

YOUR

Council Tax guide

2023/24

INCLUDING POLICE AND FIRE BUDGETS



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This guide provides information about the budgets for local public services for the year ahead and explains your council tax bill.

For more information call **01934 888 144**

Your council remains committed to protecting services which support our most vulnerable residents wherever possible and we will continue to do all we can to support our residents, communities and local businesses, to keep services running, and ensure those who need help get it.

In common with all councils across the country, we're seeing costs rise at an alarming rate with spiralling inflationary increases, stretched staff resources and an increasing demand for services as more residents are struggling with the impacts of the cost of living crisis.

As a result, central government has raised the limit on the amount council tax can be increased to 2.99 per cent. As well as this, again this year we're able to add a further two per cent specifically to fund the increasing costs and demands of adult social care.

North Somerset Council's share of the council tax bill for an average Band D household will be £1,627.38 in 2023/24 – about £135.62 a month. This is £6.45 more a month than last year's average Band D monthly cost of £129.17. This remains the lowest rate of council tax in the West of England area.

A 4.99 per cent increase is more than we would like to make, but still significantly below the current rate of inflation and below the increases seen in other areas of household expenditure like food and energy.

Extra support

There is also additional support available to households experiencing financial hardship through our package of council tax discounts.

Over 8,300 residents who receive council tax support will automatically get a further £25 discount from their 2023/24 council tax bill. Around 1,000 people who receive housing benefit but not council tax support will also receive a £25 discount. A further 3,000 households who have children receiving free school meals but don't receive council tax support will automatically get a discount.

These discounts will be automatically applied for eligible people.

Explore council tax and housing benefits digitally

The council tax and benefit service is an online service. You must register and create an account to access these services. Registration is quick, easy and secure and will allow you to apply for benefits, discounts and exemptions. You can also let us know about a change of circumstances or a change of address, set up a direct debit or just view your account balance.

Going digital means we can process many of your requests earlier and provided any additional documents are submitted with your application, you may receive your benefit earlier. For those customers who may have difficulty getting online or have additional needs, support is available. Call **01934 888 144** and one of our customer service advisers will assist you.

Council documents can be made available in large print, audio, easy read and other formats. Documents on our website can also be emailed to you as plain text files. Help is also available for people who require council information in languages other than English.



What does your council tax pay for?

Where does the money go?

North Somerset Council provides a wide range of services including education, planning, transport, highways, social care, public health, libraries, leisure and recreation, recycling and waste collection, environmental health and trading standards among many others.

The money you pay also funds the police and fire and rescue service, as well as supporting work in your local parish or town.

Parish and town councils raise their money primarily from a levy called a precept.

We collect the precept on behalf of town and parish councils and pass it on to them.

The table below shows how the money spent relates to the average council tax bill.

Service	Share of Band D £
Adult Social Services	676.86
Children's Services	240.87
Schools Budgets (entirely Government funded)	0.00
Place	307.58
Corporate Services	250.74
Public Health and Regulatory Services	11.03
Capital Financing and Interest	82.83
Other	57.47
Net North Somerset Requirement	1,627.38

£31.2m
Corporate Services
 including registration of births, deaths and marriages, legal, democratic and electoral services, council tax collection and benefits administration



£7.2m
Other
 including non-service items and contingency, plus items in your council tax provided by others, for example, magistrates courts, coroners service, Environment Agency and drainage boards

£84.3m
Adult Social Services
 including residential care, community meals, services for people with learning difficulties, tackling homelessness and adult education



£10.3m
Capital Financing
 infrastructure projects, new buildings and refurbishment, for example, schools and play areas

£1.4m
Public Health and Regulatory Services
 including trading standards, scientific services, food & safety, pollution, licensing, and control of dogs

