

COUNCIL TAX INFORMATION

2022/23



THIS IS HOW MUCH WE SPEND PER DAY ON SOME OF THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

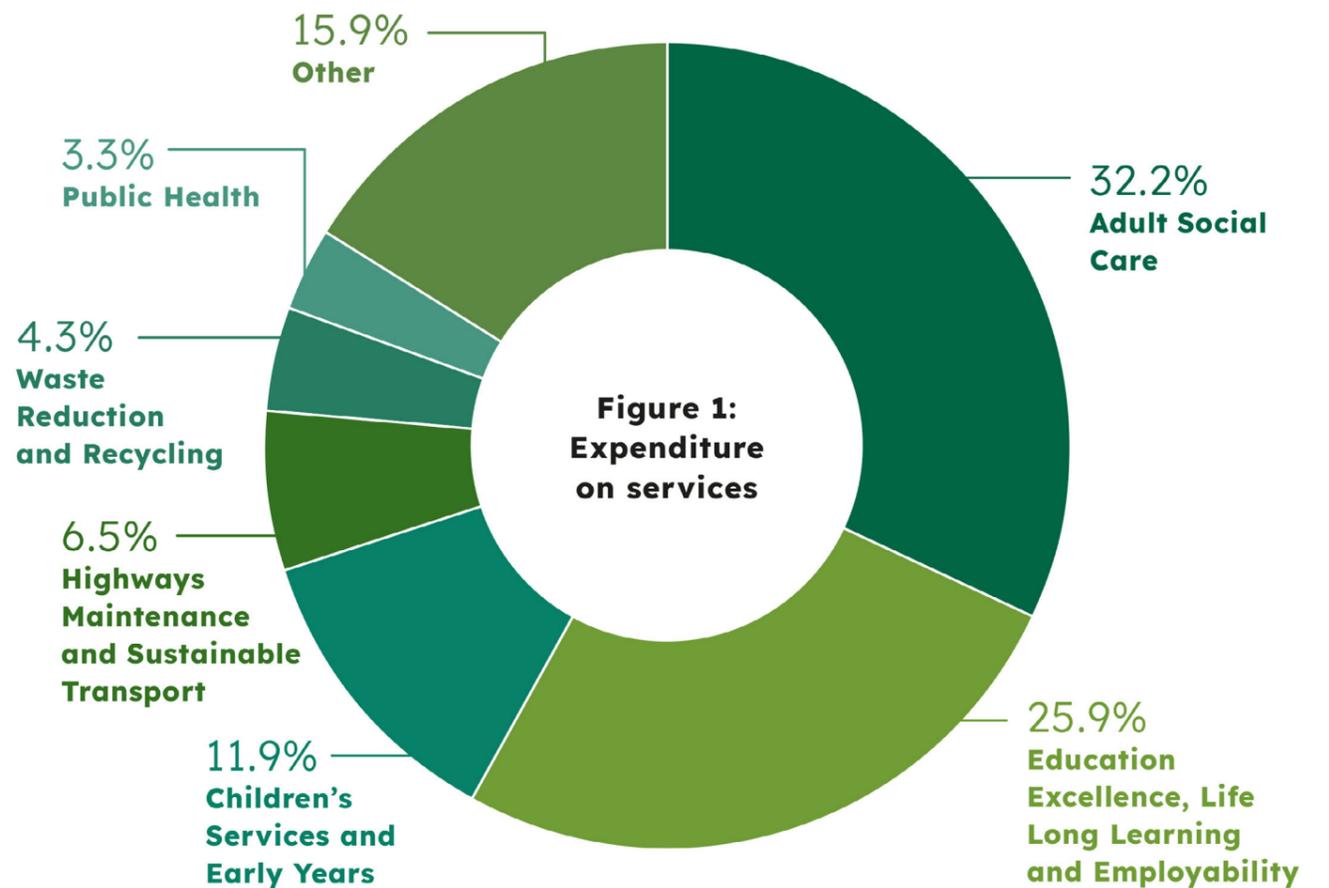
Children's Services  £387,424 per day	Early Years & Child Care  £269,585 per day	Adult Social Care  £1,850,240 per day	Schools  £1,339,199 per day
Environment & Waste  £245,609 per day	Public Health  £186,126 per day	Infrastructure  £180,597 per day	Home to School Transport  £98,311 per day
Concessionary Fares  £48,458 per day	Library Services  £40,157 per day	Economic Development  £18,708 per day	Coroner's Services  £10,190 per day
Country Parks  £9,784 per day	Registrar Services  £7,141 per day		

