

Dundee City Council

Council Budget for 2024/25

Message from the **Leader of the Administration**

Dundee City Council works all year round to deliver important public services to the people of Dundee. We invest funding in the areas that we know are most important to you - from education to economic development, and everything in between.

However, this year's budget is unlike any in the history of the Council, hugely impacted by the cumulative effects of 13 years of austerity across the UK and the current cost of living crisis.

We are conscious that your household budget has been similarly squeezed. That is why, in its recent budget setting meeting, the Council agreed to freeze Council Tax for 2024/25 at the same levels as that of 2023/24.

The ongoing cost of living crisis has meant many are facing significant challenges in making ends meet. Therefore, we have been doing everything we can to try to minimise the effects of this crisis on the city and its people.

Despite the particularly challenging circumstances this year, as a Council, we have worked hard to support those most in need and focus on improving the lives of all who live here in Dundee, including £500,000 to support food larders, foodbanks and the wider cost of living work.

We will always support our citizens and, going forward, work to create new opportunities as well as sustained growth. It's those efforts that in recent years resulted in Dundee seeing its highest employment level for 20 years and, for the very first time, being identified in the top 20 UK destinations for foreign direct investment (FDI).

Despite the exceptionally difficult financial challenges we face, we also know that the city has many exciting prospects ahead. With those difficulties in mind, we are determined to drive forward and, ultimately, deliver our ambitious agenda for the city.

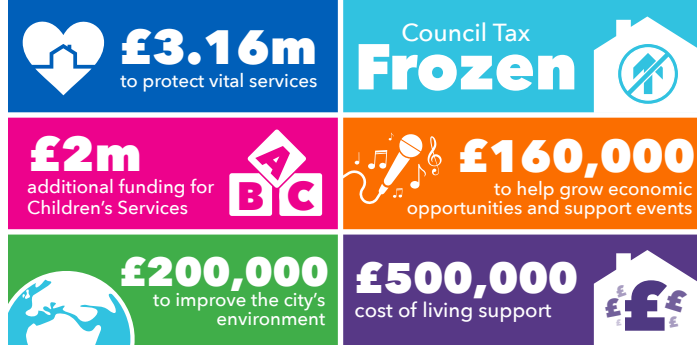
The city's redevelopment over the last decade has brought substantial opportunity to Dundee. The best school estate in the history of the city, the first Living Wage city in the UK and one of only 119 global cities recognised for bold leadership on the climate agenda, amongst many other things, has been delivered in spite of the financial circumstances.

In addition to this, in the past year the Council has committed to a further £130 million for the city's schools and nurseries, helped to deliver on the BBC Radio 1 Big Weekend music festival, bringing £3.7m in value to the local economy, and supported residents with the cost of living crisis by maximising incomes and delivering Fuel Well Dundee 3 payments. We've worked with city institutions to create a new strategic growth partnership between Dundee and the Scottish & UK Governments for long-term regeneration, and planted over 12 hectares of climate-resilient woodlands within the city's grounds, as well as delivering for the city in many other ways.

We will not stop in our relentless pursuit of continuous improvement across our full remit. Our bold and ambitious plans will continue to be driven by your needs, hopes and aspirations for the Dundee you want to live in.

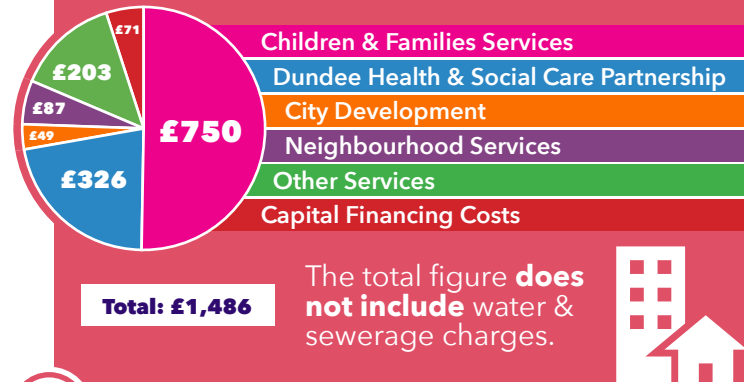


This year's **Council Budget** delivers...



How your **Council Tax** is spent:

Based on a **Band D** property for **2024/25**.



Total: £1,486

Please remember Council Tax only funds **16%** of our budget.

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