

Your council tax 2023/24

A message from Cllr Ian Edwards,
Leader of Hillingdon Council



Dear resident,

The council approved its annual budget on Thursday 23 February, confirming that investment in services will continue in 2023/24 and setting a council tax and social care precept increase well below the rate of inflation.

Despite government funding not meeting the additional cost pressures being experienced by local authorities, particularly the increase in the cost of and demand for social care services (see graphs overleaf), the council continues to ensure it delivers a balanced budget.

To minimise the funding requirement from residents, the council's transformation programme continues at pace and has a savings target of £21 million for 2023/24.

Following years of charging one of the lowest levels of fees and charges across all London boroughs, the updated fees and charges bring Hillingdon more in line with the charges set by other outer London boroughs and recover more of the costs for discretionary services from those residents accessing these services rather than these being subsidised by every council taxpayer.

Core council tax will increase by 2.99 per cent and the adult social care levy will be set at 2 per cent. In practice, this equates

The services and award-winning facilities you value will be maintained, including further investment in:



free weekly waste and recycling collections



road and pavement resurfacing



parks and open spaces



town centre improvements to support local high streets



building new homes



social care support



educational facilities and creating new school places



leisure and community facilities

More information overleaf



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to a total increase of £1.21 a week for a Band D property.

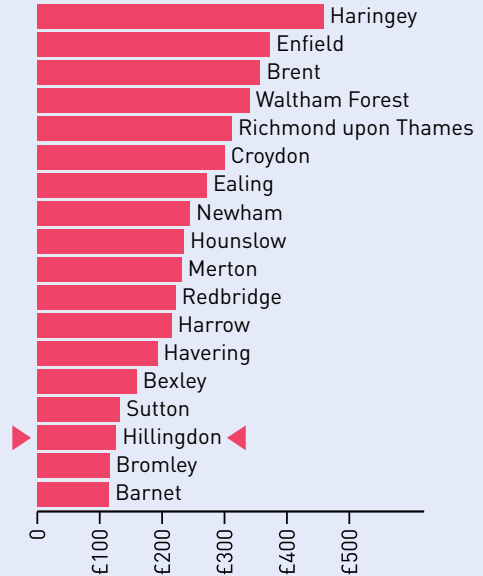
Residents will continue to pay amongst the lowest levels of council tax in outer London and our fees and charges are the third lowest of all outer London boroughs.

Balancing additional expenditure with funding 2023/24



- Rising cost of local social care services (inflation and growing population)
- Rising cost of other local services (inflation and growing population)
- Increase in council tax
- Increase in external funding (such as government grants)
- Increase in savings being delivered

Estimated sales, fees and charges per resident for 2023/24 for Outer London



In 2023/24 your council tax will fund...

£6.7 million
Highways, roads and transport services



£90.4 million
Adult social care



£53.9 million
Children's social care



£41.8 million
Cultural, environmental and planning services

(includes waste and recycling collections, street cleaning, libraries, theatres and museums, licensing and anti-social behaviour)



£10.4 million
Housing services

£15.1 million
Education

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