

Your council tax 2022/23

A message from Cllr Ian Edwards,
Leader of Hillingdon Council



Dear resident,

The council approved its annual budget on Thursday 24 February, confirming that investment in services and infrastructure will continue in 2022/23 and setting a council tax increase well below the rate of inflation.

Thanks to its record of sound financial management, the council continues to ensure it delivers a balanced budget and award-winning services.

Hillingdon's frontline services will be protected in 2022/23 and there will be further investment in services and facilities. Free weekly waste and recycling collections will continue, as will investment in leisure facilities, road resurfacing, new homes, high quality educational facilities (including creating school places for children with special educational needs), town centre improvements, environmental projects and reducing the council's carbon footprint.

Since the council's proposed budget was outlined in December 2021 for consultation, various assumptions have been confirmed following the publication of the government's Final Local Government Finance Settlement which will increase council funding. As a result of this increase and recognising that

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



free weekly waste and recycling collections



parks and open spaces



road and pavement resurfacing



town centre improvements to support local high streets



social care support



improving educational facilities and creating new school places



building new homes



high quality leisure and community facilities

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households nationally are facing higher living costs, the council has reduced the proposed council tax uplift from 2.8 per cent to a headline rate of 1.9 per cent.

This comprises a core council tax increase of 0.9 per cent alongside a 1 per cent levy relating to the social care precept (income that is ringfenced to fund residents' adult social care). In practice this equates to 45p a week for a Band D property.

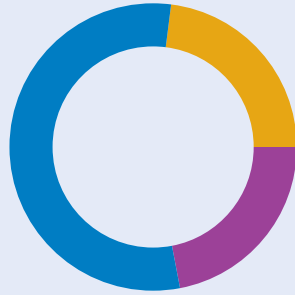
Fees and charges are proposed to be increased broadly in line with inflation.

The council's budget is set to be achieved through a combination of the council delivering manageable increases in council tax, fees and charges, and producing efficiency savings, while maintaining and improving services for residents and preserving reserves.

This year, the government is providing a one-off £150 Energy Bills Rebate for most households in council tax bands A to D. Funding will also be provided via a discretionary scheme to support people on low incomes that do not pay council tax or who pay council tax for properties in bands E to H. Further details are enclosed.

Budget in numbers

The council delivers nearly 800 services. These are funded through a combination of grants from central government, a share of local business rates and your council tax.



Pie chart to show percentage in 2022/23:

- Council tax (55 per cent)
- Business rates (22 per cent)
- Central government grants (23 per cent)

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In 2022/23 your council tax will fund...

£8 million
Highways, roads
and transport
services



£8 million
Housing services



£88 million
Adult social care



£50 million
Children's social care



£43 million
Cultural, environmental
and planning services
(includes waste and recycling collections,
street cleaning, libraries, theatres and
museums, licensing and anti-social behaviour)

£16 million
Education

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