

Council tax information 2025-26

How do you decide how much my household pays?

Almost every home must pay council tax, whether it is a house, bungalow, flat, maisonette or a mobile home and whether it is owned or rented. Each home is in one of eight valuation bands, according to how much it was worth on 1 April 1991. Your council tax bill shows the band your home is in.

Finding out more about your council tax band.

The Valuation Office Agency (VOA) maintains the Council Tax Valuation List. This includes placing new properties within a Council Tax band and changing bands for properties when necessary.

To understand why your property is in a certain band, please visit the GOV.UK website - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understand-how-council-tax-bands-are-assessed>.

	Value as at 1 April 1991
Band A	Up to £40,000
Band B	Over £40,000 up to £52,000
Band C	Over £52,000 up to £68,000
Band D	Over £68,000 up to £88,000
Band E	Over £88,000 up to £120,000
Band F	Over £120,000 up to £160,000
Band G	Over £160,000 up to £320,000
Band H	Over £320,000

Is my property exempt?

Some homes, known as [exempt properties](#), do not have to pay council tax.

These include properties lived in only by students or people with severe mental impairment and, in some cases, empty properties. If you think your property could be exempt, please contact us.

Does someone in your household have a disability?

We can reduce your council tax if anyone in your household (including children) has a disability, and your property has an extra bathroom, kitchen or room to meet the needs of the disabled person.

The reduction is also available if they use a wheelchair indoors. There are discounts and exemptions available to people who are severely mentally impaired. Please contact us for further details.

Am I entitled to a discount or council tax support?

Your council tax bill assumes that there are two adults in your home. If only one adult lives there (as their main home), we will reduce the bill by a quarter (25%).

If we give you a discount, you must tell us about any change in your circumstance, which could affect your entitlement. If you don't you may have to pay a fine.

If you have successfully applied for [council tax support](#), the amount of the reduction should be shown on your bill. If it is not shown and we have said you will qualify, we will send you an amended bill as soon as possible. Your CTS will show as a reduction on the bill.

If you are getting CTS, you must remember to tell the council straight away of any change to your income, savings, the number of people in your household or any other change that might affect your entitlement.

You must tell the council within 21 days of the change happening. If you do not tell us within 21 days, you could be prosecuted.

If your circumstances change and you are paid too much CTS, you will be required to repay it.

If you have any questions about your CTS please email the benefits team on benefits@easthants.gov.uk or telephone our customer services team on 01730 234175.

Data sharing

This authority is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use the information you have provided for the prevention and detection of fraud.

It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes.

For further information please visit our website - <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/privacy-policy>.

How your bill is calculated

We take great care in calculating your bill correctly with the information that you have given us. If you believe that the bill is incorrect, please write to us first.

If you disagree with our decision and then wish to appeal, we will give you full details on how to make an appeal.

Making an appeal does not allow you to withhold payment. If an appeal is successful, you will be entitled to a refund if you have paid too much.

How the money is spent

This table shows how much we plan to spend on each of the main services we provide.

This spending will help meet the priorities in our strategic plan.

	2024-25 draft budget £'000
Change and performance	
Communications	380
Digital	1,799
Organisation development	441
Project and programme management	323
Strategy	197
Community development and engagement	
Community	1,086
Customer services	1,495
Housing	151
Revenues and benefits	756
Corporate governance	
Contract management	5,634
Democratic services	679
Elections	220
Executive office	983
Finance	184
Legal services	512
Regeneration and prosperity	
Asset management	0
Climate and sustainability	100
Economic development	70
Property management	(6,544)
Regeneration	604
Commercial services	184
Regulation and enforcement	
Development management	0
Environmental health	958
Neighbourhood quality	(1,854)
Planning policy	1,644
Total cost of services	10,012
Savings to be identified	(600)
Prior year savings	0
Political priorities	30
Future year savings	(500)
Salary inflation	685
Shaping our future costs	0
Other cost inflation	0
Revenue cost of capital expenditure	3,878
Net cost of services	13,505

How the council is funded

	2024-25 draft budget £'000
Parish precepts	4,952
Business rates retention	(2,921)
Section 31 grant	(2,804)
Levy payment	476
Council tax growth inc base	(12,680)
General grants	

New homes bonus grant	(234)
Other financing	
New service grant	(12)
Funding guarantee	(2,608)
Contributions to/(from) earmarked reserves	2,326
Contributions to/(from) general fund balance	0
Funding	(13,505)
Balance deficit (surplus)	0

Council tax charges

The table below sets out the 2025-26 council tax charges for each property band. The changes shown below assume at least two non-exempt adult residents, if only one resident, a 25% discount applies.

AR - if you qualify for disabled person's relief and live in an A band property, your council tax will be charged at the AR level.

