



COUNCIL TAX 2023/24

During this year we plan to invest over £30 million into a range of regeneration projects in Burton and Uttoxeter as well as supporting businesses, communities, sports clubs and residents. We have allocated £2.8 million into regenerating the Maltings site in Uttoxeter and we'll be delivering phase 1 of our planned works on the High Street site in Burton. These schemes will significantly enhance both towns, increasing tourism and footfall, which is essential to economic growth.

Tourism is increasingly an important part of our work and over the next year the Council will develop our strategies further. We also created a new brand identity for Burton which will be used to promote Burton and the Borough as a place to invest, spend time and enjoy.

As well as investing in the borough's future we are supporting our communities. We have increased funding to the East Staffs Sports Council and Councillors Community Fund and we're restarting the Community Regeneration Fund for our villages. All these funds are designed to help community groups and sports clubs pay for things they need to operate.



Leader of the Council
Cllr George Allen

**BURTON AND
UTTOXETER
REGENERATION**

**SUPPORTING
ECONOMIC GROWTH**

**COST OF LIVING
SUPPORT**

**“IN BLOOM” GOLD
AWARDS**

**WASHLANDS
ENHANCEMENT
PROJECT**



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Achievements for 2022/23

Burton upon Trent Regeneration

During 2022/23, the Council continued to work closely with the Burton upon Trent Town Deal Board in order to progress the delivery of the £23.8m Towns Fund Programme. In August 2022, Government confirmed its approval of the business cases for the High Street Regeneration, Canal Towpath, Cycle Network, and College Specialist Offer projects, which are all now moving forward to delivery.

Maltings Regeneration Project

During the last year the Council has consulted with residents as well as working closely with highways and architectural experts to identify four conceptual layouts for the regeneration of the Maltings site. Using these concepts the Council has since begun further consultation, ensuring residents have the opportunity to shape what comes next. As well as this work the Council has been engaged in a negotiation with the owners of the precinct with the intention to purchase the land either through negotiation or using Compulsory Purchase powers.

"In Bloom" Awards

This year's East Staffordshire "In Bloom" entries garnered a haul of gold medals at the Heart of England "In Bloom" regional awards, as well as Burton's first entry into the National awards. In claiming these awards, East Staffordshire entries have now collected a total of 36 consecutive gold medals since 2008.



Supporting Economic Growth in East Staffordshire

Building on the success of the Business Springboard Boost programme in 2021/22, the Council delivered a second round of the grant programme this year, which has continued to support local, small businesses in achieving their growth aspirations.

Brewhouse, Arts & Town Hall (BATH)

The BATH service has delivered a programme of 6 outdoor events which took place across the Borough's parks and green spaces during summer 2022. These events engaged with our communities in the Arts and raised the profile of the Brewhouse and the Arts Development programme, through street theatre and workshop activity, providing a range of opportunities for communities to 'get creative'.

Plans for 2023/24

Burton upon Trent Regeneration

Many of Burton upon Trent's regeneration projects are well under way, such as the implementation of a brand new Cycle Network in the town. During 2023/24 the Council plans to build upon its business cases for the High Street Regeneration, Canal Towpath, Cycle Network, and College Specialist Offer projects.

Uttoxeter Regeneration

The Council will complete the consultation on the Maltings site and produce a final development proposal which will then be used to develop a planning application for the project that is based on community priorities.

The Washlands Enhancement Project

Following the approval of additional funding for the Washlands Enhancement Project, the Council will be undertaking the delivery of the project during the summer of 2023, completing by November ahead of the wet season. This work will see a transformed riverside area adjacent the High Street, with new boardwalks, water swales, play equipment, wildflower meadows and more.



Marketing & Place Branding

In addition to a dedicated marketing plan for tourism in East Staffordshire, the efforts to improve the visitor economy of the local area will be supported by the implementation of a forward looking 'Place' brand and narrative for Burton upon Trent. In addition to attracting visitors, the new brand will help the area attract inward investment, create jobs and support businesses.

