



Your Council Tax 2025-26

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Protecting vital services and providing value for money to our communities

Place (economy, transport and environment)

- Delivering £120m investment (over 3 years) to look after the county's 3,361 miles of road
- Offering support to more than 300 new businesses under the Business Start Up Scheme
- Improving bus services with positive changes on more than 25 routes already and installing bus stop real time information signs, using £51.5m government funding
- Working with partners on carbon reduction, nature recovery and climate change adaptation, and reducing carbon emissions from the council's estate and operations by 73% since 2009-10
- Helping to create 58 apprenticeship starts in 30 Derbyshire businesses and committing £390,000 towards apprenticeship training costs
- Creating the Derbyshire Heartwood Community Forest which offers grants for planting trees to landowners and communities with more than 43 hectares of planting planned this year
- Loaning more than 2.8 million books and digital items (ebooks, eaudiobooks, emagazines) and welcoming over 1.25 million visitors to our libraries in the last year.

Health and Communities (including trading standards)

- Providing 1-2-1 trading standards support to people who are vulnerable to scams and fraud, preventing losses of around £300,000
- Running the Derbyshire Trusted Trader scheme, giving residents peace of mind in more than £400m of consumer contracts
- Supporting more than 6,500 people to identify their health and wellbeing needs
- Helping more than 1,800 people to lose weight and more than 1,300 people to become more physically active
- Giving more than 2,700 people advice to help them stop smoking, with more than 1,160 people successfully quitting smoking after 4 weeks with Public Health's Live Life Better Derbyshire service.

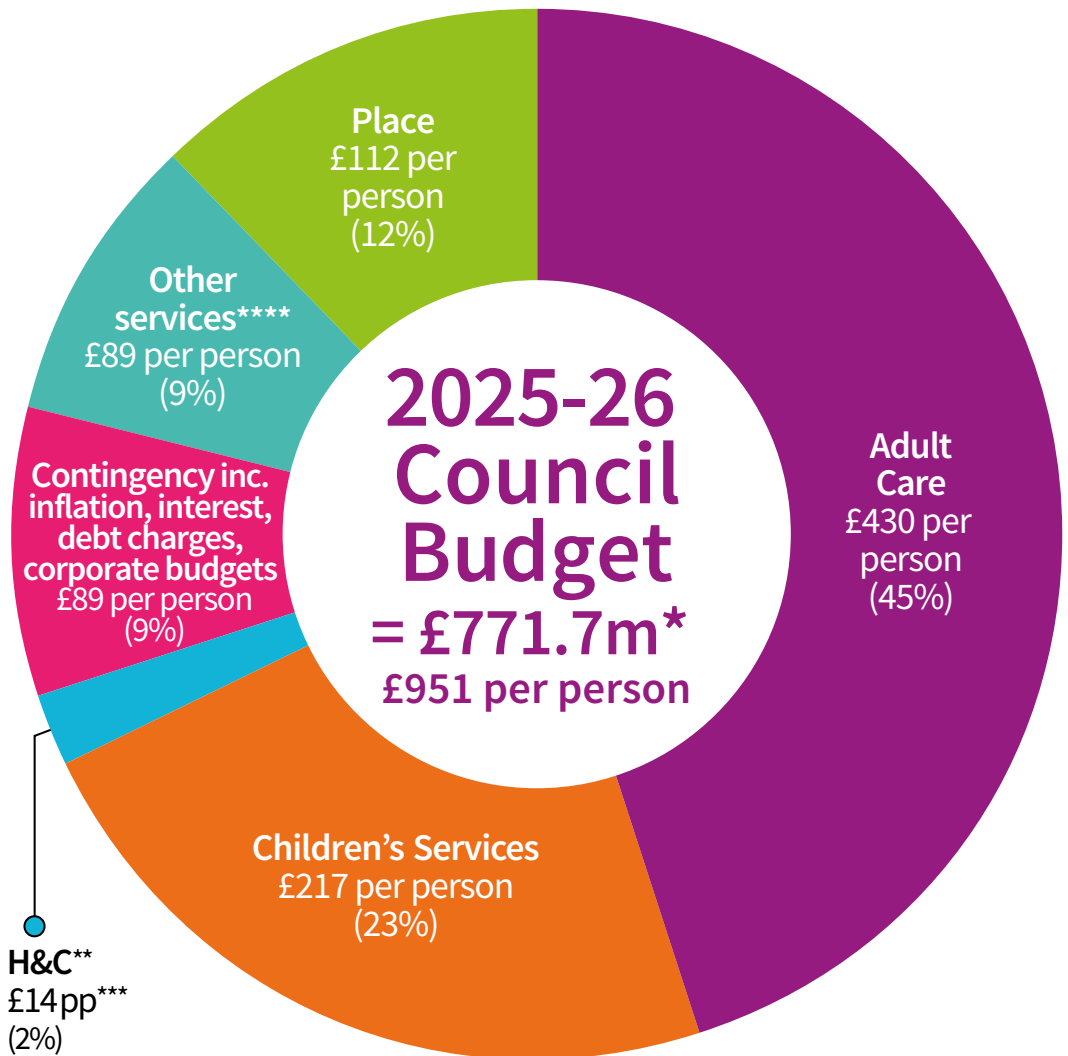
Adult Care

- Supporting more than 11,000 unpaid carers, 400 young carers and administering nearly 1,000 carer personal budgets
- Issuing 570 Household Support Fund Grants to carer families facing financial hardship
- Welcoming more than 2,100 carers to events, groups and activities
- Helping more than 16,000 people maximise their benefits via our welfare rights service
- Awarding more than 14,200 emergency cash payments from our Derbyshire Discretionary Fund
- Supporting more than 5,700 older and disabled people to return home from hospital
- Dealing with more than 34,000 requests for social care advice, information and assessments
- Supporting more than 12,900 older and disabled people to live independently at home.

