

Council Tax 2024/2025

The agreed Kirklees Council Tax rise for council services in 2024/25 is 4.99%, which is made up of 2.99% for services in general and a specific 2% extra which will go to Adult Social Care (ASC). There is a requirement to have a separate line on the bill to show the amount of Council Tax which is dedicated to the provision of ASC services.

The West Yorkshire Fire Authority, the Police and Crime Commissioner (Mayor of West Yorkshire) and the parish councils approve their own annual precept amounts, which are included in the overall household bill.

Here are some ways we may be able to help you to reduce your bill

Single person discount

You can claim 25% off your bill if you are the only person in your household over eighteen.

Disabled band reduction

If a disabled person lives in your property you may qualify for a reduction.

Other discounts

If you or someone living with you fits into one of the groups below, we may be able to give you a discount:

- full-time students, student nurses, apprentices, and youth trainees
- you receive child benefit for this person, who is over 18 years of age
- 18- and 19-year-olds who are at or have just left school/college
- people who are severely mentally impaired
- people being looked after in care homes or permanently in hospital
- people caring for someone with a disability
- people serving a prison sentence.

In certain circumstances, you may be exempt from paying Council Tax

This could mean you have no Council Tax to pay. Here are some of the reasons you may get an exemption:

- property left unoccupied because someone has died
- property left unoccupied by someone who is permanently in hospital or a care home
- the property has been repossessed
- the property is only occupied by full-time students.

Please complete our online forms to apply for discounts and exemptions at [Kirklees Council - Council Tax discounts, exemptions and reductions](#)

Council Tax Reduction

If you are on a low income, you may be entitled to some help through the Council Tax Reduction scheme. To qualify you must be:

- responsible for paying Council Tax, and
- have less than £8,000 in capital if you are working age, or

- have less than £16,000 in capital if you are over state pension age (unless you are receiving the Pension Credit Guaranteed Credit)

Find out if you are entitled and make a claim online at: [Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction](#)

Make benefits and work pay with BetterOff Kirklees

For more information about benefits, to appeal against a benefit decision, see handy tips to help you back into work and search for jobs, visit: [Better Off Kirklees website](#)

Have you told us about your changes?

It is your responsibility to tell us straight away about any changes which affect:

- any Council Tax discount or exemption you may be receiving.
- your Council Tax Reduction, including changes in income or capital for you or others in your household, moving home or someone moving into or out of your household.

You can report your Council Tax Reduction changes online at: [MyKirklees - Tell us about a change in circumstance](#)

If you do not tell us about the above changes within 21 days, depending on the circumstances, you may be fined £70 and, in some cases, could face prosecution.

Moved to a new house? Tell us online!

For any Council Tax changes visit [Kirklees Council – Tell us if you have moved](#)

My Kirklees Account

Over 212,000 people are now using My Kirklees Account to save time online and have 24/7 access to many Kirklees council services. With just one password you can access your Council Tax account, Homes and Neighbourhoods rent account, Housing Benefit account, register and renew your tip permit, report issues like fly-tipping, faulty streetlights, potholes, missed bin collection and check your bin collection dates.

You can now view any paperless bills you have signed up for by selecting the 'Bills/Documents' button, when viewing your Council Tax account. Over 75,000 people have already attached their Council Tax account to their My Kirklees Account

Not signed up yet? Do it today! Visit [My Kirklees Account](#)

Council Tax Appeals

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 your 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 via email ctonline@voa.gov.uk or 03000 501 501.

Remember! Register to vote

Recently moved home? Remember to register to vote at your new address. It only takes five minutes, and you will need your National Insurance number, register online at [GOV.UK - Register to vote](#)

Bring photo ID to vote on the 2 May 2024

You need to bring ID to vote at polling stations for the local elections this year – this can be either **photo ID** or a **Voter Authority Certificate**.

For more information and to view the list of suitable IDs visit [Kirklees Council - Requirement to show photo ID at polling stations](#)

Voting by post

Prefer not to visit a polling station? Apply to vote by post at GOV.UK - Apply for a postal vote, deadline to apply, 5 pm Wednesday 17 April 2024

Empty homes premium

In 2013 Central Government introduced legislation giving local councils discretion to charge a Council Tax 50% premium on certain long-term empty properties to act as an incentive to help turn empty properties back into homes.

Example with added 50% premium

Description	Amount
Charge	£1,000
Premium (extra 50%)	£500
Total	£1,500

In November 2018 the Government changed the legislation to allow councils to further increase the long-term empty premium charge.