Cost of Living Support

The Council recognises the current cost of living challenge is impacting on its residents. Whilst the Council and its partners already provide a range of services in support of our residents, we will build on this work moving forward. A number of measures are planned for the forthcoming year, including a debt advice service, a targeted housing initiative, and the provision of Local Warmer Public Community Spaces across the Borough.

Uttoxeter Sports Hub

The Council has always led on the development and management of sports and leisure facilities in East Staffordshire. Working with Staffordshire Football Association, we will develop further plans to build a new sports hub on the old quarry site in Uttoxeter. This will relieve the pressure on other parts of the town, increasing the provision of outdoor playing pitch space.

Do it Online

"Take Control" and Manage your Council Tax, Benefits and Business Rates Online

The Online Account is a secure web portal that allows residents, businesses and landlords in East Staffordshire to manage their payments with us, as well as access a range of other Council services.

At the click of a button - anywhere, anytime – you can:

- View your bill, balance and payments
- View payments of Housing Benefits and Council Tax Support
- Get e-billing

Go to www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/e-services for more information.

Reasons to Register an Account

Registering an account will enable you to access information or make payments for local authority services such as:

- Council Tax
- Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support
- Landlords
- Business Rates



What is the Online Account?

The Online Account is a secure web portal similar to 'online banking' that allows East Staffordshire Borough Council customers to manage their payments with us, as well as access a range of other Council services.

Who can use the Online Account?

Any resident within the borough who pays Council Tax or Business Rates to East Staffordshire Borough Council can sign up for an Online Account. Landlords who rent properties can also use the system to see when Housing Benefit payments are due to them.

How do I Sign up and use the Online Account?

Before you start you will need an email address, a password and security question, claim reference or account number and postcode. Landlords will need their creditor ID number.

Next go to www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/e-services

About your Council Tax

How is Council Tax Calculated?

You'll usually have to pay Council Tax if you're 18 or over and own or rent a home.

A full Council Tax bill is based on at least 2 adults living in a home. Spouses and partners who live together are jointly responsible for paying the bill.

You'll get 25% off your bill if you count as an adult for Council Tax and either:

- you live on your own
- no-one else in your home counts as an adult

You'll usually get a 50% discount if no-one living in your home, including you, counts as an adult.

Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme

Council Tax Reduction is a reduction in your Council Tax bill based on:

- your income
- the size of your family
- other adults who live with you
- the amount of Council Tax you have to pay

You can apply to get money off your Council Tax bill if you're on a low income or claiming benefits. You can apply for Council Tax Reduction whether you own your home, rent, are unemployed or working.

What You'll Get

You can get up to 100% reduction, depending on:

- where you live
- your circumstances (e.g. income, number of children)
- your household income - this includes things like savings, pension, your partner's income
- if your children live with you
- if other adults live with you

Are You Eligible for a Discount?