Children's Services

- Looking after more than 1,000 children in our care
- Funding free early years education for around 18,000 children
- Improving provision for more than 20,000 children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities
- Providing additional places in our children's homes, including for young people with complex needs, to be nearer to their families.

How the council budget is spent per person



*includes council tax and direct Government funding.

**H&C – Health and Communities including trading standards.

***pp – per person.

****Other services refers to legal and democratic services, finance, ICT, HR, communications, strategy & transformation and property services.

The pie chart above shows the 2025-2026 Council Budget of £771.7 million (£951 per person). This is broken down into 6 segments. Segment 1 shows Adult Care at £430 per person (45%). Segment 2 shows Children's Services at £217 per person (23%). Segment 3 shows Health and Communities, including Trading Standards, at £14 per person (2%). Segment 4 shows Contingency, including inflation, interest, debt charges and corporate budgets, at £89 per person (9%). Segment 5 shows Other services at £89 per person (9%). Segment 6 shows Place at £112 per person (12%).

The 'precept'

Since 2016-17 the Secretary of State has made an offer to councils with a responsibility for adult social care to charge an additional 'precept' on its council tax without holding a referendum, to assist authorities in meeting expenditure on adult social care.

More information

You may be eligible for help with your council tax. Find out more derbyshire.gov.uk/counciltaxhelp

This is a summary. For more information derbyshire.gov.uk/budget

What we'll be spending on your services

REVENUE EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

2024-25 EXPENDITURE (£m)	2024-25 INCOME (£m)	2024-25 NET (£m)	SERVICES	2025-26 EXPENDITURE (£m)	2025-26 INCOME (£m)	2025-26 NET (£m)
396.4	-93.0	303.4	Adult Care	450.1	-100.8	349.3
946.4	-794.7	151.7	Children's Services	1062.8	-887.0	175.8
51.4	-2.6	48.8	Refuse Disposal	50.2	-11.7	38.5
39.2	-7.2	32.0	Highways and Countryside	40.4	-8.2	32.2
25.2	-7.3	17.9	Public Transport	24.7	-7.4	17.3
3.8	-0.9	2.9	Planning	4.4	-1.1	3.3
47.4	-47.4	0.0	Public Health	49.9	-49.9	0.0
7.2	-0.8	6.4	Health and Communities	10.3	-0.8	9.5
1.6	-0.2	1.4	Trading Standards	1.5	-0.1	1.4
26.6	0.0	26.6	Contingency*	26.8	0.0	26.8
84.3	-10.3	74.0	Other services	82.8	-10.8	72.0
1629.5	-964.4	665.1	TOTAL	1803.9	-1077.8	726.1
		49.7	Plus debt charges			39.9
		3.7	Plus other corporate budgets			7.5
		-3.7	Less interest receipts			-3.7
		0.0	Plus internal financing			1.9
		714.8	NET BUDGET REQUIREMENT			771.7
		-16.8	Less Revenue Support Grant			-19.2
		-21.0	Less Business Rates			-25.1
		-101.9	Less Top Up Grant			-102.9
		-154.0	Less General Grants			-183.1
		-11.0	Less Use of Reserves			0.0
		410.1	COUNCIL TAX			441.4

*Contingency covers costs where there is some uncertainty. It relates to 2025-26 pay pressures, demand pressures and election costs.

REASONS FOR CHANGE IN GROSS EXPENDITURE/BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND EFFECT ON COUNCIL TAX	(£m)
Pay and price increases due to inflation and factors outside the council's control	38.9
Service pressures	76.4
Budget savings	-22.2
Change in services funded from grants and other income	81.2
CHANGE IN GROSS EXPENDITURE	174.3
Increase in service income, such as increased charges for services	-113.3
Increase in internal financing	1.9
Increase in corporate budgets	3.8
Decrease in debt charges	-9.8
No change in interest on balances	0.0
CHANGE IN BUDGET REQUIREMENT	56.9
Less increase in Revenue Support Grant	-2.4
Less increase in Business Rates	-4.1
Less increase in Top Up Grant	-1.0
Less increase in General Grants	-29.1
Plus decrease in Use of Reserves	11.0
INCREASE IN COUNCIL TAX	31.3

Other notes

For 2025-26 the Council will levy the Government's Adult Social Care Precept of 2% (the max is 2%) towards the cost of older & vulnerable people's services. More at derbyshire.gov.uk/budget

General rise of 2.99% (the max is 3%) to mostly support children's services, which combined with adult social care precept (see above) = total Council Tax rise of 4.99%