- **100%** from 1 April 2019 - properties empty and unfurnished for **two** or more years.

Example with added 100% premium

Description	Amount
Charge	£1,000
Premium (extra 100%)	£1,000
Total	£2,000

- **200%** from 1 April 2020 - properties empty and unfurnished for **five** or more years.

Example with added 200% premium

Description	Amount
Charge	£1,000
Premium (extra 200%)	£2,000
Total	£3,000

- **300%** from 1 April 2021 - properties empty and unfurnished for **ten** or more years.

Example with added 300% premium

Description	Amount
Charge	£1,000
Premium (extra 300%)	£3,000
Total	£4,000

In March 2024 we have made a further change in line with legislation to apply the empty premium change from an earlier date.

- **100%** from 1 April 2024 - properties empty and unfurnished for **one** or more years.

Example with added 100% premium

Description	Amount
Charge	£1,000
Premium (extra 100%)	£1,000
Total	£2,000

The **200%** premium will still be applied after a property has been empty and unfurnished for **five** years. The **300%** premium will still be applied after a property has been empty for **ten** years.

Second Homes

From 1 April 2025 second homes (properties that are unoccupied and furnished) will have a 100% charge plus a 100% premium applied and this will remain the same as long as the property is unoccupied and furnished.

Example with added 100% premium

Description	Amount
Charge	£1,000
Premium (extra 100%)	£1,000
Total	£2,000

Empty properties are a priority for the council as they could provide a much-needed home. Please visit [Kirklees Council - Empty residential properties](#) for help and advice if you have a property you wish to bring back into use.

How your Council Tax is calculated

The calculation is:

Basic Council Tax charge +
 Adult Social Care precept +
 Parish precept (if there is one in your area) +
 West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority +
 West Yorkshire Police Authority charges
 = **Your Council Tax charge**

How much Council Tax you pay in 2024/25

The total Council Tax for each property in Kirklees, including fire, police, and parish precepts, is as follows:

Valuation Band	Denby Dale £	Holme Valley £	Kirkburton £	Meltham £	Mirfield £	All other parts £
A	1488.89	1486.89	1477.33	1508.29	1476.61	1466.54
B	1737.02	1734.70	1723.53	1759.66	1722.69	1710.95
C	1985.19	1982.53	1969.77	2011.06	1968.81	1955.39
D	2233.33	2230.34	2215.99	2262.44	2214.91	2199.81
E	2729.62	2725.96	2708.43	2765.20	2707.11	2688.65
F	3225.92	3221.60	3200.87	3267.97	3199.31	3177.50
G	3722.21	3717.22	3693.31	3770.72	3691.51	3666.34
H	4466.66	4460.68	4431.98	4524.88	4429.82	4399.62

Basic Council Tax charge for 2024/25

Valuation Band	All areas of Kirklees £
A	1,067.57
B	1,245.49
C	1,423.43
D	1,601.35
E	1,957.21
F	2,313.06
G	2,668.92
H	3,202.70

Adult Social Care contribution for all Parishes for 2024/25

Valuation Band	£
A	179.79
B	209.76
C	239.72
D	269.69
E	329.62
F	389.55
G	449.48
H	539.38

Adult social care

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.

Adult social care services help people who are in need of practical support due to illness, disability, or old age. We support people in a wide range of circumstances. Everyone can get information and advice from us, and many people receive further support. Our aim is to help people keep their independence, either in their own home or in their local community.

For information on adult social care see our web information at: [Adult social care and health](#)
For more information about adult social care funding go to [Government website www.gov.uk](#) and search for 'adult social care Council Tax'.

Parish precepts

If you live in an area where there is a Parish Council your Council Tax will increase to take into account, the Parish precepts for those areas:

Valuation Band	Denby Dale £	Holme Valley £	Kirkburton £	Meltham £	Mirfield £
A	22.35	20.35	10.79	41.75	10.07
B	26.07	23.75	12.58	48.71	11.74
C	29.80	27.14	14.38	55.67	13.42
D	33.52	30.53	16.18	62.63	15.10
E	40.97	37.31	19.78	76.55	18.46
F	48.42	44.10	23.37	90.47	21.81
G	55.87	50.88	26.97	104.38	25.17
H	67.04	61.06	32.36	125.26	30.20

The Parish Council budget in areas where there is one is as follows:

