

Council Tax charges for 2025-26

We give notice that we set the Council Tax amounts on 19 February 2025 for the financial year beginning on 1 April 2025. The amounts relate to each of the categories of dwellings shown. This is in accordance with Section 30 and Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Council Tax amounts by Parish and Band. All amounts are in pounds.

Parish	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
CITY CENTRE (non-parished area)	1,445.22	1,686.09	1,926.96	2,167.83	2,649.57	3,131.31	3,613.05	4,335.66
BOREHAM	1,474.44	1,720.18	1,965.92	2,211.66	2,703.14	3,194.62	3,686.10	4,423.32
BROOMFIELD	1,506.72	1,757.84	2,008.96	2,260.08	2,762.32	3,264.56	3,766.80	4,520.16
CHELMER	1,487.28	1,735.16	1,983.04	2,230.92	2,726.68	3,222.44	3,718.20	4,461.84
CHELMSFORD GARDEN	1,473.96	1,719.62	1,965.28	2,210.94	2,702.26	3,193.58	3,684.90	4,421.88
CHIGNAL	1,456.98	1,699.81	1,942.64	2,185.47	2,671.13	3,156.79	3,642.45	4,370.94
DANBURY	1,528.38	1,783.11	2,037.84	2,292.57	2,802.03	3,311.49	3,820.95	4,585.14
EAST HANNINGFIELD	1,485.12	1,732.64	1,980.16	2,227.68	2,722.72	3,217.76	3,712.80	4,455.36
GALLEYWOOD	1,480.92	1,727.74	1,974.56	2,221.38	2,715.02	3,208.66	3,702.30	4,442.76
GOOD EASTER	1,472.52	1,717.94	1,963.36	2,208.78	2,699.62	3,190.46	3,681.30	4,417.56
GREAT & LITTLE LEIGHS	1,467.60	1,712.20	1,956.80	2,201.40	2,690.60	3,179.80	3,669.00	4,402.80
GREAT BADDOW	1,486.32	1,734.04	1,981.76	2,229.48	2,724.92	3,220.36	3,715.80	4,458.96
GREAT WALTHAM	1,506.48	1,757.56	2,008.64	2,259.72	2,761.88	3,264.04	3,766.20	4,519.44
HIGHWOOD	1,512.54	1,764.63	2,016.72	2,268.81	2,772.99	3,277.17	3,781.35	4,537.62
LITTLE BADDOW	1,474.44	1,720.18	1,965.92	2,211.66	2,703.14	3,194.62	3,686.10	4,423.32
LITTLE WALTHAM	1,507.20	1,758.40	2,009.60	2,260.80	2,763.20	3,265.60	3,768.00	4,521.60
MARGARETTING	1,456.26	1,698.97	1,941.68	2,184.39	2,669.81	3,155.23	3,640.65	4,368.78
MASHBURY	1,431.00	1,669.50	1,908.00	2,146.50	2,623.50	3,100.50	3,577.50	4,293.00
PLESHEY	1,493.52	1,742.44	1,991.36	2,240.28	2,738.12	3,235.96	3,733.80	4,480.56
RETTENDON	1,476.60	1,722.70	1,968.80	2,214.90	2,707.10	3,199.30	3,691.50	4,429.80
ROXWELL	1,447.86	1,689.17	1,930.48	2,171.79	2,654.41	3,137.03	3,619.65	4,343.58
RUNWELL	1,478.46	1,724.87	1,971.28	2,217.69	2,710.51	3,203.33	3,696.15	4,435.38
SANDON	1,470.78	1,715.91	1,961.04	2,206.17	2,696.43	3,186.69	3,676.95	4,412.34
SOUTH HANNINGFIELD	1,487.52	1,735.44	1,983.36	2,231.28	2,727.12	3,222.96	3,718.80	4,462.56

