

## What is Council Tax?

Council Tax helps to pay for council services which are used by residents of the Bradford District, such as refuse collection, highways maintenance, child protection, social care and street cleaning. It helps us to pay for services which deliver the council's priorities. These are:

- Better skills, more good jobs and a growing economy
- Decent homes that people can afford to live in
- A great start and good schools for all our children
- Better health, better lives
- Safe, clean and active communities
- A well-run council, using all our resources to deliver our priorities

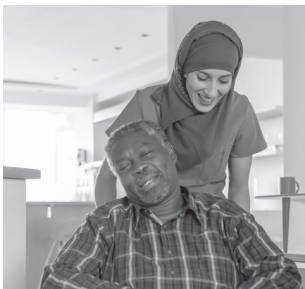
## How much is Council Tax this year?

This year Council Tax for Bradford Council will rise by a total of 9.99% compared to last year's bill to support council services as a whole.

Your bill will show the exact amount of Council Tax you need to pay according to your property and your personal circumstances.

The maximum amount for occupied properties is shown in the table below (excluding parish precepts but including West Yorkshire Police Authority and West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority). You may pay less than this if you qualify for a discount or Council

Tax Reduction. You may pay more if your property has been vacant (unoccupied and unfurnished) for one year or more or if your property is periodically occupied (not lived in full time) and substantially furnished, and has become subject to a premium charge.



All domestic properties, whether they are owned or rented, are usually subject to Council Tax. The amount of Council Tax charged will depend on the valuation band that the property falls into and the circumstances of the property and/or its occupants.

Your Council Tax bill also includes charges (called precepts) which we collect on behalf of West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue and West Yorkshire Police. The council does not set these amounts but collects them as part of your bill. We also collect money on behalf of West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the Environment Agency. Depending on where you live in the district, you may also be required to pay a Parish or Town council precept. This amount is set by your local Parish or Town council and collected by Bradford Council on their behalf.

## Council Tax bands and amounts

This table shows the Council Tax amounts for each property band for 2025 to 2026:

Band	Range of values	Annual Payable (£)
A	Up to £40,000	1,479.76
B	£40,001 - £52,000	1,726.38
C	£52,001 - £68,000	1,973.00
D	£68,001 - £88,000	2,219.65
E	£88,001 - £120,000	2,712.90
F	£120,001 - £160,000	3,206.15
G	£160,001 - £320,000	3,699.41
H	Over £320,000	4,439.29

## How is the valuation band decided?

The band for each property is set by the Valuation Office Agency (part of His Majesty's Revenue & Customs) according to what the value of the property would have been on the open market on 1 April 1991.

The valuation band the property falls into is shown on your bill.



If you disagree with the band that the property has been given and:

- you have been the Council Tax payer for less than six months
- the property has been demolished or split into separate units
- physical changes in the neighbourhood have reduced the value
- the valuation band of the property has changed in the last six months
- the valuation band of a similar property in your area has been changed in the last six months

You should contact the Valuation Office Agency at [www.gov.uk/council-tax-appeals](http://www.gov.uk/council-tax-appeals) or telephone them on 03000 501501.

**Even if you disagree with your band, you must pay your bill as it stands. Should your valuation band be changed at a later date then your bill will be amended and you will be refunded any excess credit.**

## Discounts and exemptions

### Occupied properties

The full Council Tax bill is based on a property being occupied by two or more adults. If you are the only adult resident and you occupy the property as your main residence, you can qualify for a single person discount, which reduces your Council Tax charge by 25%. You can find out more about this by following this link: Single Person Discount Information (<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/council-tax/apply-for-discounts-reductions-and-exemptions/information-about-council-tax-discounts-reductions-and-exemptions/>)

There are some unoccupied properties that are exempt from Council Tax such as those that are left unoccupied by people in detention or where the resident is in care or hospital. Please visit [www.bradford.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/counciltax) for a full list.

Some adults qualify for an exemption or discount, such as full-time students or the severely mentally impaired.