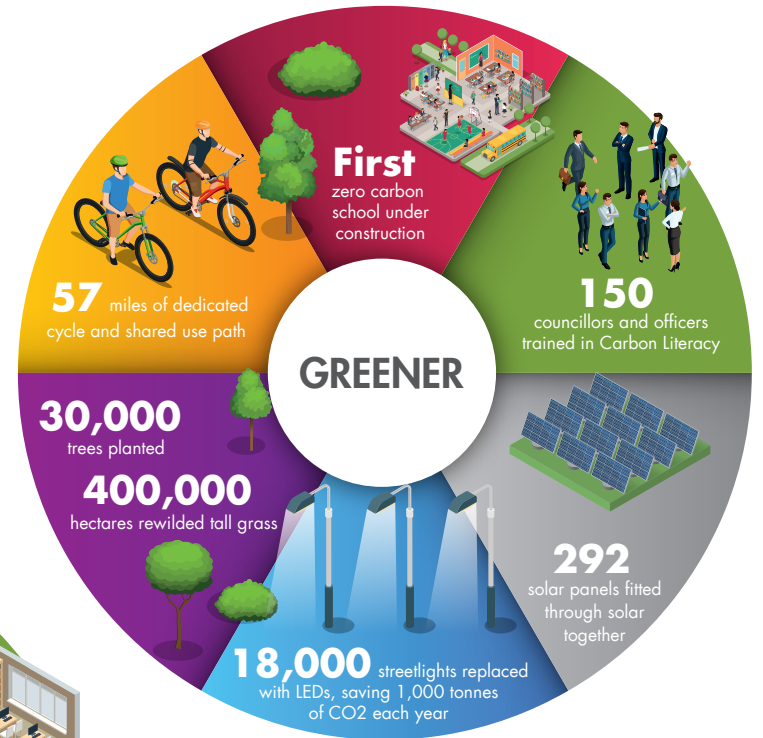
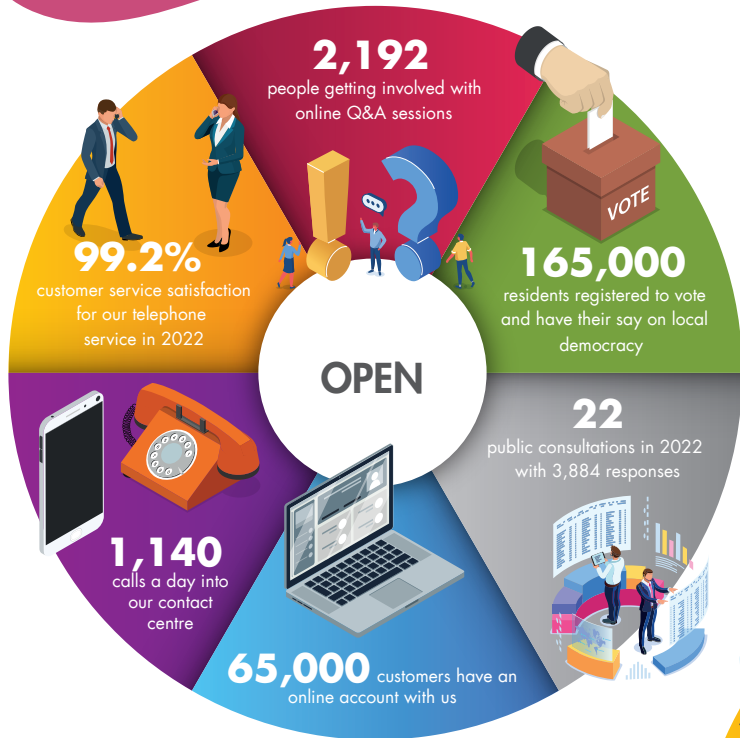
£30.0m
Children's Services
 including looking after children at risk, adoption, fostering and care leavers



£38.3m
Place
 including maintaining over 680 miles of roads, collecting household waste, recycling, parks, libraries, economic development, public transport and environmental health




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Help with your bill

Council tax support

If you are on a low income and currently pay council tax, you may be eligible for council tax support even if you receive other benefits or council tax discounts.

Visit our website to register for MyAccount and make your application online. If you are unable to get online or have additional needs call **01934 888 144** and one of our customer service advisers will assist you.

You can also visit any of our libraries and use one of the public access computers to make your application.

If you receive council tax support an amount will be taken off the total council tax you owe for the year and this is shown on the front of your bill.



What to do if your circumstances change

If your circumstances change you must tell us as soon as the changes happen. It is an offence not to tell us about any change in your circumstances that affects your support and could result in a fine of £70 or prosecution. Don't rely on someone else to pass the message on.

Examples of changes in circumstances are:

- you move home
- your rent changes
- any changes to the income or circumstances of anyone who lives with you
- someone moves into or out of your home
- you're going to be away from your home for more than four weeks.

If the change in your income affects your entitlement to council tax support a revised bill will be issued.

You can request a written statement of your entitlement, within one month of the decision being made, by contacting the council. If you want to appeal, this should be in writing within two months of the decision, to the council, who will review the decision. If you remain dissatisfied a further appeal can be made to the Valuation Tribunal.

Details of how you can appeal can be found at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/counciltaxsupport

More help with your bill

Discounts

You can claim a discount if there are less than two adults living in the property. For council tax purposes we will not count the following groups of people when we assess the number of adults who live in the property.

