Brighton and Hove in full

The council tax bill and who receives it, spending by service, payments over £500, senior pay, the report card and how the council compares.

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Executive summary

The key figures from each part of this report, with the change on a year earlier where the source gives one.

Brighton and Hove: your area

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+£124 (+5.0%) vs 2025-26
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Where your council tax goes in Brighton and Hove

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Band D bill, 2026-27
As of 6 April 2026

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Goes to Brighton and Hove itself (83%)
As of 6 April 2026

£833.37
Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

Parking income in Brighton & Hove UA

£28.08m
Parking surplus
−£5.15m (−15.5%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

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Parking income
−£4.97m (−9.7%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£17.90m
Spending on parking
+£0.18m (+1.0%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

Brighton and Hove: senior pay and councillor allowances

£240,776
Chief Executive, 2025-26

20
Staff paid £100,000 or more, 2025-26

£1,188,000
Members' allowances, 2025-26

Brighton and Hove: your area

Your area · Last updated 18 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/your-area/brighton-and-hove/

Brighton and Hove sets a Band D council tax of **£2,581** for 2026-27, 48 of 296 councils in England from the highest. Police: Sussex. Fire and rescue: East Sussex. Health: NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board. This page links to everything the site holds on the area; the full bill, the report card and parking each have a page of their own.

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14%
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25

7%
Reserves as a share of spending, 2025-26

What is the council tax in Brighton and Hove?

Band D is **£2,581** a year for 2026-27, and Band A, the lowest, **£1,720**. That is £170 above the England average of £2,411, 48 of 296 in England from the highest.

Of a Band D bill, **£2,180** goes to Brighton and Hove.

Every band, who gets the money and how Brighton and Hove compares

Where your council tax goes: from your bill to each service

Brighton and Hove: senior pay and councillors' allowances

How does the council compare?

- Council tax rise this year 5.0% Higher than the England figure of 4.9%
- Council tax per head £875 Higher than the England figure of £796
- Ombudsman uphold rate 74% (23 of 31) Lower than the England figure of 86%
- Reserves as a share of net spending 7% Lower than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £4,071 Higher than the England figure of £3,474
- Accounts, 2025-26 Unsigned 6% of bodies had an opinion delivered by the backstop date
- Ofsted, children's services Outstanding 73% of English councils are good or outstanding
- CQC, adult social care Requires improvement 63% of assessed councils are good or outstanding
- A roads needing maintenance considered 14% Higher than the England figure of 5%
- Recycling rate 27.7% Lower than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 94.5% Higher than the England figure of 91.0%

Each figure is set against the figure for England as a whole. They are plain comparisons, one measure at a time: there is no overall score and no ranking of councils. Higher is not always better or worse; what each measure does and does not show is on the methodology page.

The full report card: complaints, finances, audit, pay and services

Roads, bins and planning

Roads, recycling and planning in Brighton and Hove

Measure	Figure	Period
A roads where maintenance should be considered	14%	2024-25
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered	12%	2024-25
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered	8%	2024-25
Household waste reused, recycled or composted	27.7%	2024-25
Major planning decisions made on time	94.5%	24 months to end of June 2026

Road condition is from the Department for Transport; each figure is compared with England as a whole in the report card.

What does the council make from parking?

Parking income and surplus for Brighton and Hove

Authority	Year	Income	Surplus
Brighton & Hove UA	2025-26	£46.0m	£28.1m

What the law lets a council spend a parking surplus on is on parking fines and council parking income.

Who is your MP?

A council area can span several constituencies, so your MP depends on your address. Enter your postcode in the box at the top of this page to see your MP and what their office cost, find any MP by name or constituency , or see every constituency and its MP on the MP map.

How much crime is recorded here?

In the 12 months to August 2026, police recorded **99.0 crimes per 1,000 residents** in Brighton and Hove, excluding anti-social behaviour, against 82.5 across England.

Brighton and Hove on the crime map, down to streets of a few hundred homes

Your police precept

A Band D home in Brighton and Hove pays **£281.91** police precept in 2026-27. It funds **Sussex**, which has £445m in all for 2026-27. The precept is set once for the whole force area and spent across the whole force area, so the crime figures above for Brighton and Hove are not what its precept bought.

Sussex: funding, precept and results for the whole force

Who runs police, fire, health and ambulances here?

The bodies that serve Brighton and Hove, and their latest money

Service	Body	Latest	Per resident
Police	Sussex	£445m (2026-27)	£252
Fire and rescue	East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service	£49m (2025-26)	£58.05
Ambulance	South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust	£365m (2024-25)	£73.92
NHS	NHS Surrey and Sussex Integrated Care Board	£9.1bn (2028-29)	£3,003
Roads	Brighton and Hove	£9m (2025-26)	£30.62
Schools	Brighton and Hove	£184m (2026-27)	£648
Council spending	Brighton and Hove	£664m (2025-26)	£2,336
Social care	Brighton and Hove	£246m (2024-25)	£861
Housing	Brighton and Hove	£36m (2025-26)	£127
Waste and recycling	Brighton and Hove	not published	—

Each body serves a wider area than Brighton and Hove, and its money is for the whole of that area. Its page has its funding over time and what is recorded alongside it; public services near you looks them up for any postcode. Water is not covered yet: see Discover Water.