If all but one adult qualifies for a Council Tax disregard, then the household will qualify for a discount of 25%. If all the adults in a property qualify to be disregarded, then either a 50% discount or a full Council Tax exemption may be granted. You can find out more about this at [www.bradford.gov.uk/council-tax/app](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/council-tax/app)

### Disabled Band Reduction

Where a member of the household is disabled (whether an adult or a child) and the property has an extra bathroom, an extra kitchen or other room set aside to accommodate the needs of their disability, or if that person uses a wheelchair indoors, your bill may be reduced. You can find out more at [www.bradford.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/counciltax)

### Council Tax Reduction scheme

The Council Tax Reduction scheme helps those people living on a low income to pay their bill. The scheme allows for a maximum reduction of 100% of the net Council Tax bill (after discounts) for persons of pension age. Working age recipients can receive a maximum reduction of 70% of the net Council Tax bill for a band A property.

If you are of pension age and your income is too high for the Council Tax Reduction scheme, you may still be entitled to second adult rebate. This is a reduction of up to 25% of your Council Tax bill if there is another adult who is on a low income who lives in your household, who is not your partner.

You can find out more details at [www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits) or by calling **01274 432772**.

Due to the increase of 9.99% in Council Tax for the 2025-26 financial year, the council is providing extra support to working-aged households who receive Council Tax Reduction (CTR). Households who qualify will get a one-off award of £30 on top of the CTR support already received. You can find out more about this support on the Council Tax Reduction Hardship Scheme webpage: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/council-tax-reduction-hardship-scheme/>

### Special Rules for Annexes

Where an annexe is used by the resident of the other part of the property as part of their home or is occupied by a relative as their home, then an additional 50% discount of the net bill may be applied to that part. An application for this discount is available at [www.bradford.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/counciltax)

### Care leavers

From 1st April 2022, young people who were being looked after by Bradford Council at the point they turned 18 can be exempt from paying Council Tax, up to the end of the financial year in which the care leaver reaches the age of 25. Further, care leavers are disregarded (not counted) for the purpose of assessing the number of adult residents in a property for the calculation of Council Tax which could result in a discount being applicable.

This disregard applies up to the end of the financial year in which the care leaver reaches the age of 25. These exemptions/discounts can only be applied from 1st April 2018 and not to any prior periods. You can find out further information from your Through Care Key Worker.

## Empty Properties

### Discounts

Properties that are vacant (unoccupied and unfurnished) and undergoing major repair or structural alteration qualify for a 100% discount for the first month.

A 50% discount applies to unoccupied caravans and houseboats.

A 50% discount may also apply where a person is responsible for two properties where one of those properties is job related.

### Premiums

#### Unfurnished properties

Properties that have been vacant, meaning both unoccupied and unfurnished, for one year or more are subject to an additional 100% premium on the Council Tax charge. Properties that have been vacant five years or more will be subject to an additional 200% premium and any properties that have been vacant for ten years or more will be subject to an additional 300% premium.

These measures have been introduced to discourage people from leaving properties unoccupied and unfurnished. You can find out

more about how we are tackling empty homes in the district on our website at [www.bradford.gov.uk/housing](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/housing)

Exceptions to this are:

- where the property is an annexe and the owner of the property occupies the remainder of the property
- where the property is left vacant by someone who is occupying a property provided by the Ministry of Defence.
- In certain cases, where the property is for sale or rent.

You can find out more details at: Empty properties and charges | Bradford Council <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/council-tax/empty-properties/empty-properties-and-charges/>

#### Furnished properties

From 1st April 2025 a new premium has been introduced for properties that are furnished but periodically occupied (i.e. they are not lived in full time as somebodies home). This can include second homes or holiday properties. For more information please visit our website Empty properties and charges | Bradford Council <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/council-tax/empty-properties/empty-properties-and-charges/>

## Appeals

### Appeals about Council Tax decisions

You can submit an appeal to the Council if you disagree:

- that you should be the person who is being charged Council Tax,
- with the period for which you are being charged Council Tax,
- with decisions about discounts, exemptions or premiums,
- with a decision about how a Council Tax Reduction has been calculated.

If you have contacted the Council Tax Team about one of the issues listed above and they have refused to amend your Council Tax account they will send you an email or letter explaining their decision along with a link to an online appeal form you can use

if you still disagree. If you have not yet reported a change to the council tax team and asked them to amend our bill you will need to complete the relevant online form first, these can be found here [List of application forms | Bradford Council https://www.bradford.gov.uk/council-tax/contact-the-council-tax-team/list-of-application-forms/](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/council-tax/contact-the-council-tax-team/list-of-application-forms/)

Note: even if you have made an appeal you must still carry on making your full Council Tax payments on time each month whilst the appeal is being considered. If your bill is then changed at a later date you will be refunded any excess credit.

