



# Participatory Budgeting Report

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Local authorities are required to ensure that at least 1% of their budgets are subject to participatory budgeting (PB) by the end of 2021, as agreed by COSLA and the Scottish Government.

This involves communities in decisions about the allocation of existing resources, with the 1% target comprising both revenue and capital expenditure. The approach to achieving this target is flexible, allowing councils to choose their own methods and service areas, without prescription regarding the use of capital or revenue budgets.

The COSLA target for Local Authorities is defined as 1% of 'total estimated expenditure for revenue, as per the Local Government finance circular, less assumed council tax intake. For Dundee in 2024/25 this figure was £ 3,831,700.

The actual participatory budget expenditure was £3,989,000. This marks the second consecutive year that Dundee City Council has met its Participatory Budgeting targets.

Dundee City Council has implemented Participatory Budgeting (PB) as part of its approach to democratic processes and community involvement. PB is integrated across various council services, with departments identifying budget areas where citizens can contribute input.

PB activities in Dundee cover sectors such as education, housing, climate action, and health inequalities.

The Council facilitates participation from different groups, including mechanisms for youth engagement and the inclusion of individuals with lived experience, particularly in topics like substance use and poverty reduction.

In 2024-25, Dundee City Council saw 11,384 citizens take part in participatory budgeting activities, reflecting a modest increase from the prior year. The Council's approach actively engaged diverse groups, notably children, families, and individuals with lived experience, to ensure broad community representation in decision-making.

- Parents and pupils contributed to decisions regarding the allocation of over £1.1 million in Pupil Equity Funding, focused on narrowing educational and social outcome gaps.
- A new Neighbourhood Capital Fund was introduced, specifically encouraging youth participation in determining how funds are used to enhance local assets and environments, aiming to meet the needs of future residents.
- Individuals with lived experience of substance use were directly involved in the allocation of the Dundee Alcohol & Drugs Devolved Fund, a programme recognised with an award nomination through the Association of Public Service Excellence Awards for its innovative and positive impact on participants' recovery journeys.

| Breakdown of revenue and/or capital subject to participatory budgeting during 24/25 |                    |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Service Area                                                                        | Revenue (£000,000) | Capital (£000,000) |
| Neighbourhood Capital Fund                                                          |                    | 358                |
| Annual Rent Consultation                                                            | 500                |                    |
| Community Regeneration Fund                                                         | 452                |                    |
| Alcohol & Drugs Partnership Devolved Spend                                          | 80                 |                    |
| Dundee Climate Fund                                                                 | 280                |                    |
| Housing Capital Projects                                                            |                    | 448                |
| District Centre Funding                                                             |                    | 290                |
| 20mh Speed Limit Programme                                                          |                    | 124                |
| Accessible Transport Improvement                                                    |                    | 89                 |
| Camperdown Park Improvements Phase 4                                                |                    | 34                 |
| Improvement to Park Signage                                                         |                    | 8                  |
| Dudhope Park Path                                                                   |                    | 11                 |
| Play Renewal                                                                        |                    | 151                |
| Baxter Park Fencing                                                                 |                    | 40                 |
| Allotment Security                                                                  |                    | 16                 |
| Community Cleanups                                                                  | 8                  |                    |
| Pupil Equity Fund Parent/Pupil Voice                                                | 1,100              |                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                        | <b>£2,420,000</b>  | <b>£1,569,000</b>  |