Expenditure on services

The Council has committed to spending:

- £675 million on services supporting vulnerable adults
- £543 million on Education Excellence, Life Long Learning and Employability
- £250 million on services supporting Children's Services and Early Years

Expenditure on Services	£m
Adult Social Care	675.3
Education Excellence, Life Long Learning and Employability	543.3
Children's Services and Early Years	249.9
Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport	135.4
Waste Reduction and Recycling	90.0
Public Health	67.9
Other, which includes services such as Libraries, Coroners, Registrars and Country Parks	333.4
Total	2,095.2



BUILDING A FUTURE SO EVERYONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL

Renewal, Equality and Ambition are at the heart of our plans for Essex.

Our budget this year is a positive response to exceptionally challenging times and circumstances. We know that the pandemic is not yet fully over and there is a need to help businesses, employees and residents to recover; and because cost of living pressures are becoming acute for many individuals and families.

But we can respond positively, because there is a real prospect of being able to move past the pandemic and resume normal

life again, and for us to focus on growth and renewal. We need to do this in a way that meets our carbon reduction goals because climate change is the biggest single challenge of our times and a successful future depends on moving to sustainable ways of working and living.

We need to widen opportunities across Essex, so that more people can fulfil their potential – a challenge we are meeting through our Levelling Up programme. Investing in infrastructure, providing excellent social care, and maintaining and improving our road network will remain priorities.

**Councillor Bentley,
Leader of the Council**



Listening to you

During October and November 2021, we carried out a budget consultation and you told us that:

- National Health Service/ Healthcare and Social Care were the most important issues facing Essex today, followed by Crime/Community Safety and Environment/Climate Change
- Approaches we should take to manage financial pressure include strengthening independence - reducing the need for individuals/ families/ communities to rely on public-funded support; and prioritise resources for the vulnerable.

Investing

On your list of priorities was care and support for vulnerable older people and mental health. We are investing an additional £33m combined in Adults and Children's social care in 2022/23, supporting around 9,000 older people, 5,000 adults with learning difficulties, and 2,500 children in care or in need.

Alongside our revenue budget, we need to ensure effective services not just for today, but for the future. We have ambitious plans for our capital investment - a capital programme of £284 million for 2022/23. This includes investments such as the new M11 Junction 7A,

Beaulieu station, Independent Living for Older People and People with Learning Disabilities, and new school places for the growing population.

We will continue the aspiration to achieve net-zero through developing and investing in multiple schemes and innovative solutions. For 2022/23 we plan on spending £59m towards this commitment.

Saving

Recent years have seen significant reductions in local authority grants. We have had to cut our cloth accordingly, so over the past four years, we have saved £222 million.

In 2022/23, we will deliver a further £36 million through savings and new income, and continue to build on our learning from the different ways we are now working as a result of the pandemic.

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SPENDING AND CHARGES EXPLAINED

There is always a balance between investing in and protecting services and asking people to pay a little more.

This year we are increasing council tax by a total of 4.49%. This is made up of a 1.99% general council tax precept, 1% adult social care precept as set out by Government for 2022/23, plus an additional 1.5% adult social care precept, deferred from 2021/22 using the flexibility set out by Government for 2021/22.

