

## 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 4.99% 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 2026 to 2027:

Band	Range of values	Annual Payable (£)
A	Up to £40,000	1,555.37
B	£40,001 - £52,000	1,814.59
C	£52,001 - £68,000	2,073.83
D	£68,001 - £88,000	2,333.05
E	£88,001 - £120,000	2,851.51
F	£120,001 - £160,000	3,369.96
G	£160,001 - £320,000	3,888.42
H	Over £320,000	4,666.10

## 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 \(https://www.bradford.gov.uk/council-tax/apply-for-discounts-reductions-and-exemptions/information-about-council-tax-discounts-reductions-and-exemptions/\)](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 [Reduce your bill | Bradford Council](#)

### 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 72.5% 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 Maximum Alternative Assistance. 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**.

### 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 1 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 was 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 your 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/>

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/>

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## 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](http://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.

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## 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](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits) or telephone **01274 432772**.

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## 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 [Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services Privacy Notice | Bradford Council](#)

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## How do I pay my bill?

Your annual Council Tax bill will show your payment dates to be spread over the year in either 10 or 12 monthly instalments. You can ask to pay over 10 or 12 months, if this differs to what is on your bill. Use our online form to change your payment dates: [Council Tax - Request to change monthly payments](#)

For our contact details, look at [www.bradford.gov.uk/counciltax](http://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](http://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 2026-27 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	54.66	63.77	72.88	81.99	100.21	118.43	136.65	163.98
Baildon	37.84	44.16	50.46	56.77	69.38	82.00	94.61	113.54
Bingley	18.78	21.92	25.04	28.18	34.44	40.70	46.96	56.36
Burley	65.33	76.22	87.11	98.00	119.78	141.55	163.33	196.00
Clayton	22.89	26.71	30.52	34.34	41.97	49.60	57.23	68.68
Crossroads (new parish)	40.59	47.36	54.12	60.89	74.42	87.95	101.48	121.78
Cullingworth	22.82	26.63	30.43	34.24	41.85	49.46	57.06	68.48
Denholme	30.59	35.69	40.79	45.89	56.09	66.28	76.48	91.78
Harden	53.64	62.59	71.52	80.47	98.35	116.23	134.11	160.94
Haworth and Stanbury	31.87	37.19	42.49	47.81	58.43	69.06	79.68	95.62
Ilkley	37.98	44.31	50.64	56.97	69.63	82.29	94.95	113.94
Keighley	59.19	69.06	78.92	88.79	108.52	128.25	147.98	177.58
Menston	40.66	47.45	54.22	61.00	74.55	88.11	101.66	122.00
Oxenhope	51.62	60.22	68.82	77.43	94.64	111.84	129.05	154.86
Sandy Lane	18.06	21.08	24.08	27.10	33.12	39.14	45.16	54.20
Shipley	33.14	38.67	44.19	49.72	60.77	71.82	82.86	99.44
Silsden	17.14	20.00	22.85	25.71	31.42	37.13	42.85	51.42
Steeton with Eastburn	40.02	46.69	53.36	60.03	73.37	86.71	100.05	120.06
Wilsden	46.12	53.81	61.49	69.18	84.55	99.92	115.30	138.36
Wrose	12.33	14.39	16.44	18.50	22.61	26.72	30.83	37.00

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 2026-27 to pay for Bradford Council services?

In 2026-27 the council intends to spend £737.4m 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 2026-27 is £737.4 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	145.9
Business Rates	221.7
Council Tax	291.8
Exceptional Financial Support	78.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>737.4</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 2026 to 2027