Parish	2024/2025 £	2023/2024 £
Denby Dale Parish Council	212,000	159,000
Holme Valley Parish Council	327,934	284,924
Kirkburton Parish Council	153,000	152,017
Meltham Parish Council	192,360	144,672
Mirfield Parish Council	107,000	107,000

Where your Parish Council's money goes

Parish Councils with a budget of £140,000 or more are required to provide information about how it is spent:

Actions of Denby Dale Parish Council

- Running costs of the council building acquired by Community Asset Transfer to ensure full use by the community of the library, rooms to hire, and access to the countryside officer and clerk to the council.
- Employment of a part-time Clerk and a full-time Countryside Officer.
- Awarding Community, Small and Schools Grants
- Community Aid Grant to address any possible future shortfall in services from Kirklees Council which the Parish Council may be able to assist with.
- Awarding an annual grant to the Environment Trust.
- Donations given to the Denby Dale Food Fund to assist local families during the pandemic and continued help with the Cost-of-Living Crisis.
- Setting up of the Climate Emergency Fund and assistance given to local schools with Eco Schools awards
- Running the Countryside Project and allotments at Churchfield site, Denby Dale.
- Provision of dog waste bags and dispensers.
- Donation towards Christmas trees.
- Provision of floral displays for the Parish.
- Annual donation towards the Emley Show (transport) – awarded but show unfortunately couldn't run.
- Remembrance Day wreaths.
- Various web, IT, newsletter and office costs.

Actions of Holme Valley Parish Council

- Holme Valley Parish Council's main aim is to improve the quality of life of the residents of the Holme Valley. It works in partnership with many organisations to promote the Valley to make it a thriving place in which to live, work and play, as well as an attractive place to visit.
- Holme Valley Parish Council took ownership of Honley Library 16th December 2022. The building is, now, owned by the Parish Council and, our partners, Friends of Honley Library, run the library service. The Parish Council pays £15,000 annually to run the library and, this year, additionally spent £10,000 on energy efficiency measures for the building.
- The Parish Council continues with supporting the other public buildings that have been transferred from Kirklees Council to the Parish namely The Civic in Holmfirth and Holmfirth Public Toilets. The Public Toilets cost around £18,500/a to run and are a well-used resource. The Civic this year received a £9,500 grant from the Parish Council towards work on the top floor fire escape and £7,800 towards a full condition survey of the hall. £22,800 was also earmarked for roof repairs, though this may not be spent by the end of this Council year.
- The Parish Council paid out around £34,600 in grants to support, develop and repair Holme Valley assets in community ownership, - including local village halls, band rooms, sports clubs and so on. Grants have paid for a wide variety of things like roof repairs (Upperthong Village Hall), new chairs and tables (Choppards Community Association), energy surveys (Brockholes Village Hall) and new carpets (Upperthong Cricket Club). £5,000 was also paid to Holmfirth Tech to develop its Rock Room.
- The Parish Council has also paid grants to improve outdoor assets so, for example, has given money towards tree-works at Southgate Woods in Honley and funded works to improve access and biodiversity around Magdale Dam. £2,000 went to a village green flower garden in Hade Edge and £1,300 to a sheltered area for play and learning at Eden's Forest in Honley.
- We awarded grants to support local events and projects that contributed so much to the Valley. By the year end, a total of around £24,000 will have been paid out to community groups towards a variety of festivals, - food and drink, music, film, and the arts, - creative workshops, sporting clubs, games clubs, children's events, and so on.
- The topograph, - a sculpted visual relief map looking down over the Holme Valley and describing some of the key aspects of the view, - was finally installed in the autumn at Holme Moss carpark to celebrate the ascension of King Charles III.
- The Parish Council also funded the CCTV service in Honley village centre.
- The Parish Council again prioritised work with local young people and committed £14,000 to fund employment of a youth worker to deliver youth clubs and other opportunities to young people in the Holme Valley. The youth worker has recently commenced employment.
- A full list of grants can be found on our Parish Council website.
- The Parish Council is working in partnership with Holme Valley schools to improve driver awareness. The Parish Council spent around £500 in February on pavement signs for use around schools to advise drivers where they should and should not park. This is being trialled in the new financial year.
- The Parish Council subsidised the local H1-H7 Holme Valley minibus services amounting to around £23,000 this year. The minibus routes are essential lifelines to outlying settlements and provides a vital connection for our isolated residents.
- As always, the council continued to pay for the maintenance of a closed churchyard, 150 benches, 35 bus shelters, 6 adopted phone boxes and to keep the local war memorials in good order. Maintenance of these assets cost around £11,000 per year.