- People who you receive child benefit for.
- Full-time students, apprentices and people on youth training schemes.
- Husbands, wives/dependants of students not allowed to take a job or claim benefits.
- People under 20 who are still at school or college studying a full-time course of further education.
- People under 20 who have left school between 30 April and 1 November.
- People who are severely mentally impaired and entitled to certain state benefits.
- Patients who live in hospital.
- Patients in nursing homes, residential care homes, hospices and hostels.
- People staying in certain hostels and night shelters who would otherwise have no home at all.
- People in prison or on remand. This includes people held under the Mental Health Act 1983.
- Care workers introduced by an official or charitable body.
- People who care for someone in the property with a disability who is in receipt of certain state benefits.
- Members of religious communities who receive no income.
- People with diplomatic immunity.
- People who are members of a visiting force.
- Members of international headquarters and defence organisations.
- Ukrainian citizens staying in the UK under the government guest scheme.

Other discounts available

- Unoccupied, unfurnished properties which are being or have recently been altered or repaired, maximum of 12 months.
- Foster carers who foster one or more children through North Somerset Council are entitled to 100% council tax discount.

Exempt dwellings

We will not charge council tax on the following:

- Unoccupied charitable properties for up to six months.
- Properties left unoccupied by prisoners.



- Properties left unoccupied by people in hospital, care home, hostel, etc.
- Properties left unoccupied when a person dies until, and up to six months after probate.
- Unoccupied properties whose occupation is prohibited by law.
- Unoccupied properties being held for a minister of religion.
- Properties left empty by people who are receiving residential care.
- Properties left empty by people providing care elsewhere.
- Properties left empty by students.
- Unoccupied properties that have been repossessed.
- Student halls of residence.
- Properties that only students live in.
- Armed forces' barracks, messes and married quarters.
- Visiting armed forces accommodation.
- Unoccupied properties held by trustees in bankruptcy.
- Empty caravan pitches and boat moorings.
- Properties that are only lived in by people who are under 18.
- Properties that have an empty annex.

- Properties that are lived in by one or more people that are severely mentally impaired.
- Properties where at least one of the liable people is a diplomat.
- Properties with elderly or disabled people living in separate accommodation with families.

If your property falls into one of these categories, then you may qualify for an exemption. Contact us to discuss this further. If you are in any doubt as to your eligibility to a discount or exemption more information and details of how to apply can be found at:

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/counciltaxforms

Disabled relief

If anyone in your household needs a devoted room, or an extra bathroom or kitchen, or extra space for wheelchair use indoors, in order to receive care or treatment arising from a substantial and permanent disability, you may be entitled to a reduction off your council tax.

For more information and details of how to apply visit

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/counciltaxforms

You can also reduce the amount you pay each month by extending your payments into March.

Long-term empty properties

If you own a property that has been empty for two years or more you will be charged an extra amount of council tax – a premium.

How much you pay will depend on how long the property has been empty.

- Properties that have been empty for over two years will be charged a premium of 100%.
- Properties that have been empty for over five years will be charged a premium of 200%.
- Properties that have been empty for over ten years will be charged a premium of 300%.



North Somerset Council's 2023/24 budget

	2022/23	2023/24		
	Net exp £000	Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net exp £000
Adult Social Services	75,158	125,374	(41,040)	84,334
Children's Services	26,989	43,762	(13,750)	30,012
Schools Budgets (entirely Government funded)	0	55,555	(55,555)	0
Place	29,920	73,628	(35,304)	38,324
Corporate Services	27,552	84,516	(53,275)	31,241
Public Health and Regulatory Services	1,374	15,228	(13,854)	1,374
Capital Financing and Interest	11,207	15,314	(4,994)	10,320
Other, including Non Service and Contingency	5,936	7,905	(1,768)	6,137
Gross expenditure	178,136	421,282	(219,540)	201,742
Special Expenses	69	69		69
Levy – Environment Agency	300	305		305
Special Levy – Drainage Boards	585	650		650
North Somerset requirement	179,090	422,306	(219,540)	202,766
Parish Precepts	6,385	6,933		6,933
Budget requirement	185,475	429,239	(219,540)	209,699
To be funded by:				
Government Grant – Business Rates grants	(12,185)		(11,509)	(11,509)
Government Grant – Social Care grants	(8,719)		(15,458)	(15,458)
Government Grant – Other grants	(4,521)		(5,333)	(5,333)
Business Rates Income	(28,480)		(34,473)	(34,473)
Other – Collection Fund surplus, deficit and reserve transfers	(1,297)		(4,151)	(4,151)
Council tax requirement	130,273	429,239	(290,464)	138,775

Places with budgets more than £140,000

Eight councils in North Somerset raise more than £140,000 each through council tax contributions.

