

Your Council Tax 2026/27

How your money is spent –
and what it delivers
for Nottingham



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City Council

A message from the Leader of Nottingham City Council



The Council runs over 2,000 different services, everything from keeping streets clean, helping vulnerable people and emptying your bins, to keeping parks beautiful, maintaining roads and supporting local businesses.

We also deliver ambitious projects to improve the city itself, like the Green Heart in the city centre, the new footbridge over the River Trent and new housing developments.

We have a budget of almost £1 billion a year to fund this work made up of Government grant, business rates and the money raised through Council Tax.

We know Nottingham people work hard for their living which is why we made a decision to increase Council Tax this year by a significantly lower amount than the maximum allowed by Government, which is at the lowest it's been for 18 years.

Over the past two years, the Council has been working hard to get its house in order, making major progress in strengthening our finances. We're balancing our budget without a penny of Exceptional Financial Support, and we've reduced our debt by 64%. Government Commissioners appointed to oversee improvements at the Council left in February due to this significant progress made.

We've always said that our priority was to deliver improvements right across the Council so that the Commissioners leave as planned. With the return of all statutory powers to the Council, we've done just that. Whilst we know that there is more to do and we must not be complacent in leading Nottingham forward, our focus now must be on delivering continuous improvement for Nottingham and our residents. We are ambitious for Nottingham and those who live, work and visit here. We are committed to using taxpayers' money well and giving local people value for money.

This year's Council Tax will help continue this work as well as support the services that matter most to Nottingham people.

This guide explains how your contribution is used and the difference it makes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large 'N' followed by a stylized name.

Councillor Neghat Khan
Leader of Nottingham City Council

Your Council Tax

Your Council Tax helps fund the essential services that support citizens across Nottingham every day. The majority of funding is focused on protecting vulnerable children and adults, alongside funding education, public health and neighbourhood services.

The Council Tax also helps fund Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.

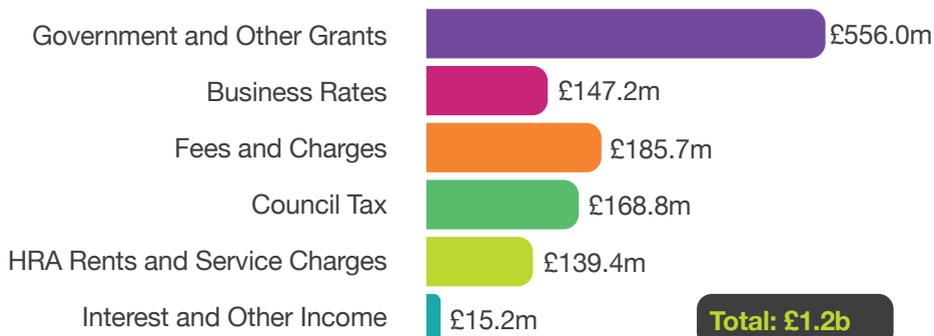
Next year (2026/27), the Council's part of the Council Tax will increase by 3.5%.

1.5% will go towards general Council services (like those mentioned above), and 2% is specifically for supporting Adult Social Care. This is a really important service that helps older and vulnerable people in our community.

More information on your Council Tax including how to pay, exemptions, discounts, and/or Council Tax Support for households on low income is available here:

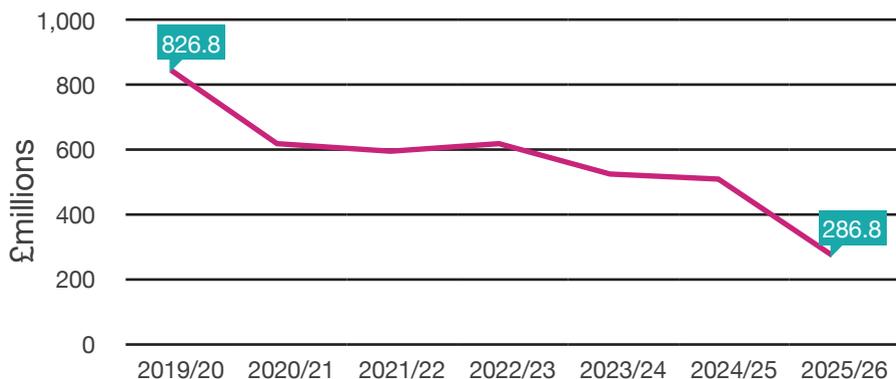
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The Council's Budget and our finance

We've reduced the Council's debt by nearly two thirds over the last six years



What we spend on your services each year

Services to elderly and vulnerable people, housing, and homelessness
£236.2m

Protecting children
£126.5m

Public transport
£36.9m

Refuse collection and street cleansing
£34.2m

Community safety & regulatory services
£16.0m

Schools
£160.7m*

*Figures for 2026/27 apart from Schools which is based on the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2025/26

Financial improvement in numbers

Over two-thirds of our budget goes towards adult care, children's services, housing and homelessness services.

