

Council Tax guide 2026/27

How much will I pay:

| Property | Property Value 01/04/91 | Bromley/Adult Social Care precept | | | GLA | Council Tax 2026/27 | Council Tax 2025/26 |
|----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | Bromley | ASC | Total | | | |
| Band | | £. p | £. p | £. p | £. p | £. p | £. p |
| A | up to £40,000 | 900.64 | 185.71 | 1,086.35 | 340.34 | 1,426.69 | 1,361.64 |
| B | £40,001 to £52,000 | 1,050.75 | 216.67 | 1,267.41 | 397.06 | 1,664.47 | 1,588.58 |
| C | £52,001 to £68,000 | 1,200.85 | 247.62 | 1,448.47 | 453.79 | 1,902.26 | 1,815.52 |
| D | £68,001 to £88,000 | 1,350.96 | 278.57 | 1,629.53 | 510.51 | 2,140.04 | 2,042.46 |
| E | £88,001 to £120,000 | 1,651.17 | 340.47 | 1,991.65 | 623.96 | 2,615.61 | 2,496.34 |
| F | £120,001 to £160,000 | 1,951.39 | 402.38 | 2,353.77 | 737.40 | 3,091.17 | 2,950.22 |
| G | £160,001 to £320,000 | 2,251.60 | 464.28 | 2,715.88 | 850.85 | 3,566.73 | 3,404.10 |
| H | more than £320,000 | 2,701.92 | 557.14 | 3,259.06 | 1021.02 | 4,280.08 | 4,084.92 |

Adult Social Care (ASC) precept increase for 2026/27 is calculated based on 2% of the combined Bromley element for 2024/25, plus the ASC sum levied in 2024/25. (e.g., an increase of £31.04 for a band D property in 2025/26).

After allowing for the increase in the Bromley element of the Council Tax and the GLA precept the overall increase in Council Tax is 4.78% on last year.

Valuation Office

Council tax valuation bands are based on market value at the 1 April 1991 and are set by the Valuation Office Agency (VOA), which is independent from the Council.

Should you wish to appeal your banding, you do not need a representative to appeal on your behalf. You can do this free of charge by contacting the Valuation Officer on telephone number 03000 501 501 or go to the VOA website for more information www.voa.gov.uk

How is Council Tax calculated:

| 2025/26 | Portfolio/Item | 2026/27 | 2026/27 |
|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Final Budget £'000 | | Draft Budget £'000 | Band "D" Equivalent £ |
| 154,247 | Education | 172,110 | 1,246.24 |
| Cr 138,800 | Less costs funded through Dedicated Schools Grant * | Cr 154,443 | -1,118.31 |
| 15,447 | Sub total | 17,667 | 127.93 |
| 61,324 | Childrens Social Care | 80,679 | 584.19 |
| 94,348 | Adult Care and Health | 132,356 | 958.38 |
| 31,355 | Environment & Community Services Portfolio | 31,632 | 229.05 |
| 3,605 | Public Protection and Enforcement | 3,593 | 26.01 |
| 24,857 | Renewal, Recreation and Housing | 32,081 | 232.30 |
| 46,277 | Resources, Commissioning & Contracts Management | 47,432 | 343.45 |
| 1,441 | Non Distributed Costs & Corporate & Democratic Core | 1,491 | 10.80 |