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SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS	1,486.80	1,734.60	1,982.40	2,230.20	2,725.80	3,221.40	3,717.00	4,460.40
SPRINGFIELD	1,500.12	1,750.14	2,000.16	2,250.18	2,750.22	3,250.26	3,750.30	4,500.36
STOCK	1,460.58	1,704.01	1,947.44	2,190.87	2,677.73	3,164.59	3,651.45	4,381.74
WEST HANNINGFIELD	1,470.42	1,715.49	1,960.56	2,205.63	2,695.77	3,185.91	3,676.05	4,411.26
WOODHAM FERRERS & BICKNACRE	1,484.58	1,732.01	1,979.44	2,226.87	2,721.73	3,216.59	3,711.45	4,453.74
WRITTLE	1,478.28	1,724.66	1,971.04	2,217.42	2,710.18	3,202.94	3,695.70	4,434.84

How we work out your Council Tax

The table below shows how much we plan to spend on each of our main services. We collect some of this money through Council Tax, but we are also allowed to keep a share of Business rate income.

All amounts are in thousands of pounds.

Service Spending (after income)	2024/25	2025/26
Central and Other Services	634	997
Corporate Services	10,331	11,046
Theatres and Special Events	21	117
Museums and Cultural Partnership	895	908
Financial Services	1,424	-315
Strategic Housing	6,451	5,475
Planning and Building Control Services	1,576	2,078
Parking Services	-4,740	-5,647
Parks and Cemetery Services	1,807	2,105
Recycling and Waste Services	7,355	4,956
Public Health and Protection Services	1,994	2,258
Building Services	2,251	2,313
Leisure Services	866	68
Spend on Services	29,143	26,359

Other Income and Expenditure	2024/25	2025/26
Interest	-1,010	-925
Revenue Funding of Capital	316	1,188
Government Support	-8,026	-7,663
Contributions to / from balances	-4,243	-2,857
Business Rates Retention Scheme Chelmsford City Council Share	-2,250	-2,250
Statutory Adjustments and Other Items	1,917	2,587
Total Other Income and Expenditure	-13,296	-9,920
Chelmsford City Council - Council Tax Requirement	15,847	16,439
Parish Tier Councils - Council Tax Requirement	3,509	3,703

The table below shows the Council Tax for an average property in band D for Chelmsford City Council and Parish Tier Councils.

Band D Equivalent	2024/25	2025/26	Percentage rise
Total amount for a Band D property (This shows the average increase including parish tier councils.)	270.57	279.45	3.28%
Chelmsford City Council share	221.52	228.07	2.96%
Parish Tier Councils' share	49.05	51.38	4.75%

The table below shows how Chelmsford City Council's council tax requirement has changed.

Income Needed from Council Tax	£'000	Band D equivalent £
Income needed for 2024/25 from Council Tax	15,847	221.52
Inflation	3,058	42.43
National Insurance Contributions Increase	870	12.07
Other cost increases	256	3.55
Cost Savings and Increased Charges	-3,104	-43.06
Housing Temporary Accommodation	-223	-3.09
Government funding (+reduction/-increase)	-1,875	-26.01
Collection fund Shortfall	223	3.09
Less use of Reserves in 2025/26 compared to 2024/25	1,387	19.24
Change in the Council Tax base		-1.67
The income we need in 2025/26 from Council Tax	16,439	228.07

How much do you have to pay?

We work out how much Council Tax we must collect by adding together the money each of the four authorities shown in the table below needs, as well as the parish tier council.

This year, the total Council Tax we need to collect is £155,372,071 not including parish tier councils.

If, for example your home is in band D, the average Council Tax for this year will be £2,155.60 plus an amount you have to pay to your local parish tier council (this is shown on your Council Tax bill).

The table below shows the Council Tax for an average property in band D excluding the parish tier council spending.

Organisation	Amount needed £	Council Tax for each property in Band D £
Chelmsford City Council (average)	16,438,620	228.07
Essex County Council	113,854,462	1,579.59
Essex PFCC - Fire and Rescue Authority	6,311,913	87.57
PFCC for Essex - Policing and Community Safety	18,767,076	260.37
Total (not including Parish Tier Councils)	155,372,071	2,155.60

PFCC stands for Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

Parish Tier council spending

The table below shows each Parish Tier council's Council Tax requirement (how much they need).