If your appeal is refused by the Council you will be given further appeal rights to appeal to the Valuation Tribunal service <https://valuationtribunal.gov.uk/>

## What if my household gets a Single Person Discount, Exemption or Disabled Relief and the household circumstances change?

If you know there has been a change which means you will no longer qualify for a discount, relief or exemption you must let us know immediately. You can do this online at [www.bradford.gov.uk/counciltax](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/counciltax), or by writing to:

**Council Tax**  
**PO Box 1242**  
**Bradford**  
**BD1 9YN**

We have a duty to periodically review discounts for households where only one adult (a person over the age of 18) is resident or where a disabled relief or Council Tax disregard or exemption is being allowed. This would include written requests for information, telephone contact, visits to your home or data matching to check the information that you have provided remains correct.

If you do not respond to such a request or fail to supply accurate information, you could lose your discount. This will increase your bill. You could also face a penalty of £70 and prosecution.

## What if I get a Council Tax Reduction and my circumstances change?

If you are getting a benefit or reduction and you have a change in your household's circumstances, you must tell the Revenues and Benefits Service immediately.

For more information on the types of change that need to be notified then visit [www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits) or telephone **01274 432772**.

## Data protection

The council collects, uses and shares information about you where it is necessary and lawful to do so.

To learn more about what we collect and how we use and share it, go to [www.bradford.gov.uk/open-data/data-protection/revenues-and-benefits-privacy-notice/](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/open-data/data-protection/revenues-and-benefits-privacy-notice/)

## How do I pay my bill?

Your annual Council Tax bill will normally be issued with 12 monthly instalments unless you have already chosen to pay over 10 months. You may request to pay over 10 months instead of 12, but you must contact the council about this before 1 April 2025.

For our contact details, look at [www.bradford.gov.uk/counciltax](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/counciltax) or use the address given under the appeals heading above.

The easiest way to pay your bill is by Direct Debit. You can:

- Spread the cost over 10 or 12 months
- Pay on either the 5th, 10th, 15th, 25th or 28th of each month (whichever suits you best)
- No more bill reminders!

To do this, visit [www.bradford.gov.uk/directdebit](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/directdebit)

For other ways to pay see the back of your bill.



## Paperless bills

Join an increasing number of households who get their Council Tax bill by email:

- cuts out the clutter – less paperwork for you to store or shred
- available to all, no matter how you pay your bill
- better for the environment
- saves the council money, which can be spent on other essential services

Sign up at [www.bradford.gov.uk/paperlessbills](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/paperlessbills)



## Payment difficulties

If you have genuine problems making your payments then you should contact us immediately on **01274 437792**.

Contacting us early means we can do our best to help you. If we do not receive your payment on time and you haven't contacted us, we have to start recovery proceedings.

If payments remain outstanding, you may receive a summons to appear at court and the costs (which can end up being considerable) will be added to your bill.

If payment is still not made, further action, including enforcement agent visits, attachment of earnings/benefits and insolvency, will be taken to enforce collection of the outstanding amount.

## Parish & Town Councils

Parish and town councils are separate legal bodies, responsible for their own finances. They receive their funding by making an annual charge, called a precept. This means that Council Tax bills for residents who have a parish or town council in their area will

include an amount for running them. However, residents will not receive separate bills as Bradford Council collects the money on their behalf.

The 2025-26 approved Parish and Town council precept payable by local residents is shown in the table below.

