

Council Tax charges for 2026-27

We give notice that we set the Council Tax amounts on 25 February 2026 for the financial year beginning on 1 April 2026. The amounts relate to each of the categories of dwellings shown. This is in accordance with Section 30 and Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Council Tax amounts by Parish and Band. All amounts are in pounds.

Parish	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
CITY CENTRE (non-parished area)	1,504.56	1,755.32	2,006.08	2,256.84	2,758.36	3,259.88	3,761.40	4,513.68
BOREHAM	1,540.26	1,796.97	2,053.68	2,310.39	2,823.81	3,337.23	3,850.65	4,620.78
BROOMFIELD	1,568.22	1,829.59	2,090.96	2,352.33	2,875.07	3,397.81	3,920.55	4,704.66
CHELMER	1,548.84	1,806.98	2,065.12	2,323.26	2,839.54	3,355.82	3,872.10	4,646.52
CHELMSFORD GARDEN	1,553.40	1,812.30	2,071.20	2,330.10	2,847.90	3,365.70	3,883.50	4,660.20
CHIGNAL	1,516.62	1,769.39	2,022.16	2,274.93	2,780.47	3,286.01	3,791.55	4,549.86
DANBURY	1,593.12	1,858.64	2,124.16	2,389.68	2,920.72	3,451.76	3,982.80	4,779.36
EAST HANNINGFIELD	1,545.36	1,802.92	2,060.48	2,318.04	2,833.16	3,348.28	3,863.40	4,636.08
GALLEYWOOD	1,543.92	1,801.24	2,058.56	2,315.88	2,830.52	3,345.16	3,859.80	4,631.76
GOOD EASTER	1,537.62	1,793.89	2,050.16	2,306.43	2,818.97	3,331.51	3,844.05	4,612.86
GREAT & LITTLE LEIGHS	1,528.50	1,783.25	2,038.00	2,292.75	2,802.25	3,311.75	3,821.25	4,585.50
GREAT BADDOW	1,547.88	1,805.86	2,063.84	2,321.82	2,837.78	3,353.74	3,869.70	4,643.64
GREAT WALTHAM	1,568.64	1,830.08	2,091.52	2,352.96	2,875.84	3,398.72	3,921.60	4,705.92
HIGHWOOD	1,572.84	1,834.98	2,097.12	2,359.26	2,883.54	3,407.82	3,932.10	4,718.52
LITTLE BADDOW	1,537.98	1,794.31	2,050.64	2,306.97	2,819.63	3,332.29	3,844.95	4,613.94
LITTLE WALTHAM	1,572.78	1,834.91	2,097.04	2,359.17	2,883.43	3,407.69	3,931.95	4,718.34
MARGARETTING	1,516.38	1,769.11	2,021.84	2,274.57	2,780.03	3,285.49	3,790.95	4,549.14
MASHBURY	1,490.40	1,738.80	1,987.20	2,235.60	2,732.40	3,229.20	3,726.00	4,471.20
PLESHEY	1,560.96	1,821.12	2,081.28	2,341.44	2,861.76	3,382.08	3,902.40	4,682.88
RETTENDON	1,537.62	1,793.89	2,050.16	2,306.43	2,818.97	3,331.51	3,844.05	4,612.86
ROXWELL	1,506.90	1,758.05	2,009.20	2,260.35	2,762.65	3,264.95	3,767.25	4,520.70
RUNWELL	1,537.86	1,794.17	2,050.48	2,306.79	2,819.41	3,332.03	3,844.65	4,613.58
SANDON	1,530.36	1,785.42	2,040.48	2,295.54	2,805.66	3,315.78	3,825.90	4,591.08
SOUTH HANNINGFIELD	1,560.00	1,820.00	2,080.00	2,340.00	2,860.00	3,380.00	3,900.00	4,680.00