Where the money goes	2022/23	2023/24	Where the money goes	2022/23	2023/24
Backwell Parish Council			Portishead Town Council		
Recreation	46,325	30,455	Recreation	86,000	190,500
Highways	12,650	13,115	Highways	75,000	74,550
Other	77,740	101,175	Other	1,019,068	644,021
Contingency/ balances	0	0	Contingency/ balances	(359,205)	(42,371)
	136,715	144,745		820,863	866,700
Clevedon Town Council			Weston-super-Mare Town Council		
Recreation	32,900	45,250	Recreation	465,177	495,260
Highways	16,850	3,650	Highways	80,533	94,840
Other	322,005	365,430	Other	2,085,675	2,346,138
Contingency/ balances	2,473	0	Contingency/ balances	0	0
	374,228	414,330		2,631,385	2,936,238
Long Ashton Parish Council			Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council		
Recreation	67,900	72,700	Recreation	80,068	66,805
Highways	22,150	29,560	Highways	13,750	14,500
Other	120,822	129,779	Other	134,252	134,055
Contingency/ balances	(15,872)	(32,164)	Contingency/ balances	(54,070)	(29,860)
	195,000	199,875		174,000	185,500
Nailsea Town Council			Yatton Parish Council		
Recreation	99,028	98,816	Recreation	72,125	82,450
Highways	20,040	9,850	Highways	10,000	11,000
Other	448,500	458,902	Other	207,624	228,439
Contingency/ balances	0	0	Contingency/ balances	(51,595)	(64,014)
	567,568	567,568		238,154	257,875



Council tax summary 2023/24

The information below shows the amount needed to fund public services in North Somerset – not just those of the council but also the police, fire and rescue service, parish and town councils.

Adult social care precept

Central government has allowed councils with responsibilities for adult social care to add an additional 2% precept to council tax bills in 2023/24. This money will be ringfenced specifically to contribute to the council's expenditure on adult social care.

This additional precept has been added most years since 2016/17 as a means of helping to meet the rising costs of social care.



Service	Last year 2022/23 £000	Coming year 2023/24 £000
North Somerset Council needs:		
North Somerset Council (inc. Adult Social Care precept)	178,136	201,742
Special Expenses	69	69
Levy – Environment Agency	300	305
Special Levy – Drainage Boards	585	650
Parish and Town Council precepts	6,385	6,933
North Somerset's Budget requirement	185,475	209,699
less:		
Government Grant – Business Rates grants	(12,185)	(11,509)
Government Grant – Social Care grants	(8,719)	(15,458)
Government Grant – Other grants	(4,521)	(5,333)
Business Rates Income	(28,480)	(34,473)
Other – Collection Fund surplus, deficit and reserve transfers	(1,297)	(4,151)
Council Tax Bill		
North Somerset's precept	130,273	138,775
Police & Crime Commissioner of Avon & Somerset precept	20,078	21,566
Avon Fire Authority precept	6,230	6,720
	156,581	167,061

The average Band D council tax for North Somerset 2023/24 will be as follows:

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £
North Somerset Council	1,367.00	1,413.35
Adult Social Care precept	183.03	214.03
Average Parish/Town Council	79.88	85.58
Police and Crime Commissioner of Avon and Somerset	251.20	266.20
Avon Fire Authority	77.95	82.95
	1,959.06	2,062.11



Council tax bill

Council Tax Bill 2023-2024



www.n-somerset.gov.uk/myaccount

Date of issue: 07-MAR-2023

Reference number: 50001234567

Key: TDCMQWTJS4

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1307/3386267 396A
Mr J Bloggs
1 A Street
A Town
AA1 1AA



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Find out what your Council Tax helps pay for at: - www.n-somerset.gov.uk/counciltaxguide

Address of property to which the bill relates:

1A STREET, A TOWN AA1 1AA

My records show that you are the person liable to pay Council Tax for the property shown above.

The valuation band applied to this property is: A

Breakdown of charges:	£	%
North Somerset Council	941.66	3.0
North Somerset Adult Social Care	142.69	2.0
Sub Total – attributable to North Somerset Council	1084.35	
Avon & Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner	177.47	6.0
Avon Fire Authority	55.30	6.4
Weston-super-Mare Town Council	73.68	10.3
Gross amount for a band A property	1390.80	5.4

The council Tax attributable to North Somerset Council includes a base charge and a precept to fund adult social care. The North Somerset Council base charge has increased by 4.99%. The adult social care precept increase represents 2.00% of the 2022/23 North Somerset Council base charge. The percentages in the table above are rounded to 1 decimal place.