Parish and Town Councils	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Addingham	43.54	50.80	58.06	65.30	79.81	94.33	108.84	130.61
Baildon	35.55	41.47	47.40	53.31	65.16	77.01	88.86	106.63
Bingley	18.65	21.75	24.87	27.96	34.18	40.39	46.61	55.93
Burley	63.34	73.90	84.46	95.00	116.11	137.23	158.34	190.01
Clayton	21.88	25.52	29.17	32.80	40.09	47.38	54.68	65.61
Crossroads	31.84	37.15	42.46	47.75	58.36	68.98	79.59	95.51
Cullingworth	22.64	26.41	30.19	33.95	41.50	49.05	56.59	67.91
Denholme	30.01	35.01	40.01	45.00	55.00	65.01	75.01	90.01
Harden	49.66	57.93	66.21	74.47	91.02	107.57	124.13	148.95
Haworth and Stanbury	31.07	36.24	41.43	46.59	56.95	67.30	77.66	93.19
Ilkley	37.99	44.32	50.65	56.97	69.63	82.30	94.96	113.95
Keighley	55.16	64.35	73.55	82.73	101.12	119.51	137.89	165.47
Menston	38.68	45.12	51.57	58.00	70.89	83.78	96.68	116.01
Oxenhope	50.01	58.34	66.68	75.00	91.67	108.34	125.01	150.01
Sandy Lane	18.10	21.11	24.13	27.13	33.16	39.19	45.23	54.27
Shipley	30.84	35.98	41.12	46.25	56.53	66.81	77.09	92.51
Silsden	23.96	27.94	31.94	35.92	43.91	51.89	59.88	71.85
Steeton with Eastburn	36.73	42.85	48.97	55.08	67.32	79.57	91.81	110.17
Wilsden	44.03	51.36	58.71	66.03	80.71	95.38	110.06	132.07
Wrose	11.34	13.23	15.12	17.00	20.78	24.56	28.34	34.01

The money raised from precepts will be used to run the parish or town council and to enhance services to local communities. To find out more about your local Parish council, visit [www.bradford.gov.uk/parish](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/parish)



## Where will the money come from in 2025-26 to pay for Bradford Council services?

In 2025-26 the Council intends to spend £591.6m on the various services that it provides.

There are large elements of the gross budget which are provided by the government for specific purposes and over which the council has no control, for example money for schools. The gross budget also includes spending on services that recover their costs by charging customers.

When councils calculate what money they need to deliver services in the next financial year, they exclude fees and charges and the income over which they have no control. The remaining income is known as the council's net budget and this is used as the starting point for working out the budget and Council Tax for the next year.

Bradford Council's net budget for 2025-26 is £591.6 million. It is funded through income provided by the Government, Council Tax and Business Rates.

### Where the money will come from

This chart shows where the money will come from to pay for Bradford Council services in 2025 to 2026.

Amount (£million)	Amount (£million)
Government grant	44.0
Business Rates	144.0
Council Tax	276.5
Exceptional Financial Support	127.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>591.6</b>

You can see how this money is allocated to different services, and comparisons to last year's spending, in the table below.

This table shows how much the council plans on spending in each service in 2025 to 2026

Services	2024-25		2025-26	
	Gross £m	Net £m	Gross £m	Net £m
Children's Social Services	269.8	220.2	274.7	218.4
Education Services	353.5	30.1	396.5	35.6
Waste, Fleet & Transport Services	62.0	42.6	69.1	36.5
Economy and Development	25.6	7.4	35.6	7.2
Sport & Culture	28.4	6.9	35.2	10.1
Neighbourhoods & Customer Services	13.8	4.8	15.4	2.2
Planning, Transportation & Highways	32.2	18.2	38.7	15.6
Revenues and Benefits	125.5	10.5	124.7	11.9
Corporate Resources and General Fund	104.1	-41.4	134.5	-36.0
Adult Social Care	254.9	151.7	285.9	179.2
Public Health	52.6	0.5	56.9	1.2
Chief Executive	10.7	5.7	10	5.7
(sub-total)	<b>1,333.1</b>	<b>457.2</b>	<b>1,477.2</b>	<b>487.6</b>
Treasury and Capital Related Financing Costs	45.0	45.0	64.9	62.0
Passenger Transport Levy	23.1	23.1	23.0	23.0
Time limited costs for transformation & redundancies	50.0	50.0	19.0	19.0
<b>Bradford Council Budget</b>	<b>1,451.2</b>	<b>575.3</b>	<b>1,584.1</b>	<b>591.6</b>
Central Government Revenue Support Grant		-43.0		-44.0
Top-up Grant		-78.6		-79.3
Retained Local Business Rates		-67.1		-64.6
Use of Reserves				
Exceptional Financial Support		-140.0		-127.1
<b>BRADFORD COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>		<b>246.6</b>		<b>276.5</b>
Parish/Town Council Precepts		3.1		3.9
<b>TOTAL COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>		<b>249.7</b>		<b>280.4</b>

## What did we spend in 2024-25?

The base budget for 2024-25 was £575.3 million.