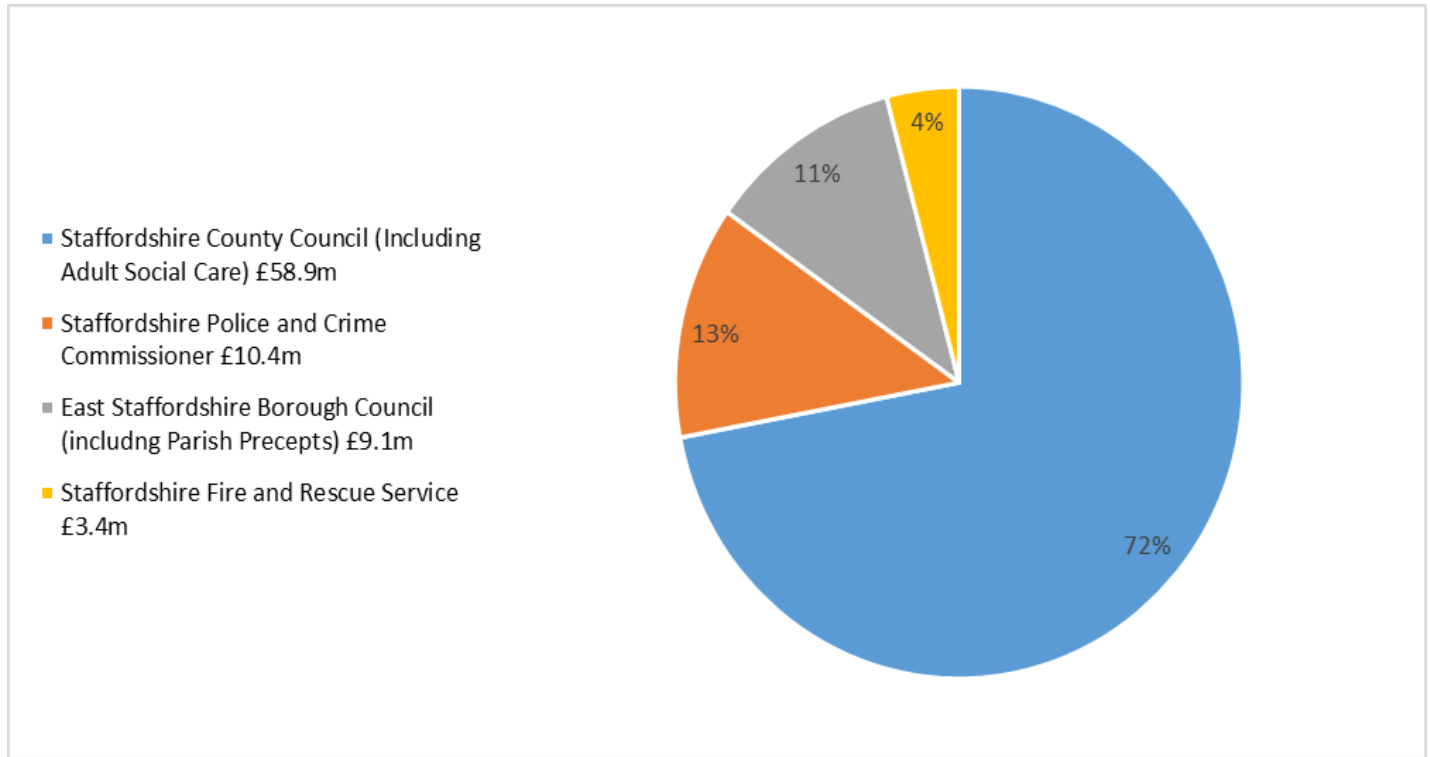
Your eligibility for a discount depends on a variety of factors including the number of adults in your house and their circumstances.

Go to www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/council-tax or call 01283 508030 for more information.

About your Council Tax Bill

Each authority's share of Council Tax

Your Council Tax provides funding for East Staffordshire Borough Council, Staffordshire County Council, Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner, and the Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service. Your bill is divided by each authority as follows:



How much extra Council Tax you will pay to East Staffordshire Borough Council

East Staffordshire Borough Council has increased its share of Council Tax by 2.98% for 2023/24.