Services	2025-26		2026-27	
	Gross £m	Net £m	Gross £m	Net £m
Children's Services excl. Education	269.9	221.7	269.3	227.0
Education Services	396.5	35.8	408.6	34.5
Waste, Fleet & Transport Services	54.5	36.6	56.3	38.2
Economy and Development	13.8	3.4	9.0	3.3
Sport & Culture	46.6	6.5	38.9	6.9
Neighbourhoods & Customer Services	21.1	5.2	22.3	5.2
Planning, Transportation & Highways	27.9	16.5	30.1	16.4
Revenues and Benefits	123.4	10.5	111.8	9.8
Corporate Resources excl. Revenues & Benefits	94.4	48.9	96.3	48.4
Adult Social Care	297.2	173.9	315.1	189.2
Public Health	56.9	1.2	59.3	1.2
Chief Executive	8.6	4.7	10.4	5.5
(sub-total)	1,410.8	564.9	1,427.4	585.6
Treasury and Capital Related Financing Costs	64.9	62.0	71.6	68.7
Passenger Transport Levy	23.0	23.0	23.4	23.4
Non-Service & General Fund excl. Treasury & Levy **	85.4	-58.3	112.1	59.7
<b>Bradford Council Budget</b>	<b>1,584.1</b>	<b>591.6</b>	<b>1,634.5</b>	<b>737.4</b>
Central Government Revenue Support Grant		-44.00		-145.9
Top-up Grant		-79.3		-129.4
Retained Local Business Rates		-64.6		-92.3
Use of Reserves				
Exceptional Financial Support		-127.1		-78.0
<b>BRADFORD COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>		<b>-276.5</b>		<b>-291.8</b>
Parish/Town Council Precepts		-3.9		-4.1
<b>TOTAL COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>		<b>-280.4</b>		<b>-295.9</b>

\* Previous years' figures have been restated to reflect new structures

\*\* Government grants have been consolidated for 26/27 so have moved from the General Fund

## What did we spend in 2025-26?

The base budget for 2025-26 was £591.6 million.

To this figure provision for the following has been added:

- £16.5m for growth, pressures and investments
- £35.0m for contract and pay inflation



## What else has changed for 2026-27?

- £50.0m of net service-related savings as approved
- £117.0m changes to grants
- £6.1m increase in Time-Limited Investments
- £20.8m movement to reserves

This means that the total cost of providing services in 2026-27 is £737.4 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.

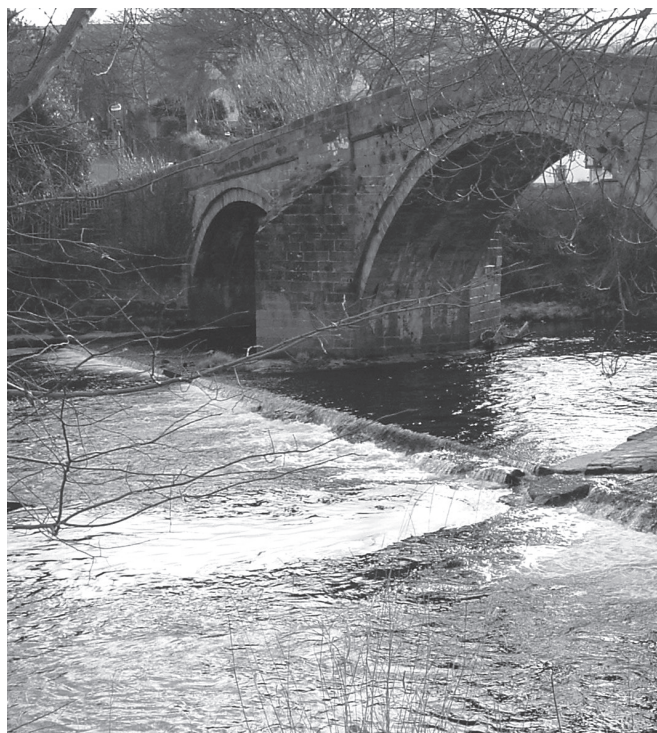
The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood and coastal erosion risk management for 2292 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. Money is spent on the construction of new flood defence schemes, the maintenance 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		
	2025-26 £'000	2026-27 £'000
Gross Expenditure	£104,475	£70,509
Levies Raised	£3,034	£3,125
<b>Total Council Tax Base</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>1,628</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 £3,034,364 in 2025/2026 to £3,125,394 for 2026/2027.**





# West Yorkshire Police Council Tax Information 2025-26

Budget	2025/2026 (£m)	2026/2027 (£m)
Reserves	828,180	866,304
Funded by the Levy	182,554	195,433

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

Note. The note above assumes all forces will increase CT to the maximum allowed - annual increase of £15 for band D properties



As part of my role as Mayor of West Yorkshire, I am responsible for setting our police budget.

This relates to the 'police precept' – which is the part of your council tax bill that funds policing in our region.

West Yorkshire currently has the fourth-lowest Police Band D precept level in

England and Wales, yet operational policing continues to face increasing pressures.