32.5%

Other Council services: street cleansing, bin collection, libraries, public transport, and parks and open spaces



67.5%

Adult care and children's services, and housing and homelessness services



transport



Parks and open spaces
£7.5m



Public Health
£46.0m



Job creation
£2.4m



Housing Services (HRA)
£139.4m

Need to contact the Council?

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Whether you want to ask a question, report an issue, give feedback or make a complaint, there are several ways to get in touch.



Report a problem

Report issues such as missed bins, street repairs, fly-tipping or other local concerns quickly and easily online.

Visit: www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/report-it



Have your say

We welcome your feedback. You can submit comments, compliments or complaints online.

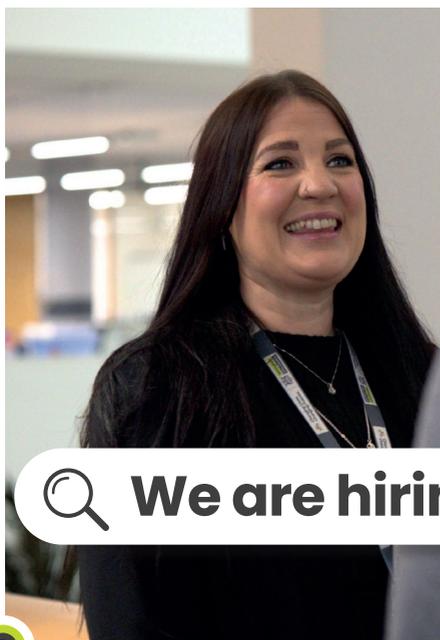
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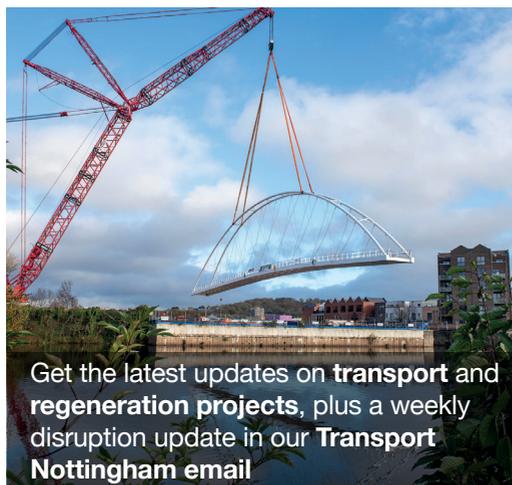
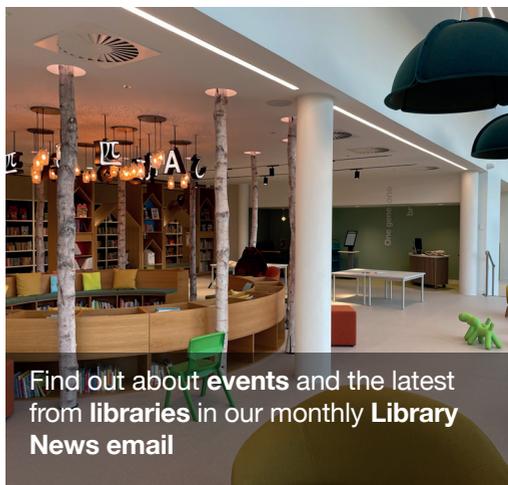
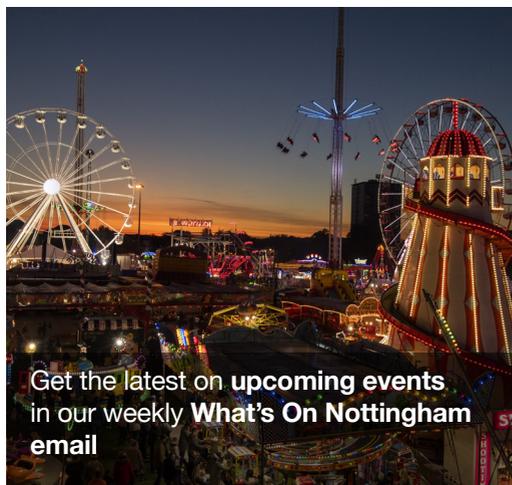
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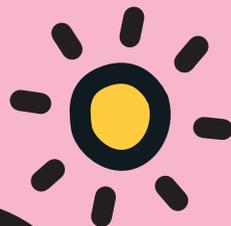
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