Charge For Period	Band A	01-APR-2023	31-MAR-2024	1390.80
Council Tax Support		01-APR-2023	31-MAR-2024	-1050.05
C.Tax Support Fund Discount 23/24		01-APR-2023	31-MAR-2024	-25.00

Council Tax amount payable by you £ 315.75

First instalment due on 01-APR-2023 1 X 27.75
9 Other instalments due on 01-MAY-2023 to 01-JAN-2024 9 X 32.00
Instalments to be paid by: DIRECT DEBIT (1ST) MONTHLY

1307/11/11
0227/15/11/21

Name of liable person /
Billing address

Bar code to be used for making
payment.

Address of property subject to
council tax

This is the breakdown of the
charges and what they are for.
More details are included in this
booklet.

Details of the instalments due.
Details of any balance owing
from previous years will also
be shown here. Please contact
the council if no arrangement
has been made to clear this
balance.

Manage your council tax
account online

The unique reference number
for your account at this
property to be used when
making payment

Reference key to be used with
your reference number to
access your account details
online.

The council tax band which
applies to your property

This is the breakdown of your
annual council tax liability
including any discounts,
exemptions or council tax
support.

Total amount payable for the
current year

Method of payment



How much will you pay?

Local council	2023/24 precept £	2022/23 precept £	Parish precept amount for Band D £	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Abbots Leigh	31,550.00	31,550.00	73.29	1,365.98	1,593.63	1,821.30	2,048.96	2,504.29	2,959.60	3,414.94	4,097.92
Backwell	144,745.00	136,715.00	71.23	1,364.61	1,592.03	1,819.47	2,046.90	2,501.77	2,956.63	3,411.51	4,093.80
Banwell	122,646.03	110,785.00	85.95	1,374.42	1,603.48	1,832.55	2,061.62	2,519.76	2,977.89	3,436.04	4,123.24
Barrow Gurney	13,500.00	13,500.00	56.99	1,355.11	1,580.96	1,806.81	2,032.66	2,484.36	2,936.06	3,387.77	4,065.32
Blagdon	48,643.00	44,221.00	94.40	1,380.05	1,610.05	1,840.06	2,070.07	2,530.09	2,990.10	3,450.12	4,140.14
Bleadon	64,653.00	54,000.00	117.94	1,395.75	1,628.36	1,860.99	2,093.61	2,558.86	3,024.10	3,489.36	4,187.22
Brockley	5,833.00	5,555.00	41.11	1,344.53	1,568.60	1,792.69	2,016.78	2,464.96	2,913.12	3,361.31	4,033.56
Burrington	6,875.00	6,250.00	26.40	1,334.72	1,557.16	1,779.62	2,002.07	2,446.98	2,891.87	3,336.79	4,004.14
Butcombe	3,600.00	3,600.00	29.65	1,336.89	1,559.69	1,782.51	2,005.32	2,450.95	2,896.57	3,342.21	4,010.64
Churchill	85,565.00	82,565.00	75.14	1,367.21	1,595.07	1,822.94	2,050.81	2,506.55	2,962.28	3,418.02	4,101.62
Clapton-in-Gordano	6,900.00	6,600.00	36.96	1,341.76	1,565.38	1,789.00	2,012.63	2,459.88	2,907.13	3,354.39	4,025.26
Cleeve	16,989.00	16,656.00	44.77	1,346.97	1,571.45	1,795.95	2,020.44	2,469.43	2,918.41	3,367.41	4,040.88
Clevedon	414,330.00	374,228.00	52.53	1,355.20	1,581.06	1,806.92	2,032.79	2,484.52	2,936.25	3,387.99	4,065.58
Congresbury	135,694.44	124,000.00	88.91	1,376.39	1,605.78	1,835.18	2,064.58	2,523.38	2,982.17	3,440.97	4,129.16
Dundry	13,091.00	12,465.00	33.70	1,339.59	1,562.84	1,786.11	2,009.37	2,455.90	2,902.42	3,348.96	4,018.74
Flax Bourton	26,500.00	28,000.00	71.99	1,365.11	1,592.62	1,820.14	2,047.66	2,502.70	2,957.73	3,412.77	4,095.32
Hutton	126,504.00	104,016.00	107.55	1,388.82	1,620.28	1,851.75	2,083.22	2,546.16	3,009.09	3,472.04	4,166.44
Kenn	8,000.00	7,000.00	40.51	1,344.13	1,568.14	1,792.16	2,016.18	2,464.22	2,912.25	3,360.31	4,032.36
Kewstoke	50,000.00	50,000.00	72.96	1,365.76	1,593.38	1,821.00	2,048.63	2,503.88	2,959.13	3,414.39	4,097.26
Kingston Seymour	11,750.00	11,460.00	64.14	1,359.88	1,586.52	1,813.16	2,039.81	2,493.10	2,946.39	3,399.69	4,079.62
Locking	124,250.00	113,000.00	88.69	1,376.25	1,605.61	1,834.99	2,064.36	2,523.11	2,981.85	3,440.61	4,128.72