People have told us that they value the work of West Yorkshire Police and want to see more visible policing in our communities.

Following an extensive consultation with the public, the majority of people (57%) supported an increase to the police precept. Against this backdrop, the decision has been made to increase the police section of council tax to ensure vital investment for the Force. This will result in a very small increase. Around 80% of the region's taxpayers live in households that are bands A, B, and C, which will see an increase of between 19 pence and 26 pence per week. This increase to the police precept will significantly reduce West Yorkshire Police's funding gap and move us toward a more sustainable financial position. This will also enable the ongoing delivery of the Mayor's Police and Crime Plan for 2024-28, which sets out joint ambitions and priorities for policing and community safety. I appreciate the public's support for strengthening frontline policing, as it helps us continue working together towards a safer and fairer West Yorkshire.

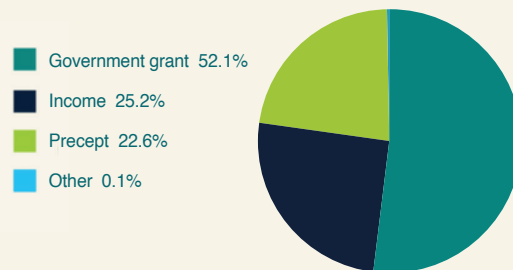
Whilst our precept supports visible policing in West Yorkshire, I've also been working closely with the police, partner agencies, and my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Alison Lowe OBE, over the last year to make our region a safer and better place. Over the past year we have:

- Launched our second Police and Crime Plan, building on West Yorkshire's innovative work to improve the safety of women and girls, and to tackle gangs, drugs, and knife crime.
- Continued the vital work of our Women's Safety Unit, which drives change through partnership, raises awareness, and focuses on preventing violence against women and girls.
- Supported more than 8,000 young people under 24 and almost 500 adults through the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership since April 2025, helping to address knife crime and serious violence across the region.
- Awarded over £4.4 million through the Mayor's Safer Communities Fund since 2021, directing money taken from criminals to 460 local projects dedicated to making West Yorkshire safer.
- Launched our new People's Fund, part of our commitment to co-producing a serious violence strategy. Up to £100,000 will be made

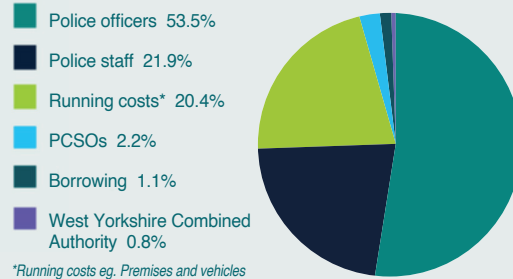
available in each district, with local groups able to bid for up to £10,000. Residents will then decide which projects receive funding.

• Continued to work towards achieving West Yorkshire Vision Zero, reducing all road death and serious injury in the county to zero by 2040. Over the last year the number of those killed and seriously injured has fallen with a host of initiatives covering education and enforcement as well as road design and support for victims.

### Where the money comes from 2026-27



### What the money will be spent on 2026-27



### There will be 5.7% increase to the annual police council tax.

Council Tax band	2025-26 per year £	2025-26 per year £	Annual increase £	Per week increase £
A	175.52	185.52	10.00	0.19
B	204.77	216.44	11.67	0.22
C	234.02	247.36	13.34	0.26
D	263.28	278.28	15.00	0.29
E	321.78	340.12	18.34	0.35
F	380.29	401.96	21.67	0.42
G	438.80	463.80	25.03	0.48
H	526.56	556.56	30.00	0.58

## You can find out more about our work and contact us on:

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## West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority 2026-27



West Yorkshire  
Fire & Rescue

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (WYFRA) has agreed a £5 precept increase on the Fire and Rescue Service Council Tax Precept for 2026. The decision at the Full Authority meeting on February 26th will allow the Service to support essential investment, maintain frontline services and meet ongoing cost pressures.

For a Band D property, the change means an annual charge of £89.49 for fire and rescue services. This is a slight increase of £5 per year and less for those in bands A to C.

Despite the rise, West Yorkshire continues to be the fourth lowest fire and rescue precept per head of population in England.

