

# Dundee City Council

## Council Budget for 2026/27

### Message from the **Leader of the Administration**

Dundee City Council is dedicated to providing residents of the city with reliable, efficient and high-standard services.

Despite the financial challenges we face, we are investing to ensure our city achieves economic growth and to support vulnerable people through health and social care. This year's budget-setting process has meant elected members have again had to take extremely tough decisions to set a balanced Council budget.

Many of the thousands of people who took part in our budget consultation told us that the cost of living remains a big concern. We have continued to prioritise the Council's spending on support to help those who need it most.

We are also investing more in our neighbourhoods, in freezing primary and secondary school meal charges and, after the success of our festive period, in retaining our increased funding for city events which bring people together.

It is key we continue to invest in the city's development as well as its infrastructure. We are making additional money available to ensure our roads are safer, more resilient and continue to connect communities and businesses. We also value the ongoing regeneration of Dundee as it has created jobs, supported young people through education and delivered economic growth.

This crucial public investment goes far in delivering on the equal, safe, and welcoming Dundee that we all want to live in.

We will continue to build on the city's successes and ensure that, despite financial constraints, Dundee remains a place of opportunity and growth for all.

**Councillor Mark Flynn**



### This year's **Council Budget** delivers...

**£1.4m**

extra for health and social care



School Meal Charges

**FROZEN**



**£50,000**

funding for Broughty Castle Museum



**£200,000**

backing for city events

**£250,000**

extra to improve neighbourhoods and environments



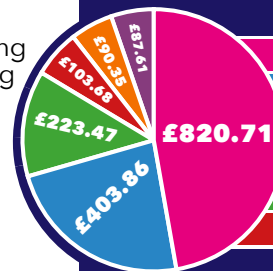
**£400,000+**

cost of living support



### How your **Council Tax** is spent:

Based on a **Band D** property for **2026/27**.



Children & Families Services

Dundee Health & Social Care Partnership

City Development

Neighbourhood Services

Other Services

Capital Financing Costs

**Total: £1,729.69**

The total figure **does not include** water and sewerage charges.

Please remember Council Tax only funds **18%** of our budget.

## Glossary of terms

**Capital Financing Costs:** The cost of servicing the Council's debt, such as interest and repayments.

**Revenue Budget:** The planned cost of providing day-to-day expenditure such as salaries, energy costs and payments to organisations that provide services to the Council.

**Use of Balances:** One-off contributions made from usable reserves to balance the budget.

**Non-Domestic Rates:** Often referred to as 'business rates', this is a collection tax relating to non-residential properties. These are calculated based on the rates set by the Scottish Government and vary depending on the value of these properties. The income is passed to Councils to fund local services.

**Neighbourhood Services:** This is the Council service which includes the collection, recycling and disposal of waste, housing, maintenance of parks and open spaces, construction services and community services.

**City Development:** Covers roads, street lighting, planning, economic development and property management.

**Children & Families Services:** Includes schools, nurseries, child protection services, social work for children and families including fostering & adoption.

**Other Services:** Includes all other functions that support services such as legal, finance and other professional services.

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For more detail of all Council services visit:  
[www.dundee.gov.uk/service-area](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/service-area)



## What does my Council Tax bill mean?

We are hosting drop-in Council Tax bill information sessions at **Dundee House** on weekdays from **March 16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>** from **10am-4pm**. You can find out more about your Council Tax at [www.dundee.gov.uk/CouncilTax](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/CouncilTax) or scan the **QR Code**.



# What we spend our **revenue budget** on and how this is funded:



|  | Total Gross Budgeted Expenditure | Fees, Charges and Other Income | Total Net Budgeted Expenditure | Change from Previous Year | % Change from Previous Year | Band D Council Tax Equivalent |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|

| Budget / Service   | £m             | £m               | £m             | £m            | %     | £               |
|--|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|-------|-----------------|
| Children & Families Services                                 | 267.240        | (20.247)         | 246.993        | 15.108        | 6.5   | 4,498.05        |
| Budgets delegated to Dundee Health & Social Care Partnership | 163.090        | (41.549)         | 121.541        | 6.699         | 5.8   | 2,213.42        |
| City Development   | 61.350         | (34.160)         | 27.190         | 4.541         | 20.1  | 495.17          |
| Neighbourhood Services                                       | 44.637         | (18.271)         | 26.366         | 2.303         | 9.6   | 480.16          |
| Other Services   | 175.908        | (108.654)        | 67.254         | (1.544)       | (2.2) | 1,224.79        |
| Capital Financing Costs                                      | 32.953         | (1.750)          | 31.203         | 0.340         | 1.1   | 568.25          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>745.178</b> | <b>(224.631)</b> | <b>520.547</b> | <b>27.447</b> |       | <b>9,479.83</b> |

## Financed By

|   |               |              |       |                 |
|---|---------------|--------------|-------|-----------------|
| (a) Government Grants                             | 348.609       | 16.281       | 4.9   | 6,348.62        |
| (b) Non-Domestic Rates                            | 72.776        | 1.370        | 1.9   | 1,325.34        |
| (c) Use of Balances                               | 4.183         | (0.193)      | (4.4) | 76.18           |
| <b>Total Amount to be raised from Council Tax</b> | <b>94.979</b> | <b>9.989</b> |       | <b>1,729.69</b> |

Your monthly payment will also increase due to the rise in Scottish Water charges: [scottishwater.co.uk](http://scottishwater.co.uk)

The agreed Council Tax levels for **2026/27** are as follows:

| Band   | Proportion Of Band D | Charge £        |
|--------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Band A | 240/360              | 1,153.13        |
| Band B | 280/360              | 1,345.31        |
| Band C | 320/360              | 1,537.50        |
| Band D | <b>360/360</b>       | <b>1,729.69</b> |
| Band E | 473/360              | 2,272.62        |
| Band F | 585/360              | 2,810.75        |
| Band G | 705/360              | 3,387.31        |
| Band H | 882/360              | 4,237.74        |

Council Tax is set based on a **Band D** property and the charge for other properties is calculated from this.

Scottish Average Comparative **Band D** Council Tax for **2025/2026**

**£1,543**



## Comparison of Budgeted Spend Against Government Provision:

|  | £ per Band D Dwelling |
|--|-----------------------|
| Expenditure figure used by Government in grant support calculations: | £8,566.30             |
| Proposed expenditure by authority on comparable basis:               | £8,824.19             |



## How many staff we employ:

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Budgeted full-time equivalent <b>2025/26</b> : | 6,279 |
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| Decrease in <b>full-time</b> equivalents:      | (2)   |

You can view your bill **online** via:

[my.dundeecity.gov.uk](http://my.dundeecity.gov.uk)