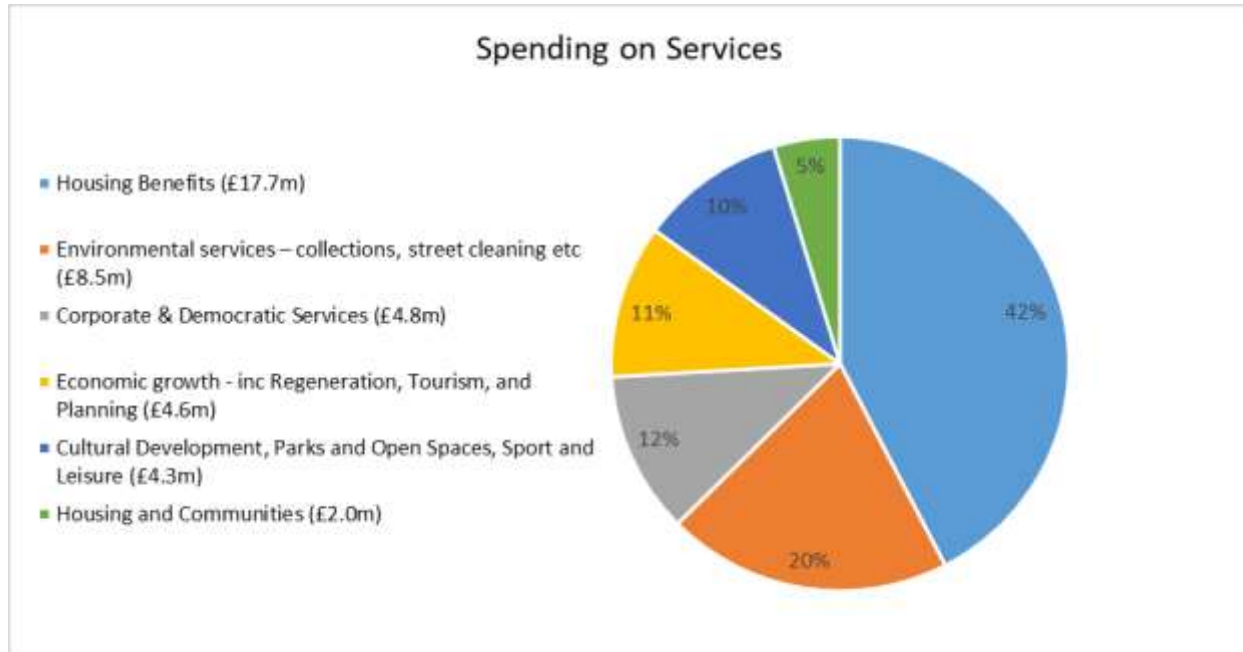
The table below shows how much a household will pay towards this annually in addition to their current bill, based on their property band.

| Band A | Band B | Band C | Band D | Band E | Band F | Band G | Band H |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| £3.72 | £4.34 | £4.96 | £5.58 | £6.82 | £8.07 | £9.30 | £11.16 |

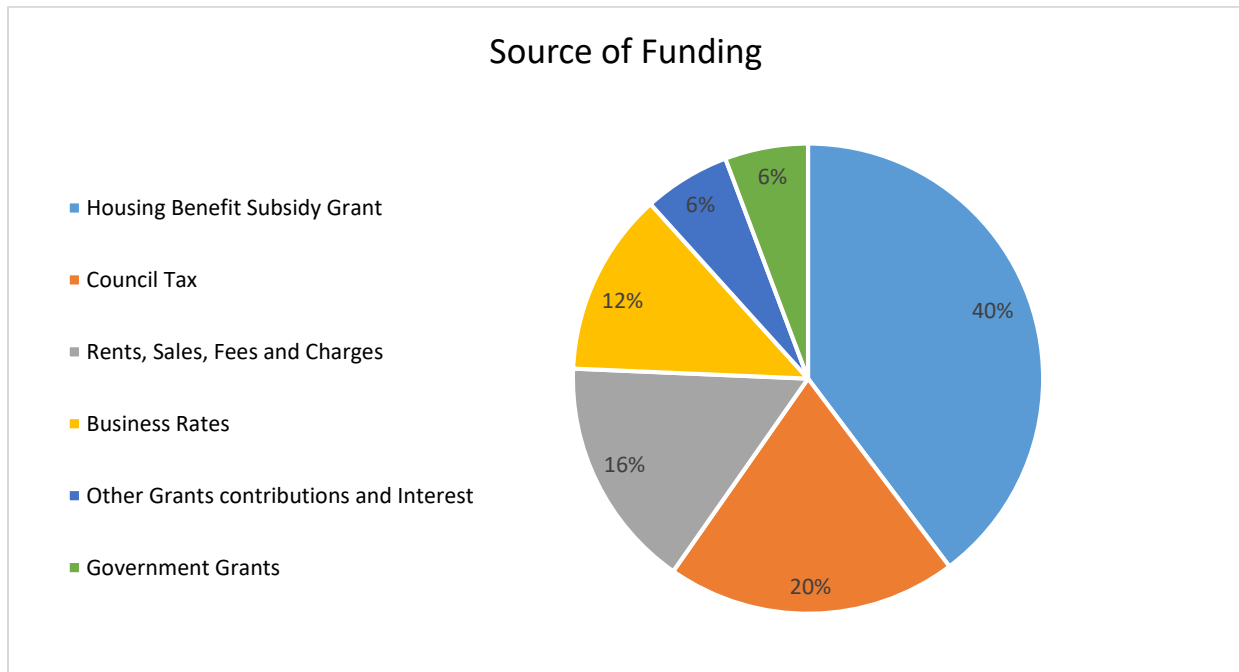
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What your Council Tax is spent on (East Staffordshire Borough Council share only)