- We have paid out around £1,200 for the upkeep and replenishment of our many “poo bag” dispensers for dog walkers and their pets.
- Our Climate Emergency team delivered a Cycle Festival where, amongst other attractions, adults got to try electric bikes and children got to have a go on balance bikes. This cost around £2,000 to run and was well-attended. The team also published its “If it’s not far, leave the car” map for Honley, to encourage Honley residents to walk or cycle instead of drive over short distances.
- Grants funding also paid for the delivery of workshops to schools on the climate emergency.
- The Parish Council paid for Christmas trees to be displayed in the villages across the parish and provided grants for Christmas lights and switch-on events in the major centres of Holmfirth and Honley. This amounted to around £6,000.
- Publications, information and publicity costs the Council around £6,000 per year, mainly for publishing of our Council News section in TiTo free magazine, - which we have used since the Holme Valley Review stopped printing, - and the Parish Council website. The Parish Council also published articles about what it does in local, village newsletters like Hade Edge Breeze and Hepworth Focus. Towards the end of the year, the Communications and Engagement team produced an A5 newsletter with two print runs on what the Parish Council does costing around £550.
- The Parish Council had a productive first year of this Council term, and Members are keen to move on with a whole range of projects into 2024-25.

Actions of Kirkburton Parish Council

- Maintains 2 allotment gardens with around 30 plots.
- Provides 11 Christmas trees – one in each centre. Provides Christmas lights in Lepton Square.
- Has a small annual grant scheme, which helps small organisations to continue to operate by funding some of the essential running costs and equipment.
- Has a general grant scheme and village improvement funding scheme which assists community groups by contributing towards the funding for larger projects, which are of benefit to the local villagers, but may not be possible without the grant funding. The grants often attract larger grants from other funding organisations.
- Last year the Council awarded grants to groups which held celebratory events for the King’s Coronation.
- Maintains $\frac{3}{4}$ of the churchyard of St John’s Church in Kirkheaton in line with its legal obligations.
- Maintains 4 websites, which give information about the Council, tourism and walks in the local area. The latter two attract visitors from outside of the area, bringing the obvious benefits to local traders. It also maintains an archive website which provides local historical information.
- Provides 11 poppy wreaths across the Parish, which are laid by the Parish Councillors on Remembrance Sunday.
- Provides 100 hanging baskets across the Parish.
- Owns and maintains 45 public seats.
- Provides free route maps for the series of 10 circular Parish Walks.
- Facilitates the production of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for an area in Kirkheaton.
- Makes representations to various departments of Kirklees Council, Metro and other bodies on issues, which affect the local residents, ensuring that their views are heard whenever possible.

- Employs a part-time Clerk and a part-time Administrative Assistant.

Actions of Meltham Town Council

- Provides regular events and activities and supports community groups in the provision of such events.
- Provides many allotments.
- Provides and maintains children's play areas.
- Provides and maintains park facilities, water features, playing fields and formal gardens.
- Provides and maintains public toilets.
- Provides and maintains sports facilities e.g., football pitches and tennis courts.
- Makes a significant contribution to the provision of library services in Meltham.
- Arranges for footpaths and public spaces to be cut back of vegetation and cleared of litter.
- Provides floral displays for the Town Centre
- Provides grants to improve shop frontages in the conservation area.
- We are undertaking a major refurbishment programme of the Robert Ashton Park in Meltham, two phases completed – further phases in planning.
- Continues to deliver on the actions identified because of the Ask Meltham project which the Town Council led on, including committed yearly investment to youth provision.
- Provides capital grants to community groups in Meltham (or who provide services to Meltham residents) e.g., £10k for the resurfacing of the Village Hall in Wilshaw – information about grants is published regularly in our newsletter.
- Provides smaller grants to community groups in Meltham (or who provide services to Meltham residents) e.g. grants to the Friends of Robert Ashton Park to lay on events or grants to provide a Carols in the park event – information about grants is published regularly in our newsletter.
- Provides and maintains public seating, boundary markers and adopted telephone boxes.
- Employs a part-time Clerk and a toilet cleaner.
- Lays on civic events, supports the Remembrance Day event and rewards the contribution of local people with the Council's Pride of Meltham Award
- Communicates effectively with our residents via a website and 3 newsletters per year delivered to all households.
- Complies with statutory and legal requirements e.g., the requirement to be internally and externally audited.
- Provides local historical / archive information on its website 'Meltham in focus'.
- Runs annual campaigns on issues of concern to residents such as road safety, litter, dog fouling.
- Supports national initiatives such as Road Safety Week in local primary schools.

