depending on the value of these properties. The income is passed to Councils to fund local services.

Neighbourhood Services: This is the Council service which includes the collection, recycling and disposal of waste, housing, maintenance of parks and open spaces, construction services and community services.

City Development: Covers roads, street lighting, planning, economic development and property management.

Children & Families Services: Includes schools, nurseries, child protection services, social work for children and families including fostering & adoption.

Other Services: Includes all other functions that support services such as legal, finance and other professional services.

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What does my Council Tax bill mean?

We are hosting drop-in Council Tax bill information sessions at **Dundee House** on weekdays from **March 10th - 21st** from **10am - 4pm**. You can find out more about your Council Tax at www.dundee.gov.uk/CouncilTax or scan the **QR Code**.



What we spend our **revenue budget** on and how this is funded:



	Total Gross Budgeted Expenditure	Fees, Charges and Other Income	Total Net Budgeted Expenditure	Change from Previous Year	% Change from Previous Year	Band D Council Tax Equivalent
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Budget / Service	£m	£m	£m	£m	%	£
Children & Families Services	248.598	(16.713)	231.885	7.539	3.4	4,379.98
Budgets delegated to Dundee Health & Social Care Partnership	155.408	(40.566)	114.842	4.189	3.8	2,169.21
City Development	52.862	(30.213)	22.649	0.025	0.1	427.81
Neighbourhood Services	57.873	(33.811)	24.062	0.604	2.6	454.51
Other Services	181.662	(112.863)	68.799	(0.293)	(0.4)	1,299.51
Capital Financing Costs	34.363	(3.500)	30.863	8.434	37.6	582.96
Total	730.766	(237.666)	493.100	20.498	4.3	9,313.98

Financed By

(a) Government Grants	332.328	22.454	7.2	6,277.22
(b) Non-Domestic Rates	71.406	(2.289)	(3.1)	1,348.76
(c) Use of Balances	4.376	(6.519)	(59.8)	82.66
Total Amount to be raised from Council Tax	84.990	6.852		1,605.34

Your monthly payment will increase due to the rise in Scottish Water charges: scottishwater.co.uk

The agreed Council Tax levels for **2025/26** are as follows:

Band	Proportion Of Band D	Charge £
Band A	240/360	1,070.23
Band B	280/360	1,248.60
Band C	320/360	1,426.97
Band D	360/360	1,605.34
Band E	473/360	2,109.24
Band F	585/360	2,608.68
Band G	705/360	3,143.79
Band H	882/360	3,933.08

Council Tax is set based on a **Band D** property and the charge for other properties is calculated from this.

Scottish Average Comparative **Band D** Council Tax for **2024/2025** **£1,418**



Comparison of Budgeted Spend Against Government Provision:

	£ per Band D Dwelling
Expenditure figure used by Government in grant support calculations:	£8,383.65
Proposed expenditure by authority on comparable basis:	£8,731.01



How many staff we employ:

Budgeted full-time equivalent 2024/25 :	6,312
Budgeted full-time equivalent 2025/26 :	6,270
Decrease in full-time equivalents:	42

You can view your bill **online** via:

my.dundee.gov.uk