Parish	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS	1,546.26	1,803.97	2,061.68	2,319.39	2,834.81	3,350.23	3,865.65	4,638.78
SPRINGFIELD	1,566.78	1,827.91	2,089.04	2,350.17	2,872.43	3,394.69	3,916.95	4,700.34
STOCK	1,520.40	1,773.80	2,027.20	2,280.60	2,787.40	3,294.20	3,801.00	4,561.20
WEST HANNINGFIELD	1,530.78	1,785.91	2,041.04	2,296.17	2,806.43	3,316.69	3,826.95	4,592.34
WOODHAM FERRERS & BICKNACRE	1,545.72	1,803.34	2,060.96	2,318.58	2,833.82	3,349.06	3,864.30	4,637.16
WRITTLE	1,541.88	1,798.86	2,055.84	2,312.82	2,826.78	3,340.74	3,854.70	4,625.64

How we work out your Council Tax

The table below shows how much we plan to spend on each of our main services. We collect some of this money through Council Tax, but we are also allowed to keep a share of Business rate income.

All amounts are in thousands of pounds.

Service Spending (after income)	2025/26	2026/27
Central and Other Services	997	1,456
Corporate Services	11,046	11,960
Theatres and Special Events	117	-328
Museums and Cultural Partnership	908	946
Financial Services	-315	-308
Strategic Housing	5,475	7,720
Planning and Building Control Services	2,078	2,529
Parking Services	-5,647	-5,989
Parks and Cemetery Services	2,105	3,091
Recycling and Waste Services	4,956	3,753
Public Health and Protection Services	2,258	2,448
Building Services	2,313	2,312
Leisure Services	68	-774
Spend on Services	26,359	28,816

Other Income and Expenditure	2025/26	2026/27
Interest	-925	-882
Revenue Funding of Capital	1,188	1,537
Government Support	-7,663	-13,422
Contributions to / from balances	-2,857	-1,953
Business Rates Retention Scheme Chelmsford City Council Share	-2,250	0
Statutory Adjustments and Other Items	2,587	2,974
Total Other Income and Expenditure	-9,920	-11,746
Chelmsford City Council - Council Tax Requirement	16,439	17,070
Parish Tier Councils - Council Tax Requirement	3,703	4,037

The table below shows the Council Tax for an average property in band D for Chelmsford City Council and Parish Tier Councils.

Band D Equivalent	2025/26	2026/27	Percentage rise
Total amount for a Band D property (This shows the average increase including parish tier councils.)	279.45	290.39	3.91%
Chelmsford City Council share	228.07	234.85	2.97%
Parish Tier Councils' share	51.38	55.54	8.10%

The table below shows how Chelmsford City Council's council tax requirement has changed.

Income Needed from Council Tax	£'000	Band D equivalent £
Income needed for 2025/26 from Council Tax	16,439	228.07
Inflation	2,420	33.30
Other cost increases	265	3.65
Cost Savings and Increased Charges	-1,257	-17.29
Housing Temporary Accommodation	2,071	28.49
Government funding (+reduction/-increase)	-3,410	-46.92
Collection fund Shortfall	-362	-4.98
Less use of Reserves in 2026/27 compared to 2025/26	904	12.44
Change in the Council Tax base		-1.91
The income we need in 2026/27 from Council Tax	17,070	234.85

How much do you have to pay?

We work out how much Council Tax we must collect by adding together the money each of the four authorities shown in the table below needs, as well as the parish tier council.

This year, the total Council Tax we need to collect is £163,146,645 not including parish tier councils.

If, for example your home is in band D, the average Council Tax for this year will be £2,244.64 plus an amount you have to pay to your local parish tier council (this is shown on your Council Tax bill).

The table below shows the Council Tax for an average property in band D excluding the parish tier council spending.

Organisation	Amount needed £	Council Tax for each property in Band D £
Chelmsford City Council (average)	17,069,500	234.85
Essex County Council	119,342,234	1,641.96
Essex PFCC - Fire and Rescue Authority	6,724,612	92.52
PFCC for Essex - Policing and Community Safety	20,010,299	275.31
Total (not including Parish Tier Councils)	163,146,645	2,244.64

PFCC stands for Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

Parish Tier council spending

The table below shows each Parish Tier council's Council Tax requirement (how much they need).