Long Ashton	199,875.00	195,000.00	71.21	1,364.59	1,592.02	1,819.45	2,046.88	2,501.74	2,956.60	3,411.47	4,093.76
Loxton and Christon	5,500.00	4,500.00	55.89	1,354.38	1,580.10	1,805.83	2,031.56	2,483.02	2,934.47	3,385.94	4,063.12
Nailsea	567,568.00	567,568.00	90.58	1,377.51	1,607.08	1,836.67	2,066.25	2,525.42	2,984.58	3,443.76	4,132.50
Pill and Easton-in-Gordano	114,400.00	111,902.00	64.23	1,359.94	1,586.59	1,813.24	2,039.90	2,493.21	2,946.52	3,399.84	4,079.80
Portbury	31,380.00	29,500.00	70.17	1,363.90	1,591.21	1,818.52	2,045.84	2,500.47	2,955.10	3,409.74	4,091.68
Portishead	866,700.00	820,863.00	83.13	1,374.67	1,603.77	1,832.88	2,061.99	2,520.21	2,978.43	3,436.66	4,123.98
Puxton	10,082.00	9,366.00	66.55	1,361.49	1,588.39	1,815.31	2,042.22	2,496.05	2,949.87	3,403.71	4,084.44
St. Georges	28,100.00	28,100.00	24.90	1,333.72	1,556.00	1,778.28	2,000.57	2,445.14	2,889.71	3,334.29	4,001.14
Tickenham	12,160.00	9,354.03	24.58	1,333.51	1,555.75	1,778.00	2,000.25	2,444.75	2,889.24	3,333.76	4,000.50
Walton-in-Gordano	6,321.00	5,583.00	46.07	1,347.83	1,572.46	1,797.10	2,021.74	2,471.02	2,920.29	3,369.57	4,043.48
Weston-in-Gordano	20,000.00	7,000.00	135.04	1,407.15	1,641.66	1,876.19	2,110.71	2,579.76	3,048.80	3,517.86	4,221.42
Weston-super-Mare	2,936,238.00	2,631,385.00	110.52	1,390.80	1,622.59	1,854.39	2,086.19	2,549.79	3,013.38	3,476.99	4,172.38
Wick St. Lawrence	21,500.00	21,500.00	38.83	1,343.01	1,566.83	1,790.67	2,014.50	2,462.17	2,909.83	3,357.51	4,029.00
Winford	29,500.00	28,500.00	29.23	1,336.61	1,559.36	1,782.13	2,004.90	2,450.44	2,895.96	3,341.51	4,009.80
Winscombe and Sandford	185,500.00	174,000.00	84.02	1,373.13	1,601.98	1,830.83	2,059.69	2,517.40	2,975.10	3,432.82	4,119.38
Wraxall and Failand	51,057.00	46,417.00	43.65	1,346.22	1,570.58	1,794.95	2,019.32	2,468.06	2,916.79	3,365.54	4,038.64
Wroughton	127,500.00	119,481.00	100.16	1,383.89	1,614.53	1,845.18	2,075.83	2,537.13	2,998.42	3,459.72	4,151.66
Yatton	257,875.00	238,154.00	82.75	1,372.29	1,600.99	1,829.71	2,058.42	2,515.85	2,973.27	3,430.71	4,116.84

Data Protection

North Somerset Council is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office for the purposes of processing personal data. The council tax service is administered on behalf of North Somerset Council by our partner Liberata UK Ltd, 5th Floor, Knollys House, 17 Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR0 6SR. Commissioned third-party companies may be contracted to deliver services related to the collection of council tax, and as such they will process personal data on our behalf and only under our instruction. Examples would be enforcement agents who we ask to recover outstanding monies on our behalf. You will be notified if your account is passed over to an enforcement agent.

The processing of your personal data within the council tax service is necessary to fulfil our statutory obligations under the Local Government Finance Act 1992, in accordance with Articles 6(1)(e), 9(2)(g), and 10 of the UK GDPR. The information we process is your name, contact details, financial information, National Insurance number and date of birth. This information is necessary to ensure we are applying the correct council tax charges to your property. In addition to this, we may also capture employment details, if we consider it necessary to apply an Attachment to Earnings as means to

recover any outstanding monies, and we may also capture information about health conditions, disabilities, sexual preferences, immigration status and prison sentences, where these may deem you eligible for a discount on your council tax. The information will form part of your council tax account and held for six years after the closure and final action on that account.