Cllr Darren O'Donovan, Chair of the WYFRA says "We remain committed to delivering the best possible fire and rescue service for the people of West Yorkshire while managing our finances carefully. Rising costs and the need to invest in new buildings, technology and equipment mean that this increase is necessary to protect the service the public relies on.

"We do not take any rise lightly. This decision ensures that we can continue to make essential improvements across our estate and infrastructure and continue to provide an excellent service for the people of West Yorkshire."

Chief Fire Officer John Roberts said "Like many organisations, we are managing the impact of higher costs, but our commitment to providing excellent value for money remains unchanged.

"We are grateful for the continued support of the public and will keep working hard to deliver a high-quality, efficient and forward-looking fire and rescue service."

### The precepts for 2026/27

	Precept 2026/27	Annual increase from 2025/26
<b>Band A</b>	£59.66	£3.34
<b>Band B</b>	£69.60	£3.89
<b>Band C</b>	£79.55	£4.44
<b>Band D</b>	£89.49	£5.00
<b>Band E</b>	£109.38	£6.11
<b>Band F</b>	£129.26	£7.22
<b>Band G</b>	£149.15	£8.34
<b>Band H</b>	£178.98	£10.00

### 2026/27 REVENUE BUDGET COUNCIL TAX INFORMATION LEAFLET

What will the Fire and Rescue Service Cost?	2025-26 £'000	2026-27 £'000	Per head £
Gross Expenditure	120,085	126,067	
Contributions to/from Reserves	0	0	
Income	-2,889	-2,889	
<b>Budget Requirement</b>	<b>117,196</b>	<b>123,168</b>	£52.41
Revenue Support Grant	-21,137	-30,405	-£12.94
Pension Grant	-2,977	-2,977	-£1.27
Top Up Grant	-18,703	-16,068	-£6.84
Business Rates	-8,492	-11,318	-£4.82
Collection Fund	466	448	£0.19
National Insurance Grant	-699	0	£0.00
Section 31 Grants	-6,883	0	£0.00
Recruitment Reserve	-188	0	£0.00
<b>Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>58,584</b>	<b>62,848</b>	<b>£26.74</b>

### What are the changes from last year?

	2025-26 £'000	2025-26 £'000
<b>Previous Years' Budget</b>	<b>112,904</b>	<b>117,196</b>
Inflation	3,238	4,150
Changes in Service Provision	866	1,822
Changes in use of Reserves	188	0
<b>Budget Requirement</b>	<b>117,196</b>	<b>123,168</b>





**Tracy Brabin**  
Mayor of West Yorkshire

**The West Yorkshire Combined Authority is committed to creating a brighter region that works for all, alongside our partner local authorities (Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield).**

#### The Transport Levy

Across West Yorkshire, each of our five partner local authorities contributes to a collective budget for transport services, known as the Transport Levy. This funding is used to fund concessionary fares and support bus routes and services that aren't covered by commercial providers.

In 2026-27, the total Transport Levy will be £100 million and contributions from each local authority will be:

Local authority	Population*	Transport Levy (£m)	% of total Levy
Bradford	563,605	23.1	23%
Calderdale	210,929	8.6	9%
Kirklees	447,847	18.4	18%
Leeds	845,189	34.7	35%
Wakefield	367,666	15.1	15%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,435,236</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Source: ONS Data on 30th July 2025

This funding covers the delivery of the following transport services and functions:

#### Expenditure

Budget spending	2025/2026 £m	2026/2027 £m
Concessions for elderly and disabled people	40	45
Young Person's concessions	11	11
Accessible transport	4	4
Subsidised bus services	26	28
Assets and Facilities	7	8
Corporate Support Costs	6	5
Financing Costs	12	12
<b>TOTAL Expenditure</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>113</b>

In 2026/27, we will commit £45 million to funding concessionary travel schemes for older and disabled people, £11m on concessions for young people and £28 million on subsidised bus services.

#### Where the funding comes from

Funding source	2025/2026 (£m)	2026/2027 (£m)
Reserves	8.1	13.5
Funded by the Levy	97.9	99.9

#### Coming Next

In April 2027, we will be launching the Weaver Network – an integrated public transport system that will bring the first franchised buses to the streets of West Yorkshire. Our vision for the Weaver Network is to create an integrated and sustainable system which works for everyone - making journeys easier and faster whether you use public transport or walk, wheel or cycle.

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