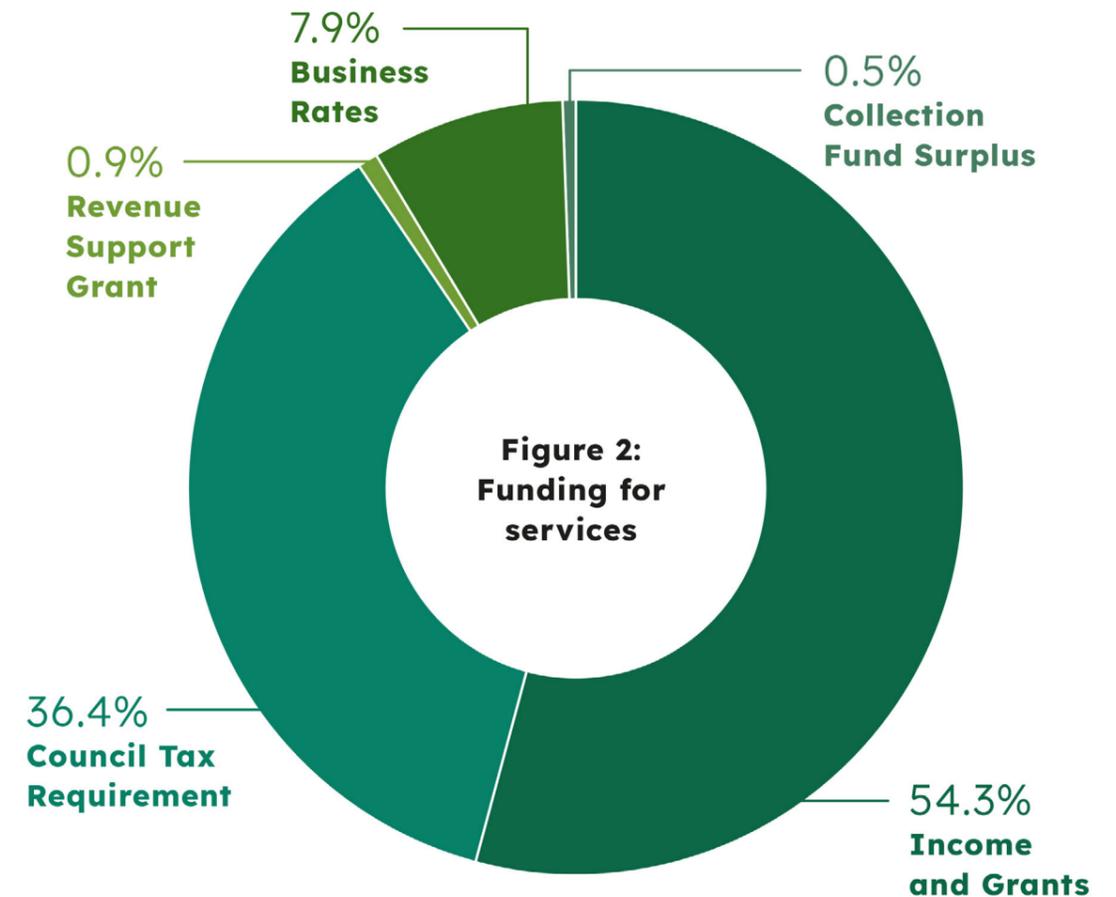
This will result in an increase in council tax for a band D property of £1.16 per household per week, taking the Band D charge to **£1,401.12**.

The following table shows the Council tax charge by band.

Band	Council tax charge £
A	934.08
B	1,089.76
C	1,245.44
D	1,401.12
E	1,712.48
F	2,023.84
G	2,335.20
H	2,802.24

The 2022/23 budget sets out the financial resources that the Council has available to deliver the Annual Plan.

Financial Overview	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m	Change £m
Total expenditure	2,014.0	2,095.2	81.2
Income and grants	(1,119.1)	(1,137.2)	(18.1)
Budget requirement	894.9	958.0	63.1
This is paid for by:			
Collection fund surplus	0.3	(9.6)	(9.9)
Business Rates	(159.0)	(165.6)	(6.6)
Revenue Support Grant	(18.7)	(19.3)	(0.6)
Council tax requirement	(717.5)	(763.5)	(46.0)
Total funding	(894.9)	(958.0)	(63.1)



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