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority and West Yorkshire Police Authority charges

Valuation Band	West Yorkshire Fire Civil Defence Authority £	West Yorkshire Police Authority £
A	52.99	166.19
B	61.83	193.88
C	70.66	221.58
D	79.49	249.28
E	97.15	304.67
F	114.82	360.07
G	132.48	415.46
H	158.98	498.56

Where your council's budget comes from

Budget	2024/2025 Net Expenditure £m	2023/24 Net Expenditure £m
Gross expenditure	970.40	945.60
Income:		
Dedicated schools grant and other school grants	271.0	263.1
Housing related grants	66.3	66.1
Other government grants	119.0	98.3
External income	150.6	145.1
Kirklees approved budget	363.4	373.0
Funded from:		
Retained Business Rates	62.2	61.0
Government Funding	71.6	66.5
Collection fund balances	3.0	1.3
Transfer to/from reserves	3.8	24.6
Council Tax requirement	236.4	219.6
Core Council Tax	204.1	190.8
Adult Social Care precept	32.3	28.8

Where your council's money goes

The amounts that the council intends to spend on the various services that it provides are shown below. The figures are adjusted for capital charges.

Services	2024/25 Gross £m	2024/25 Net £m	2023/24 Gross £m	2023/24 Net £m
Children & Families	380.8	80.2	369.2	77.7
Adults & Health	287.2	120.5	275.8	127.9
Growth and Regeneration	72.2	39.6	73.9	47.1
Corporate Services	160.5	59.1	158.4	56.2
Central	69.8	64.0	68.4	64.1
Total expenditure (excluding precepts)	970.4	363.4	945.6	373.0
Parish Council precepts	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8
Total expenditure (including precepts)	971.4	364.4	946.4	373.8

Our performance and achievements for 2023/24

Since October 2021, Kirklees Council has distributed £14.8 million worth of funding managed as part of the Household Support Fund (HSF).

- Since April 2023 we have handled 14,778 calls about HSF and received 5,711 successful online applications. The £14.8m includes:
- £7.3m to schools and colleges for vouchers to children receiving means-tested Free School Meals. In December 2023 there were 19,110 children and young people receiving these.
- £1.6m funding to community groups via One Community and Third Sector Leaders to help local support with fuel, food, essential items, and wraparound advice services
- £1.1m of funding to partner foodbanks across the borough, with 18,373 people supported by foodbanks across the borough
- 5,751 vouchers for emergency/crisis support, totalling £200,000 to residents since April 2023.

A key focus continues to be the regeneration of the town and village centres across our district, and we have seen some major progress during the July 2023 to January 2024 Council Plan period.

In Huddersfield:

- We have launched a consultation on the Station to Stadium Enterprise Corridor, which will be a centre of the West Yorkshire Life Sciences Investment Zone, which we worked hard with regional partners and central government to bring to Kirklees.
- We have worked closely with the University of Huddersfield to bring forward the first two buildings of the National Health Innovation Campus, at the heart of the Investment Zone. Construction on building one is well underway, and a reserve matters planning application has been submitted for building two.
- New Street's transformation is nearly complete, providing a better environment for pedestrians and more space for events like specialist markets.
- Work continues on the iconic George Hotel, bringing the building back into use as a hotel.

In Dewsbury:

- We have published new detailed plans for Dewsbury Market and town park, taking into account previous consultations. We have now begun further consultation with market

traders. Once finished, we are aiming to move stallholders in early 2025 to a temporary site, so construction work can begin.

- Working alongside the Dewsbury Town Deal Board and the Arcade Group, we have gained £4.5m funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the re-development of the historic Dewsbury Arcade, with work getting underway in January 2024.

And in our towns and villages:

- We have formally adopted the Holmfirth Blueprint and completed preliminary works on the Town Centre Access Plan, with delivery to continue into 2024.
- We are continuing to work on blueprints for Batley, Cleckheaton and Heckmondwike, with plans for formal adoption by the Council in 2024.
- In Cleckheaton, we are working to develop a masterplan for Spen Bottoms by May 2024.
- In Heckmondwike, we are continuing to develop designs for a new library facility and a new public realm space for the town centre.