To this figure provision for the following has been added:

- £66.5m for growth and pressures, including demographic growth
- £12.1m for historical structural pressures
- £40.6m for contract and pay inflation including the impact of the change to Employer's NIC



## What else has changed for 2025-26?

- £42.8m gross service-related savings as approved for 2024-25 (£40m net)
- £42.2m net increase in other funding grants receivable
- £21.0m reduction in Time-Limited Investments

This means that the total cost of providing services in 2025-26 is £591.6 million

## Environment Agency



### The Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2011

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.

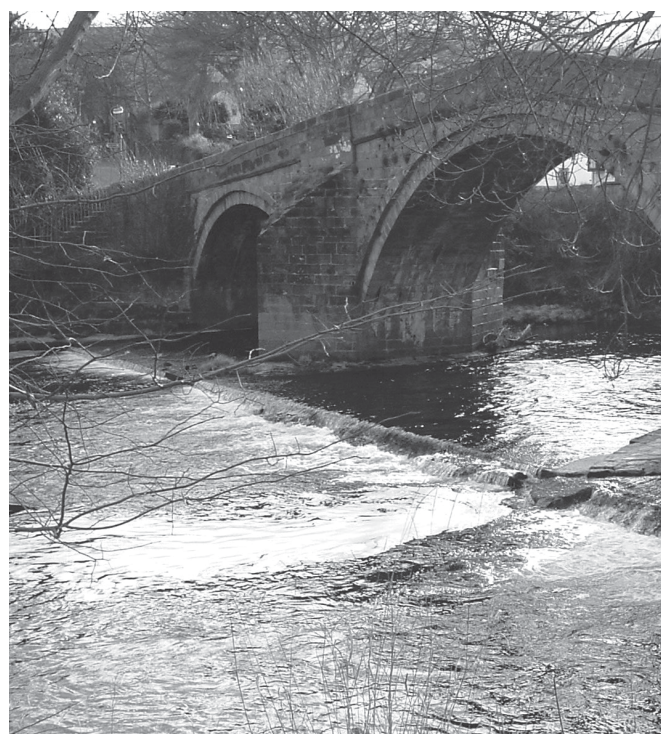
The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood and coastal erosion risk management for 2292 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. Money is spent on the construction of new flood defence schemes, the maintenance 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. The financial details are:

	Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	
	2024-25 £'000	2025-26 £'000
Gross Expenditure	£107,857	£88,722
Levies Raised	£2,946	£3,034
<b>Total Council Tax Base</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>1,608</b>

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%.

**The total Local Levy raised has increased from £2,945,984 in 2024/2025 to £3,034,364 for 2025/2026**



# West Yorkshire Police Council Tax Information 2025-26



West  
Yorkshire  
Combined  
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Brabin  
Mayor of  
West Yorkshire

In my role as Mayor of West Yorkshire, I oversee our police budget. Part of this role includes setting the police precept, which is the section on your council tax bill that funds policing here in West Yorkshire.



People in the region  
have told me they want  
well-funded, visible  
police service

More than a decade of austerity has left us facing financial pressures. West Yorkshire Police is currently facing a deficit of £17.4m. It is under that backdrop that I have had to make the difficult decision to increase the police section of your council tax. This equates to between an extra 18 pence and 24 pence per week for the majority of the county's households who are in Council Tax Bands A to C.

People in the region have told me time and time again that they want well-funded, visible police service. The response to my precept consultation tells me that this remains true.

By increasing the police precept, we can maintain our police force and work towards creating a safer West Yorkshire.

**Tracy Brabin, Mayor of West Yorkshire**

## West Yorkshire continues to have the fourth lowest Precept in England and Wales

Budget	2024-25 £m	2025-26 £m
Gross Expenditure	754.940	828.180
Council Tax Requirement	170.542	182.554

I've been working with the police, partner agencies and my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Alison Lowe OBE over the last year to make our region a better place. We have:

- Launched the country's first dedicated Women's Safety unit. This is a first-of-its kind unit driving change and working in collaboration to prevent violence against women and girls, raise awareness, and improve safety.
- Launched our Vision Zero strategy which works towards eliminating road death and serious injuries in West Yorkshire.
- To date, as part of my Mayor's Safer Communities Fund, I have given out more than £3.04m in cash and assets seized from criminals to 357 local community groups and projects.
- Funded an Independent Stalking Advocacy Service, supporting hundreds of victims of domestic stalking.
- Continued crucial work to tackle knife crime and serious violence particularly among young people, alongside our dedicated Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP).