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|----------------|---|----|----------------|-----------------|
| 278,653 | Total Controllable Budgets | | 346,932 | 2,512.10 |
| 10,032 | Total Non Controllable Budgets | | 18,417 | 133.35 |
| Cr 959 | Total Excluded Recharges | | Cr 1,011 | -7.32 |
| 287,727 | Portfolio Total | | 364,337 | 2,638.13 |
| Cr 7,775 | Reversal of Net Capital Charges | Cr | 15,877 | -114.96 |
| Cr 8,241 | Interest on General Fund Balances | Cr | 4,841 | -35.05 |
| 8,452 | Central Contingency Sum | | 4,728 | 34.24 |
| 2,500 | Contingency Provision for Revenue Impact of Capital Financing | | 700 | 5.07 |
| | Levies | | | |
| 428 | - London Pensions Fund Authority | | 448 | 3.24 |
| 248 | - London Boroughs Grants Committee | | 248 | 1.80 |
| 276 | - Environment Agency | | 280 | 2.03 |
| 359 | - Lee Valley Regional Park | | 364 | 2.64 |
| 283,974 | Sub Total | | 350,387 | 2,537.13 |
| | Fair Funding Allocation | Cr | 93,921 | -680.07 |
| Cr 50,950 | Business Rate Retention (core funding) | | | |
| Cr 2,363 | Funding for National Insurance increase | | | |
| Cr 3,000 | Collection Fund Surplus (previous years) | Cr | 1,600 | -11.59 |
| | Estimated Collection Fund Surplus 25-26 | Cr | 5,400 | -39.10 |
| Cr 12,465 | Contribution from Collection Fund Surplus Earmarked Reserve | | | |
| Cr 1,500 | Business rate retention surplus/ deficit | | 1,000 | 7.24 |
| Cr 290 | Use of Earmarked reserve to fund additional social work posts | | | |
| Cr 10 | New Homes Bonus | | | |
| | Use of Earmarked Reserves to fund budget gap | Cr | 25,422 | -184.08 |
| 213,396 | Bromley's Requirement (excluding GLA) | | 225,044 | 1,629.53 |
| 67,422 | Greater London Authority Precept | | 70,503 | 510.51 |
| 280,818 | Total Council Tax Requirement | | 295,548 | 2,140.04 |

How the Council services are funded

The following table outlines how the Council services are funded for 2026/27:

| Funding of the Council's Services (Draft Budget) | 2026/27 | |
|---|----------------|-------|
| Other - Fees and Charges etc | 159.4 | 20.3% |
| Dedicated Schools Grant | 154.5 | 19.6% |
| Council Tax | 225.0 | 28.6% |

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|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Business Rates Retention | 93.9 | 11.9% |
| Specific Grants | 154.0 | 19.6% |
| Total | 786.8 | 100.0% |

| Where the Money Goes (Draft Budget) | 2026/27 | |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| Adult Care & Health | 219.0 | 27.8% |
| Children, Education and Families | 290.4 | 36.9% |
| Environment & Community Services | 80.2 | 10.2% |
| Housing | 108.8 | 13.8% |
| Freedom Pass Costs | 12.1 | 1.5% |
| Other Council Services (Including Levies) | 76.4 | 9.7% |
| Total | 786.8 | 100.0% |

Statement concerning adult social care funding:

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has made an offer to adult social care authorities. (“Adult social care authorities” are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014, namely county councils in England, district councils for an area in England for which there is no county council, London borough councils, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.)

The offer is the option of an adult social care authority being able to charge an additional “precept” on its council tax for financial years from the financial year beginning in 2016 without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting expenditure on adult social care. Subject to the annual approval of the House of Commons, the Secretary of State intends to offer the option of charging this “precept” at an appropriate level in each financial year up to and including 2026-27.

Levying Authorities charges

| 2025/26 £'000 | Levying Authority | 2026/27 £'000 | C/Tax per Band D dwelling |
|------------------|--|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 428 | London Pension Fund Authority 169 Union Street, London, SE1 0LL www.lpfa.org.uk | 448 | 3.24 |
| 248 | London Borough's Grants Committee London Councils, 59 ½ Southwark Street, London, SE1 0AL 020 7934 9999 www.londoncouncils.gov.uk | 248 | 1.80 |
| 276 | Environment Agency National Customer Contact Centre, PO Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY | 280 | 2.03 |
| 359 | Lee Valley Regional Park Information Service, Myddelton House, Bulls Cross, Enfield, EN2 9HG www.leevalleypark.org.uk | 364 | 2.64 |
| 1,311 | | 1,340 | 9.71 |

Environment Agency

The Environment Agency is a levying body for its Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Functions under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the Environment Agency (Levies) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011.

Environment Agency Southern Region

The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood and coastal erosion risk management for 3540 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

| | Southern Region Flood and Coastal Committee | |
|------------------------|--|---------|
| | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| | 000s | 000s |
| Gross Expenditure | £112,978 | £86,953 |
| Levies Raised | £1,691 | £1,742 |
| Total Council Tax Base | 1,966 | 1,983 |

Environment Agency Thames Region

The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood and coastal erosion risk management for 5200 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

| | Thames Region Flood and Coastal Committee | |
|------------------------|--|----------|
| | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| | 000s | 000s |
| Gross Expenditure | £126,785 | £103,602 |
| Levies Raised | £13,030 | £13,289 |
| Total Council Tax Base | 5,453 | 5,515 |