Working alongside partners such as the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA), we have progressed major transport improvements, including:

- £48m investment for improvements to the Penistone rail line between Huddersfield and Sheffield
- Preparatory work for a new bus station for Heckmondwike, with enhanced waiting facilities.
- Improvements to junctions, roads, bus infrastructure, active travel, and trees and planting along our road network, including the A62 Leeds Road smart corridor (delivered) and A629 between Huddersfield and Ainley Top (revised planning permission secured).

Kirklees Council has a role in creating the right conditions for growth, including business support and the provision of training. Our achievements in this area include:

- Between April and September 2023, the Business Kirklees team engaged over 300 individual businesses, helping 43 new businesses to start, and supporting our SME base to access almost £166,000 of grant funding, unlocking a further around £200,000 of private investment.
- We provided access to a wide range of business support, including start-up and growth support through the Start Up West Yorkshire, Ad:Venture and SME Growth Manager programmes.
- Encouraging innovation in new products and processes with the Kirklees innovation voucher scheme
- The fourth edition of the Kirklees Top 100 was launched on 5th October 2023 at the John Smith's Stadium. A Growth SMEs and Careers Edition has also been launched for the first time during this period. Collectively the publications showcase our largest and fastest growing businesses and help to highlight the range of career options available to school, college, and university leavers.
- From April to September 2023, 1,792 were supported by our employment and skills programmes and 436 of these already found work. 62% of those supported came from the most deprived communities, 29% had a disability, and 48% were BAME

Investment in the future is also about ensuring our district has a clean and green future, aiming to become 'Net Zero and Climate Ready by 2038'. During the period of this Council Plan, we:

- Achieved the highest possible 'A' rating from CDP in November 2023, an internationally recognised, independent environmental and climate reporting platform. We have risen from

a score of 'C' to an 'A' within three years, putting Kirklees within the top 119 global 'cities', classifying us as a 'leader'.

- Continued to progress with the commercialisation stage for the Huddersfield District Energy Network (HDEN), due for completion in 2026, supported by £8.2 million awarded in November 2022.
- Were awarded government funding in November 2023 to deliver the 'Calder and Colne Landscape Links (CCall)' project in partnership with Calderdale Council, providing landscape scale engagement, linking private and public funding for biodiversity and natural environment 'compensation'.
- Continued to deliver the programme of works under the Net Zero Region Accelerator programme, after receiving a £100k award from West Yorkshire Combined Authority in March 2023 to develop Heat Decarbonisation Plans for our corporate estate.



West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority Council Tax Information 2024/25

A slight increase has been approved for the Council Tax precept for fire, at a meeting of the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (WYFRA).

The 2.99% rise will see Band D taxpayers pay an extra 2.31 a year.

The WYFRA has approved the increase due to the cost of living still remaining high across the UK, alongside important investment and new equipment still being needed by the fire service. However, despite the rise, the precept remains the fourth lowest cost-per-head-of-population in the country.

Chair Cllr Darren O'Donovan said: "We must balance being extremely careful with our money, with providing the best level of service for people across West Yorkshire – a task that gets harder every year due to Central Government refusing to invest properly in our fire and rescue services – we haven't received capital funding for a decade now which has made things very tricky. Rather than funding us properly, the Government expect the general public to pick up their bill.

"Despite this, careful planning and risk management through our community risk strategy has allowed us to continue to work to the best of our abilities – becoming more efficient by investing in greener and more state-of-the-art buildings and infrastructure.

"I understand it's difficult for us to ask the public for more money during a time when all of us are feeling the pinch – however by not properly funding us the Government have left us no choice. This rise will allow us to continue to provide the excellent fire and rescue service that the community in West Yorkshire deserves."

Chief Fire Officer John Roberts said: "It's a big year for WYFRS as we enter our 50th year of keeping the communities of West Yorkshire safe. We have had to make significant investments in our infrastructure and fleet, plus deal with all the other cost of living issues like higher bills. Despite this we are among the fourth best value for money fire and rescue services in the country.

"We'd like to thank the people of West Yorkshire for their understanding at this change in the precept and reassure them that we will continue to work hard to continue providing the excellent level of service and safety that they deserve."

Revenue Budget 2024/25

What will the Fire and Rescue Service Cost?