To find out more about our work and contact us on the below:

## Contact

**0113 251 7272**

**Mayoral.Enquiries@westyorks-ca.gov.uk**  
**www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk**

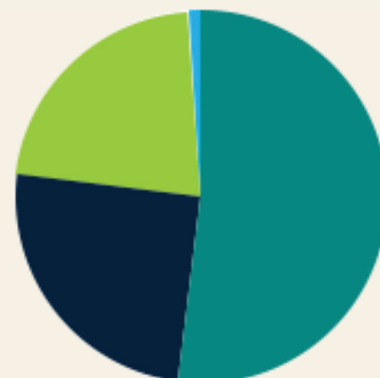
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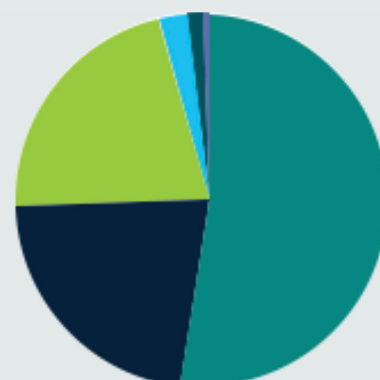
## Where the money comes from 2025-26

- Government grant 52.1%
- Income 25%
- Precept 22%
- Other 0.9%



## What the money will be spent on 2025-26

- Police officers 52.5%
- Police staff 22%
- Running costs\* 21.3%
- PCSOs 2.5%
- Borrowing 1.4%
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority 0.3%



\*Running costs eg. Premises and vehicles

## There will be 5.6% increase to the annual police council tax.

Council Tax band	Current cost per year £	2025-26 cost £	Annual increase £	Per week increase £
A	166.19	175.52	9.33	0.18
B	193.89	204.77	10.88	0.21
C	221.58	234.02	12.44	0.24
D	249.28	263.28	14.00	0.27
E	304.67	321.78	17.11	0.33
F	360.07	380.29	20.22	0.39
G	415.47	438.80	23.30	0.45
H	498.56	526.56	28.00	0.54



## West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority 2025-26



West Yorkshire  
Fire & Rescue

A small rise has been approved for the council tax precept for fire, at a meeting of the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (WYFRA).

The slight increase will see Band D taxpayers pay an extra £5 a year.

The WYFRA made the changes due to the financial challenges that remain, with a lack of capital funding and the cost-of-living pressures, including things like fuel and energy remaining high. However, despite the rise, the precept remains the fourth lowest precepting authority in the country.

Chair Cllr Darren O'Donovan said "The cuts to local services by the previous Conservative governments have left us with a shortfall to manage for 14 years. We only ask the public for more money as a last resort, after carefully managing our funding alongside our risk, despite the pressures put onto us.

"Our funding settlement over the last few years has not been fair given the challenges that we have faced - but despite this we are managing to provide a very good service to the people of West Yorkshire. We are sorry to ask for this small increase

but hope that people recognise that we are investing it carefully in their local fire service."

Chief Fire Officer John Roberts said: "It is difficult for us to ask the public for more money during times when the cost of living feels high for many. However, this rise will allow us to continue to achieve our aim of making West Yorkshire safer, and investing in our people, equipment and infrastructure.

"Despite the rise, West Yorkshire will continue to be the fourth lowest precepting fire authority in England."

Please see below the effect on council tax bands A to D of a £5 increase.