The Council's total budgeted expenditure for 2023/24 amounts to £41.9m compared to £40.6m in 2022/23. This is divided amongst the main services of the Council as follows:



Where the money comes from to pay for services: (East Staffordshire Borough Council share only)



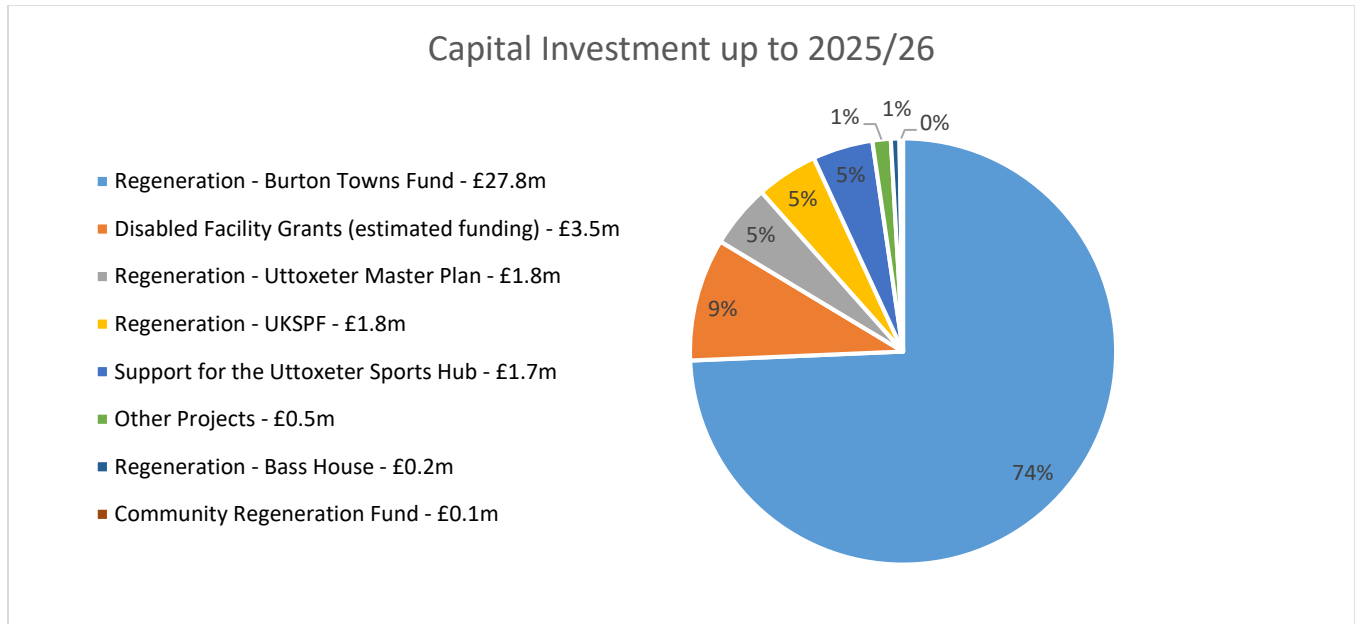
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| | 2023/24 £'000 | 2022/23 £'000 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gross Expenditure (analysed above) | 41,890 | 40,578 |
| Service Income | (24,019) | (25,185) |
| Reversal of accounting transactions included above (to ensure no impact on council tax charge) | (2,231) | (2,851) |
| Budget Requirement | 15,640 | 12,542 |
| <i>Less</i> | | |
| Central Government support | (1,934) | (385) |
| Council Tax surplus from previous year | (214) | (139) |
| Retained Business Rates | (5,302) | (4,859) |
| Special Expenses | (445) | (439) |
| Transfers to (and from) Reserves | (18) | 596 |
| To be raised from Council Tax | 7,727 | 7,316 |
| <i>Divided by</i> | | |
| Tax Base | 40,060 | 39,059 |
| <i>To give</i> | | |
| Tax Rate for a Band D Property (£) | 192.88 | 187.30 |
| Tax Rate for a Band D per week | £3.71 | £3.60 |