Parish	2025/26 (£)	2026/27 (£)	Parish share for Band D property (£)
BOREHAM	117,405	132,117	92.34
BROOMFIELD	228,478	236,989	109.35
CHELMER	219,294	230,004	67.14
CHELMSFORD GARDEN	244,562	379,197	92.16
CHIGNAL	7,006	6,986	21.87
DANBURY	412,337	432,846	175.23
EAST HANNINGFIELD	43,304	45,821	77.49
GALLEYWOOD	130,226	142,483	66.87
GOOD EASTER	11,349	12,831	70.83
GREAT & LITTLE LEIGHS	41,955	45,042	38.25
GREAT BADDOW	525,451	546,419	99.54
GREAT WALTHAM	101,635	106,569	111.60
HIGHWOOD	40,034	40,044	120.87
LITTLE BADDOW	54,875	60,428	69.03
LITTLE WALTHAM	56,508	62,303	111.78
MARGARETTING	14,403	15,102	36.27
MASHBURY	0	0	0.00
PLESHEY	13,250	14,744	105.84
RETTENDON	49,644	52,267	61.83
ROXWELL	22,517	22,494	46.71
RUNWELL	148,620	148,568	70.56
SANDON	41,977	43,618	54.63
SOUTH HANNINGFIELD	104,136	129,972	102.42
SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS	465,199	467,942	76.32
SPRINGFIELD	238,581	268,520	92.70
STOCK	52,951	54,299	43.20
WEST HANNINGFIELD	32,395	34,027	58.59
WOODHAM FERRERS & BICKNACRE	102,593	107,665	80.73
WRITTLE	182,633	197,259	96.57

The following tables show planned spend on services for Parish Tier council's that spend more than £140,000.

All amounts are in thousands of pounds.

BROOMFIELD	2025/26	2026/27
Education	13	12
Health	42	11
Highways	0	0
Planning	49	46
Recreation	85	172
Refuse Collection	1	0
Other Services	55	15
Use of Reserves	-17	-19
Total	228	237

CHELMER	2025/26	2026/27
Education	0	0
Health	0	0
Highways	0	0
Planning	0	5
Recreation	32	40
Refuse Collection	0	0
Other Services including employee costs	175	193
Use of Reserves	12	-8
Total	219	230

CHELMSFORD GARDEN	2025/26	2026/27
Education	0	0
Health	0	0
Highways	0	0
Planning	0	0
Recreation	61	34
Refuse Collection	1	1
Other Services including employee costs	182	344
Total	244	379

DANBURY	2025/26	2026/27
Education	0	0
Health	20	0
Highways	0	0
Planning	10	10
Recreation	379	420
Refuse Collection	3	3
Other Services	0	0
Total	412	433

GALLEYWOOD	2025/26	2026/27
Education	0	0
Health	0	0
Highways	0	25
Planning	0	0
Recreation	0	16
Refuse Collection	0	0
Other Services	130	104
Total	130	145

GREAT BADDOW	2025/26	2026/27
Education	0	0
Health	101	101
Highways	45	45
Planning	0	0
Recreation	368	389
Refuse Collection	11	11
Other Services	0	0
Total	525	546

RUNWELL	2025/26	2026/27
Education	0	0
Health	0	0
Highways	0	0
Planning	0	0
Recreation	75	52
Refuse Collection	2	0
Other Services	72	97
Total	149	149

SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS	2025/26	2026/27
Education	0	0
Health	144	145
Highways	8	5
Planning	0	0
Recreation	116	128
Refuse Collection	5	5
Other Services including employee costs	192	185
Use of Reserves	0	0
Total	465	468

SPRINGFIELD	2025/26	2026/27
Education	0	0
Health	8	0
Highways	9	0
Planning	0	0
Recreation	0	0
Refuse Collection	0	0
Other Services including employee costs	301	453
Use of Reserves	-79	-185
Total	239	268

WRITTLE	2025/26	2026/27
Education	0	0
Health	17	23
Highways	30	38
Planning	30	32
Recreation	105	103
Refuse Collection	1	1
Other Services	0	0
Total	183	197