Money needed by	Amount (£)	Average council tax for a band D property (£)	% of council tax charge
East Hampshire District Council	8,024,920	151.92	6.81%
Town and Parish Councils	5,630,563	106.59	4.78%
Hampshire County Council – basic	85,036,581	1,609.83	72.14%
Hampshire County Council – adult social care	-	-	0.00%
Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner	14,550,714	275.46	12.34%
Hampshire Fire and Rescue authority	4,640,001	87.84	3.94%
	117,882,781	2,231.64	

East Hampshire council tax charges 2025-26

At a council meeting on Thursday 27 February 2025, East Hampshire District Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, set the following amounts of council tax for 2025-26 for each dwelling in the district.

These charges cover the services provided by East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council, Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority and your town or parish council.

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/council-tax-charges-2025-26>

Parish and Town council budgets

The table below provides the budget requirements and band D charges of the Parish and Town Councils in East Hampshire District Council's area.

Parish/Town Council	Budget requirement 2024/25 £	Council Tax Band D (£)	Budget requirement 2025/26 £	Council Tax Band D (£)	Council Tax Increase / Decrease
Alton	£851,976.11	113.59	£890,180.00	116.99	2.99%
Beech	£18,900.00	56.86	£20,262.00	61.04	7.35%
Bentley	£64,349.00	114.45	£64,349.00	114.66	0.18%
Bentworth	£14,000.00	47.83	£14,560.00	49.97	4.47%
Binsted	£90,000.00	90.80	£94,000.00	93.26	2.71%
Bramshott & Liphook	£429,576.00	98.46	£449,576.00	102.06	3.66%
Buriton	£24,000.00	63.99	£24,500.00	65.04	1.64%
Chawton	£19,918.50	73.23	£19,690.00	73.71	0.66%
Clanfield	£210,000.00	91.21	£230,000.00	99.89	9.52%
Colemore & Priors Dean	£0.00	0.00	£0.00	0.00	0.00%
East Meon	£32,571.68	57.98	£34,526.00	59.90	3.31%
East Tisted	£5,707.58	57.13	£6,107.11	62.16	8.80%
Farringdon	£25,000.00	68.56	£15,000.00	41.07	-40.10%
Four Marks	£184,010.00	86.20	£192,200.00	89.99	4.40%
Froxfield & Privett	£29,700.00	60.74	£35,591.00	74.34	22.39%
Froyle	£32,000.00	79.74	£34,400.00	85.49	7.21%
Grayshott	£124,148.00	93.55	£127,358.00	95.71	2.31%
Greatham	£23,000.00	68.67	£25,000.00	74.22	8.08%
Hawkley	£17,000.00	62.90	£17,500.00	64.15	1.99%
Headley	£167,000.00	62.35	£176,500.00	65.62	5.24%
Horndean	£469,786.00	91.97	£510,903.00	99.14	7.80%
Kingsley	£28,388.00	97.83	£29,240.00	98.90	1.09%
Langrish	£6,300.00	43.29	£6,426.00	44.48	2.75%
Lasham	£2,000.00	21.06	£2,000.00	20.67	-1.85%
Lindford	£55,000.00	51.61	£56,000.00	52.56	1.84%
Liss	£263,623.00	98.20	£270,623.00	100.38	2.22%
Medstead	£67,800.00	45.16	£87,300.00	57.74	27.86%
Newton Valence	£850.00	7.14	£850.00	6.92	-3.08%
Petersfield	£1,040,004.00	178.74	£1,214,956.00	208.33	16.55%
Ropley	£56,500.00	65.77	£62,000.00	72.42	10.11%
Rowlands Castle	£149,520.00	99.15	£158,945.00	104.50	5.40%
Selborne	£66,300.00	100.93	£68,615.00	105.20	4.23%
Shalden	£13,000.00	55.01	£13,500.00	57.28	4.13%
Sheet	£45,000.00	95.11	£47,250.00	100.00	5.14%
Steep	£40,000.00	77.43	£46,000.00	88.35	14.10%
Stroud	£18,900.00	102.34	£19,278.00	105.48	3.07%
West Tisted	£0.00	0.00	£0.00	0.00	0.00%
Whitehill	£511,589.12	98.42	£543,874.00	105.70	7.40%
Wield	£3,500.00	27.32	£3,500.00	28.13	2.96%
Worldham	£17,480.40	86.59	£18,004.00	90.82	4.89%
TOTAL/AVERAGE	5,218,397.39	99.21	5,630,563.11	106.59	7.44%

Parish spend over £140,000

The table below details local councils with budget requirements of more than £140,000 in 2025-26.

Requests for further information should be made to the appropriate town or parish clerk whose telephone numbers are listed below.