About your Council Tax Bill

Capital Investment

In addition to day to day spending on services (outlined above) East Staffordshire Borough Council has an extensive programme of capital investment amounting to £37.4m during the period up to 2025/26. This is largely financed through Capital reserves, Government grants, and Section 106 grant contributions.



Why Council Tax has been increased this year

Despite the current economic circumstances, East Staffordshire Borough Council has continued to work hard to invest in our priorities within the Borough, whilst at the same time identifying savings and new ways of working to ensure value for money for our residents and to protect frontline services.

Our most recent consultation with residents showed that people want and value key local services even if this meant an increase in council tax. Set against this backdrop the Borough Council's share of the overall bill in 2023/24 will increase by £5.58 or 2.98%, the equivalent of 11p per week for a Band D Property or 7p per week for a Band A Property.

The table below demonstrates the scale of investment in our services, together with the pressures that have arisen due to the current economic circumstances, which together with some of the other significant changes that have been made to ensure that the budget is balanced.

About your Council Tax Bill

| | £'000 |
|--|--------------|
| Raised from Council Tax 2022/2023 | 7,316 |
| Investment in Services | |
| Community Support | 319 |
| Tourism and Climate Change | 224 |
| Regeneration | 194 |
| Waste and Planning | 379 |
| Impact of the economy, inflation on contracts, pay and higher energy costs etc | 1,147 |
| Net of other investment in services and minor savings | 157 |
| Savings and Additional Income | |
| Investment Income due to higher interest rates | (1,546) |
| Increased Government Funding | (276) |
| Housing Growth – additional council tax income | (187) |
| Raised from Council Tax 2023/2024 | 7,727 |

Further information in relation to the Council's finances can be found on our website at:

www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/budgets-and-spending

About your Council Tax Bill

Parish and Town Councils

Parish and Town Councils tell the Borough Council how much income they need from Council Tax (their "Precept"). This is paid for from the Borough Council's General Fund and is recovered by setting a Parish Tax for each Parish / Town Council. A summary of the spending plans for those Parish Council's with a Precept of £140,000 or higher is set out below:

Stretton Parish Council

| | 2022/23 Expenditure | | 2023/24 Expenditure | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | £ Gross | £ Net | £ Gross | £ Net |
| Highways | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Planning & Economic Development | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Recreation & Tourism | 127,839 | 77,839 | 157,118 | 80,275 |
| Environmental Health | 20,000 | 20,000 | 23,000 | 23,000 |
| Corporate and other Income | 163,200 | 102,387 | 167,000 | 98,344 |
| Amount of Precept | | 200,726 | | 202,119 |

Uttoxeter Parish Council

| | 2022/23 Expenditure | | 2023/24 Expenditure | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | £ Gross | £ Net | £ Gross | £ Net |
| Highways | 10,172 | 10,172 | 11,157 | 11,157 |
| Planning & Economic Development | 30,162 | 19,312 | 24,240 | 13,776 |
| Recreation & Tourism | 148,862 | 116,186 | 139,715 | 105,518 |
| Environmental Health | 106,612 | 58,680 | 120,606 | 72,945 |
| Corporate Management | 100,919 | 76,136 | 109,541 | 84,408 |
| Amount of Precept | | 280,486 | | 287,804 |

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Facebook – www.facebook.com/eaststaffsbc

Council E-Newsletter

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