Parish	2024/25 (£)	2025/26 (£)	Parish share for Band D property (£)
BOREHAM	102,071	117,405	82.53
BROOMFIELD	222,023	228,478	106.20
CHELMER	219,114	219,294	64.08
CHELMSFORD GARDEN	217,631	244,562	62.01
CHIGNAL	7,000	7,006	21.87
DANBURY	381,725	412,337	167.13
EAST HANNINGFIELD	40,357	43,304	75.87
GALLEYWOOD	124,382	130,226	61.47
GOOD EASTER	10,715	11,349	62.28
GREAT & LITTLE LEIGHS	42,007	41,955	36.00
GREAT BADDOW	479,674	525,451	96.21
GREAT WALTHAM	104,005	101,635	107.37
HIGHWOOD	40,027	40,034	119.52
LITTLE BADDOW	52,258	54,875	62.73
LITTLE WALTHAM	55,360	56,508	102.42
MARGARETTING	12,423	14,403	35.10
MASHBURY	0	0	0.00
PLESHEY	13,247	13,250	93.78
RETTENDON	48,410	49,644	59.40
ROXWELL	22,494	22,517	47.07
RUNWELL	142,032	148,620	70.56
SANDON	40,342	41,977	54.18
SOUTH HANNINGFIELD	99,644	104,136	82.80
SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS	449,134	465,199	76.23
SPRINGFIELD	227,260	238,581	82.17
STOCK	51,661	52,951	42.48
WEST HANNINGFIELD	31,198	32,395	57.06
WOODHAM FERRERS & BICKNACRE	100,432	102,593	78.12
WRITTLE	172,361	182,633	89.91

The following tables show planned spend on services for Parish Tier council's that spend more than £140,000.

All amounts are in thousands of pounds.

BROOMFIELD	2024/25	2025/26
Education	11	13
Health	40	42
Highways	0	0
Planning	49	49
Recreation	104	85
Refuse Collection	1	1
Other Services	32	55
Use of Reserves	-15	-17
Total	222	228

CHELMER	2024/25	2025/26
Education	18	0
Health	0	0
Highways	55	0
Planning	0	0
Recreation	143	32
Refuse Collection	3	0
Other Services including employee costs	0	175
Use of Reserves	0	12
Total	219	219

CHELMSFORD GARDEN	2024/25	2025/26
Education	0	0
Health	14	0
Highways	0	0
Planning	0	0
Recreation	80	61
Refuse Collection	1	1
Other Services including employee costs	123	182
Total	218	244

DANBURY	2024/25	2025/26
Education	3	0
Health	2	20
Highways	0	0
Planning	0	10
Recreation	377	379
Refuse Collection	0	3
Other Services	0	0
Total	382	412

GREAT BADDOW	2024/25	2025/26
Education	0	0
Health	101	101
Highways	45	45
Planning	0	0
Recreation	322	368
Refuse Collection	11	11
Other Services	0	0
Total	479	525

RUNWELL	2024/25	2025/26
Education	0	0
Health	0	0
Highways	0	0
Planning	0	0
Recreation	75	75
Refuse Collection	2	2
Other Services	65	72
Total	142	149

SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS	2024/25	2025/26
Education	0	0
Health	148	144
Highways	6	8
Planning	0	0
Recreation	107	116
Refuse Collection	3	5
Other Services including employee costs	185	192
Use of Reserves	0	0
Total	449	465

SPRINGFIELD	2024/25	2025/26
Education	5	0
Health	0	8
Highways	17	9
Planning	0	0
Recreation	178	0
Refuse Collection	27	0
Other Services including employee costs	0	301
Use of Reserves	0	-79
Total	227	239

WRITTLE	2024/25	2025/26
Education	0	0
Health	45	17
Highways	14	30
Planning	14	30
Recreation	98	105
Refuse Collection	1	1
Other Services	0	0
Total	172	183