We may also share personal data with Government and Public Sector partners for statutory purposes which are compatible with our own. In particular this includes: HMCTS (The Courts and Tribunals Service), DWP (the Department for Work and Pensions), the DVLA, the passport office, HMRC (Revenue and Customs), and the Valuation Office Agency. Your data may also be shared internally with our "Empty Properties Officer" to be used for prevention or enforcement actions related to empty properties, prevention of Council Tax fraud, and for the purposes of meeting the council's housing delivery responsibilities.

Where a customer is eligible for Council Tax Support, we will share this information with South West Water Limited and Wessex Water Services Limited, as this also entitles customers to discounts on their water bills. This includes sharing if a


customer is no longer entitled to Council Tax Support. You may object to the sharing of your data in this manner, by contacting the council's Data Protection Officer.

The personal data described in this notice may also be shared internally for the purposes of the delivery of the council's statutory services where legally permissible. In addition, we may also disclose information to a third party where we are satisfied that the party has both a legitimate interest in the information and that it would be fair to do so, in accordance with UK and European data protection law. We do not share the information with other organisations for commercial purposes.

If you have any questions or concerns about the way we process your personal data, our Data Protection Officer can be contacted at DPO@n-somerset.gov.uk.



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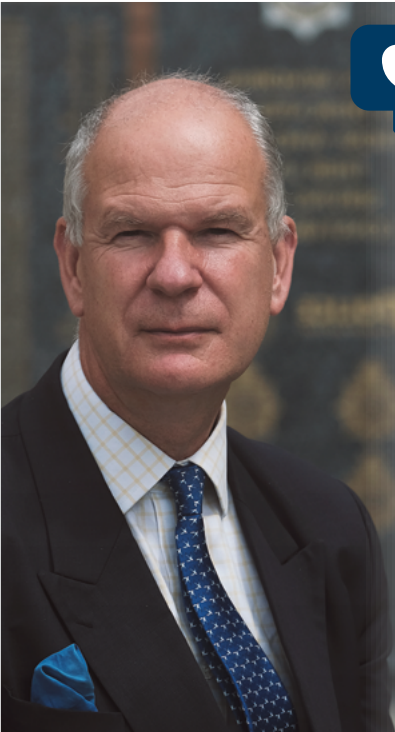




**AVON &
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POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER

LOCAL POLICE TAX

HOW WILL WE SPEND IT?



“As your Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Avon and Somerset I am responsible for setting the amount of money you contribute to local policing through the council tax.

This year (2023/24) the council tax policing precept, which is the part of your bill that goes towards funding your local police service, will increase by £15 for the year if you have a band D property – this amounts to an extra £1.25 a month.

Asking you to pay more was a tough decision because I do not underestimate the impact that the cost-of-living crisis is having on people as household bills continue to rise. However, as your PCC I have to consider the challenges facing the police service and ensure that we provide the maximum resources available to support delivery of an efficient and effective police service for all our communities.

The increase will help Avon and Somerset Police to deliver my Police & Crime Plan and will mean that the savings that need to be made next year will have less of an impact on frontline services.”

OUR PRIORITIES



Preventing and fighting crime



Engaging, supporting and working with communities, victims and partner organisations



Leading the police to be efficient and effective



Increasing the legitimacy of, and public confidence in, the police and criminal justice system



OUR VALUES

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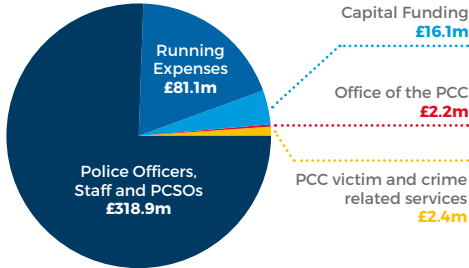
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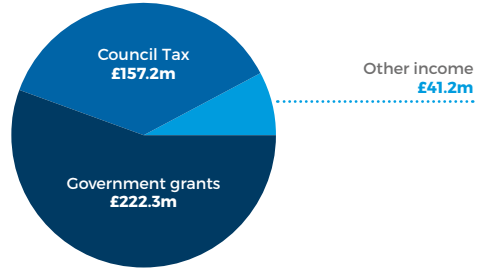
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WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?