Description	2023-24 £	2024-25 £	Per Head
Gross Expenditure	106,785	116,878	
Contributions to/from Reserves	0	0	
Income	-2,485	-2,964	
Budget Requirement	104,300	113,914	£48.47
Revenue Support Grant	-15,472	-20,783	£8.84
Pension Grant	-4,285	-2,916	£1.24
Top Up Grant	-17,737	-18,499	£7.87
Business Rates	-7,590	-8,035	£3.42
Collection Fund	200	159	£0.07
Service Grant	-1,101	-173	£0.07
Funding Guarantee	0	-1,370	£0.58
Section 31 Grants	-6,304	-3,37	£3.37
Council Tax Requirement	52,111	54,389	£23.14

Description	2023/24 £	2024/25 £
Previous Years' Budget	95,651	104,300
Inflation	7,436	3,714
Changes in Service Provision	1,213	5,900
Changes in use of Reserves	0	0
Budget Requirement	104,300	113,914

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West Yorkshire

Police Council Tax Information 2024/25



We can continue to deliver on our vision for a safer, fairer

As Mayor of West Yorkshire, I oversee our Police budget, which includes setting part of your Council Tax.

Unfortunately, since 2010, the Government has reduced their funding, in real terms, for West Yorkshire Police. That has left us as one of a few forces nationally to face real term reductions greater than 10%.

However, I know just how much you value your police service and want to see it properly resourced. The positive response to my recent precept survey made this clear, but to maintain it, I've reluctantly had to increase the police section of your council tax by 5.5%.

For the majority of the region's households, who are in Bands A to C, this will equate to between an extra 17p to 22p a week.

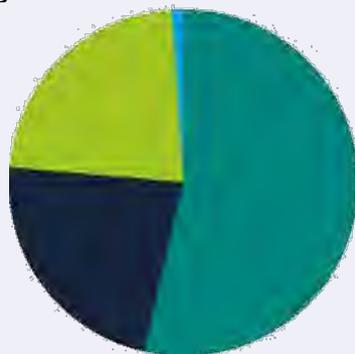
This crucial funding will be used to recruit more Police Community Support Officers (PSCOs) to keep West Yorkshire's neighbourhoods safe as well as bringing in extra Initial Contact Officers, who answer 9 9 9 and 1 0 1 calls from the public.

Tracy Brabin

Mayor of West Yorkshire

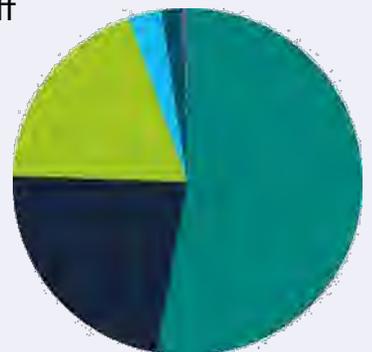
Where the money came from 2024/25

- Government grant
- Income 22.7%
- Precept



What the money is spent on 2024/25

- Police officers
- 52.9% Police staff
- 22.8% Running
- PCSOs 3.2%
- Borrowing
- 2.0% WYCA



* Running costs

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

Budget	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m
Gross Expenditure	694.040	754.940
Council Tax Requirement	159.533	170.542

There will be 5.5% increase to the annual police Council Tax.

Council Tax Band	Current cost per year £	2024/25 cost £	Annual increase £	Per week increase £
A	157.52	166.19	8.67	0.17
B	183.78	193.89	10.11	0.19
C	210.02	221.58	11.56	0.22
D	236.28	249.28	13.00	0.25
E	288.78	304.67	15.89	0.31
F	341.29	360.07	18.78	0.36
G	393.80	415.47	21.67	0.42
H	472.56	498.56	26.00	0.50



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

- Funding an Independent Stalking Advocacy Service, supporting hundreds of victims of domestic stalking.
- Launching a Safer Travel Team to increase bus safety with dedicated patrols.
- Creating the viral "Just Don't" campaign targeting inappropriate behaviour and empowering men and boys to change society for the better.
- Over £2.4 million taken from criminals has been shared across 289 local projects as part of my Mayor's Safer Communities Fund.
- Working towards eliminating road death and serious injuries through Vision Zero.
- Crucial work to tackle knife crime and serious violence, particularly among young people, alongside our dedicated Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP).

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

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West Yorkshire Combined Authority

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority is committed to creating a brighter West Yorkshire that works for all. Chaired by the Mayor of West Yorkshire, the Combined Authority works closely with the five local authorities (Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield) to deliver services and investments that benefit the people of West Yorkshire.