Alton - 01420 83986

	2024/25			2025/26		
	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net
Alton Town Council						
Premises	221,765	(151,411)	70,354	225,722	(170,169)	55,553
Recreation & Tourism	788,143	(369,422)	418,721	841,020	(388,320)	452,700
Refuse Collection & Disposal	19,173	-	19,173	20,817	-	20,817
Other Services	682,542	(71,760)	610,782	546,613	(60,500)	486,113
			1,119,030			1,015,183
Transfers to/(from) Reserves			(267,054)			(125,003)
			851,976			890,180

Bramshott & Liphook - 01428 722988

	2024/25			2025/26		
	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net
Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council						
Environmental Health	7,620	(7,620)	-	12,430	(7,620)	4,810
Grants & Donations	21,000	-	21,000	21,000	-	21,000
Recreation & Tourism	181,600	(4,550)	177,050	205,321	(5,200)	200,121
Other Services	304,056	(72,530)	231,526	330,687	(72,870)	257,817
			429,576			483,748
Transfers to/(from) Reserves						(34,172)
			429,576			449,576

Clanfield - 02392 571077

	2024/25			2025/26		
	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net
Clanfield Parish Council						
Other Services	251,832	(11,000)	240,832	262,249	(30,400)	231,849
			240,832			231,849
Transfers to/(from) Reserves			(30,832)			(1,849)
			210,000			230,000

Four Marks - 01420 768284

	2024/25			2025/26		
	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net
Four Marks Parish Council						
Planning & Economic Development	1,000	0	1,000	-	-	-
Recreation & Tourism	-	-	-	3,500	-	3,500
Other Services	232,180	(19,170)	213,010	208,200	(19,500)	188,700
			214,010			192,200
Transfers to/(from) Reserves			(30,000)			
			184,010			192,200

Headley - 01428 713132

	2024/25			2025/26		
	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net
Headley Parish Council						
Administration	123,838	(5,000)	118,838	134,858	(5,000)	129,858
Grounds Maintenance	50,980	(3,333)	47,647	52,445	(3,333)	49,112
			166,485			178,970
Transfers to/(from) Reserves			515			(2,470)
			167,000			176,500

Horndean - 02392 597766

	2024/25			2025/26		
	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net
Horndean Parish Council						
Administration	270,745	(11,904)	258,841	283,305	(11,904)	271,401
Grants & Donations	7,000	-	7,000	7,000	-	7,000
Grounds Maintenance	240,165	(61,954)	178,211	284,290	(65,850)	218,440
Refuse Collection & Disposal	7,390	-	7,390	1,882	-	1,882
			451,442			498,723
Transfers to/(from) Reserves			18,344			12,180
			469,786			510,903

Liss - 01730 892823

Liss Parish Council

Administration
 Grounds Maintenance
 Grants & Donations
 Premises
 Other Services

Transfers to/(from) Reserves

2024/25			2025/26		
Gross Expenditure	Income	Net	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net
173,225	-	173,225	136,672	-	136,672
14,710	-	14,710	18,018	-	18,018
14,450	-	14,450	16,586	-	16,586
94,480	(43,750)	50,730	110,280	(45,000)	65,280
10,508	-	10,508	34,067	-	34,067
		263,623			270,623
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Petersfield - 01730 264182

Petersfield Town Council

Planning & Economic Development
 Recreation & Tourism
 Other Services

Transfers to/(from) Reserves

2024/25			2025/26		
Gross Expenditure	Income	Net	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net
800,797	(154,770)	646,027	179,956	(178,500)	1,456
513,419	(103,764)	409,655	430,998	(136,689)	294,309
990,189	(203,500)	786,689	2,104,935	(111,880)	1,993,055
		1,842,371			2,288,820
		(802,367)			(1,073,864)
		1,040,004			1,214,956

Rowlands Castle - 02392 413044

Rowlands Castle Parish Council

Highways
 Recreation & Tourism
 Refuse Collection & Disposal
 Other Services

Transfers to/(from) Reserves

2024/25			2025/26		
Gross Expenditure	Income	Net	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net
4,000	-	4,000	6,400	-	6,400
21,500	-	21,500	18,575	-	18,575
6,800	-	6,800	7,300	-	7,300
117,220	-	117,220	133,170	-	133,170
		149,520			165,445
					(6,500)
		149,520			158,945

Whitehill - 01420 473123

Whitehill Town Council

Administration
 Grants & Donations
 Grounds Maintenance

Transfers to/(from) Reserves

2024/25			2025/26		
Gross Expenditure	Income	Net	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net
333,391	-	333,391	350,850	(13,000)	337,850
54,000	(5,000)	49,000	54,000	-	54,000
196,958	(67,760)	129,198	241,185	(89,161)	152,024
		511,589			543,874
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