	Annual	Per month	Per week	Increase from 2024-25
<b>Band A</b>	£56.33	£4.69	£1.08	£3.34
<b>Band B</b>	£65.71	£5.48	£1.26	£3.89
<b>Band C</b>	£75.10	£6.26	£1.44	£4.45
<b>Band D</b>	£84.49	£7.04	£1.62	£5.00



### What will the Fire and Rescue Authority cost?

	2024-25 £'000	2025-26 £'000	Per head £
Gross Expenditure	116,047	120,085	
Contributions to/from Reserves	0	0	
Income	-3,143	-2,889	
<b>Budget Requirement</b>	<b>112,904</b>	<b>117,196</b>	£48.79
Revenue Support Grant	-20,783	-21,137	-£8.80
Pension Grant	-2,916	-2,977	-£1.24
Top Up Grant	-18,499	-18,703	-£7.79
Business Rates	-8,035	-8,492	-£3.54
Collection Fund	159	466	£0.19
National Insurance Grant	0	-699	-£0.29
Service Grant	-173	0	£0.00
Funding Guarantee	-1,370	0	£0.00
Section 31 Grants	-6,898	-6,883	-£2.87
Recruitment Reserve	0	-188	-£0.08
<b>Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>54,389</b>	<b>58,584</b>	<b>£24.39</b>

### What are the changes from last year?

	2024-25 £'000	2025-26 £'000
<b>Previous Years' Budget</b>	<b>104,300</b>	<b>112,904</b>
Inflation	3,714	3,238
Changes in Service Provision	4,890	866
Changes in use of Reserves	0	188
<b>Budget Requirement</b>	<b>112,904</b>	<b>117,196</b>



## West Yorkshire Combined Authority 2025-26



**Tracy  
Brabin  
Mayor of  
West Yorkshire**

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority is committed to creating a brighter region that works for all.

Working closely with our partner local authorities (Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield), we are keen to deliver the shared vision of the West Yorkshire Plan (<https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/growing-the-economy/the-west-yorkshire-plan/>) and make life better for people in our local communities.

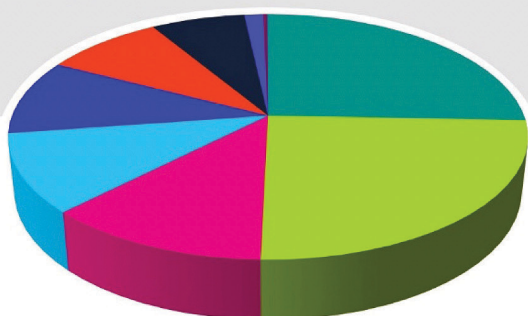
Most of our annual revenue income comes from the transport levy, which is

collected by our partner councils through council tax. In 2025-26, the Combined Authority's levy funding will be £92 million – a level which has been almost unchanged in over 10 years and represents a real-terms fall in the levy. This helps keep costs low for the residents of West Yorkshire in these challenging times.

We use levy funding to support and maintain our transport network, keep fares affordable and support bus routes and services that aren't covered by commercial providers. This year, we will commit £37.5 million to funding travel schemes for older and disabled people, and £54.5 million to other transport priorities including our bus improvement plans.

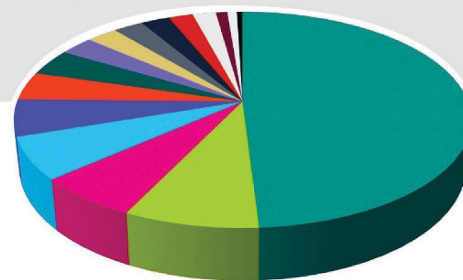
We also lead many projects not funded by council tax, including employment and skills programmes. Here's an overview of our income and expenditure in 2025-26:

**Where the money comes from  
2025-26**



Other	25.61%
City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement	24.77%
Transforming Cities Fund	12.00%
Transport Levy	10.33%
Transport Fund	9.94%
Education and Skills Funding Agency	8.69%
Gainshare	6.92%
Gainshare (funded by revenue)	1.39%
Police Precept	0.28%
Local Transport Capital Funding	0.07%

**What the money will be spent on  
2025-26**



Infrastructure for growth (transport)	49.02%
Adult education	8.17%
Growing business	6.33%
Corporate services	6.32%
Passenger services	5.47%
Concessionary travel (senior, blind and disabled)	4.23%
Concessionary travel (young people)	3.98%
Skilled people, better jobs	2.83%
Economic and transport policy and delivery	2.58%
Subsidised bus services	2.49%
Energy and environmental resilience	2.38%
Education transport	2.04%
Infrastructure for growth (housing & regeneration)	1.93%
Finance charges	0.96%
Police and Crime Commissioner	0.79%
Other corporate projects	0.47%

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