Council Tax Band	Maximum precept increase	
	Monthly (£)	Yearly (£)
A	0.83	10.00
B	0.97	11.67
C	1.11	13.33
D	1.25	15.00
E	1.53	18.33
F	1.81	21.67
G	2.08	25.00
H	2.50	30.00

Your money will support the police to continue with key initiatives such as Operations Scorpion, Remedy and Bluestone. These initiatives focus on tackling:

- Drug related crime
- Serious violence
- Burglary

- Anti-social behaviour
- Improving prosecution rates for sexual offences.



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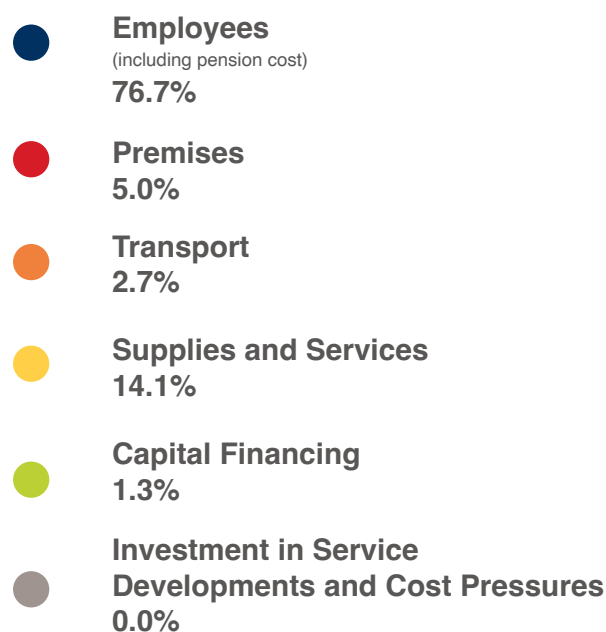
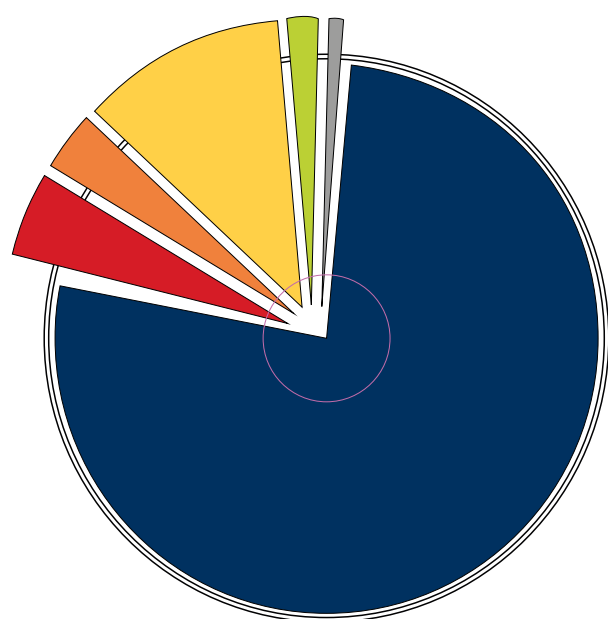
Your fire and rescue service

Avon Fire & Rescue Service (AF&RS) protects the communities of Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

For 2023/24, this service will cost Band D council tax payers £82.95 which is an increase of £5, 6.41%.

We continue to provide this vital service to keep you and your family safe, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year at cost of around 10p a day for each of the 1.1 million people who live in our area.

Where does each pound go?



Annual budget

Avon Fire Authority has set its net budget for 2023/24 at £48.440 million. This represents a Council Tax level of £82.95 a year for a Band D property, an increase of £5, 6.41%.

The Government's funding assessment for Avon Fire Authority has been increased by £0.946m (5.8%) to £17.154m for 2023/24. The impact of this is that the funding provided by Central Government is increased by £0.653m (5.7%) to £12.036m.



Spending plans

	2022/23 (£m)	2023/24 (£m)
Total fire expenditure	52.418	56.222
Income	-7.183	-7.182
Net budget before use of reserves	45.235	49.040
Use of reserves	0.000	-0.600
Net budget	45.235	48.440
Funding:		
Central Government		
Revenue Support Grant	5.247	5.839
Business rate - Top-up	6.136	6.197
Local funding		
Locally retained business rates	4.402	4.802
Council tax	29.450	31.602
Total	45.235	48.440

The main changes in spending from 2021/22 to 2022/23 are shown below.

Main changes in net expenditure	(£m)
2022/23 Budget	45.235
Pay and non-pay inflation	2.535
Other spending pressures	1.190
Transformation and change savings	-0.520
2023/24 Budget	48.440

For more information visit www.avonfire.gov.uk



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