We are building a prosperous, happy, well-connected, sustainable and safe region, as outlined in our West Yorkshire Plan.

In 2024/25, we are committed to investing in our transport system to connect communities, creating jobs and developing skills and tackling the climate emergency.

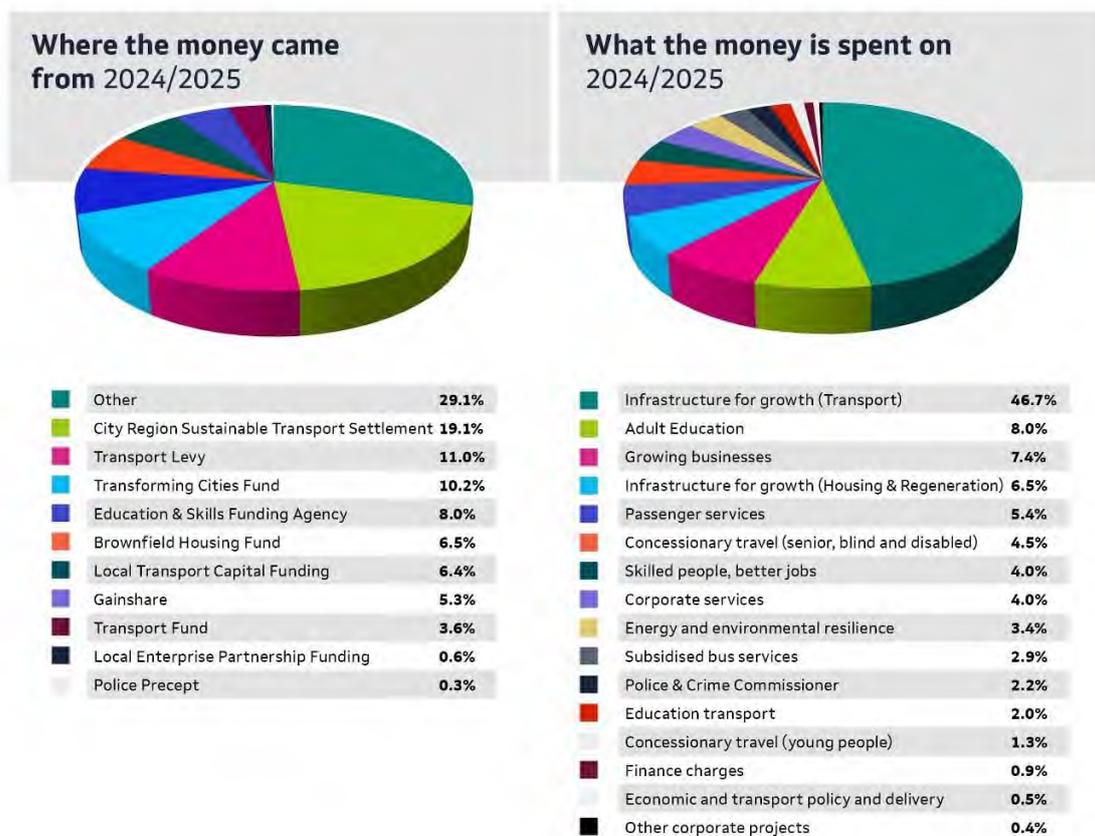
The largest portion of the Combined Authority's revenue income comes from the transport levy, collected by our partner councils through council tax and used to fund public transport across West Yorkshire. We use levy funding to support and maintain our transport network, to keep fares affordable and to support bus routes and services that aren't covered by commercial providers.

At around £92.2m, to keep costs to a minimum, the transport levy has not changed for over 10 years.

From the levy, we spend £37.5m on concessionary travel schemes (ENCTS), £10.9m on subsidised travel for young people and £29m on other tendered services.

We also invest in growth areas that are not funded through council tax such as business, employment and skills.

Here's an overview of our income and expenditure in 2024-25:



To find out more about the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, please visit our website: [West Yorkshire Combined Authority website](#)

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

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

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Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

Description	2023/2024	2024/2025
Gross Expenditure	£91,676	£133,559
Levies Raised	£2,833	£2,946
Total Council Tax Base	£1,560	£1,581

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 4.0%

The total Local Levy raised has increased from £2,832,677 in 2023/2024 to £2,945,984 for 2024/2025.