Which bodies cover Brighton and Hove: ONS lookups of local authorities to police force areas, fire and rescue authorities, integrated care boards and local health boards (Open Government Licence v3.0); where an area is split between integrated care boards, the one covering most residents is named.

How does Brighton and Hove look against other councils?

See Brighton and Hove on the council map, alongside every other council on council tax, complaints, reserves, audit and inspections, or browse every council.

Common questions

- **How much is council tax in Brighton and Hove?** Band D is £2,581 a year for 2026-27. Every band.
- **Which police force covers Brighton and Hove?** Sussex police force area. Fire and rescue: East Sussex.

Council tax in Brighton and Hove

Your area · Last updated 18 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/brighton-and-hove/

Council tax in **Brighton and Hove** for 2026-27 is **£2,581 a year for a Band D home**, £1,720 for Band A and £5,161 for the top band. That is £170 above the England average of £2,411. It ranks 48 of 296 billing areas in England. Figures are the council's own set rates.

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Rank in England, highest first
As of 6 April 2026

What is the bill for each band?

Council tax by band in Brighton and Hove, bands A to H

Band	A year	A month
Band A	£1,720.36	£143.36
Band B	£2,007.09	£167.26
Band C	£2,293.81	£191.15
Band D	£2,580.54	£215.05
Band E	£3,153.99	£262.83
Band F	£3,727.45	£310.62
Band G	£4,300.90	£358.41
Band H	£5,161.08	£430.09

Who gets the money?

Band D bill in Brighton and Hove by receiving body

Who receives it	Band D	Share
Brighton and Hove	£2,180	84%
Other precepting bodies	£400	16%

Each body sets its own precept and the council simply collects them together. The council that sends the bill keeps only its own share.

Where your council tax goes: from your bill to each service

How does it compare?

Band D here is **£170 above** the England average, 48 of 296 councils from the highest.

Brighton and Hove among the England councils nearest it, Band D 2026-27



Ranked highest first. Every council is in the full table.

How does Brighton and Hove compare? The report card

Official figures on complaints, finances, audit, pay and services for Brighton and Hove, each from the body that published it and set against the figure for England. See every council on the council map.

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What do complaints to the ombudsman show?

Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman: Brighton and Hove, 2025-26

Measure	Brighton and Hove	For comparison
Complaints and enquiries received	159	—
Complaints and enquiries decided	149	141 in 2024-25
Detailed investigations	31	—
Upheld	23	—
Uphold rate	74%	86% for every body the Ombudsman covers; 85% for similar councils
Upheld cases where the council had already offered a satisfactory remedy	22%	13% for every body the Ombudsman covers
Ombudsman's recommendations the council complied with	100%	99.9% for every body the Ombudsman covers
Uphold rate in 2024-25	60%	—

An uphold rate depends on how many complaints reach a detailed investigation. With few investigations, one decision moves it a long way.

Source: Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, Annual review of local government complaints, 2025-26.

The Housing Ombudsman, which handles complaints from council tenants, made 1 finding of severe maladministration against Brighton and Hove City Council in 2025-26, out of 37 findings in 17 determinations. Its maladministration rate for this landlord was 57%.

Source: Housing Ombudsman Service, Annual complaints review: landlord tables, 2025-26.

How healthy are its finances?

Reserves, spending and borrowing: Brighton and Hove

Measure	Brighton and Hove	For comparison
Net revenue spending, 2025-26	£297.4m	—
Reserves at the end of 2025-26	£21.8m	—
Reserves as a share of net spending	7%	50% for England; 13% in 2024-25
Outstanding borrowing at 30 June 2026	£555.4m	—
Borrowing per home on the valuation list	£4,071	£3,474 across English billing authorities

Earmarked and unallocated revenue reserves at the end of the year, excluding schools and public health, as a share of net revenue expenditure. Much of any council's reserves is set aside for particular purposes. Borrowing is total outstanding loans of every kind; councils borrow mainly to pay for buildings, roads and housing, and the figure does not show what the borrowing was for.

Source: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: revenue outturn time series, 2025-26; Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Local authority borrowing and investment live table, 30 June 2026; Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Council Taxbase statistics, 2025.

It was agreed Exceptional Financial Support for 2026-27. Each is dated and linked in the events below.

What have the auditors said?

Audit of the accounts: Brighton and Hove

Accounts year	Status recorded by PSAA	Opinion signed
2025-26	Unsigned	Not yet
2024-25	Delivered by backstop	25 February 2026

"Delivered by backstop" means the auditor gave an opinion by the statutory backstop date. Many opinions given that way were disclaimed or qualified because the deadline cut the audit short; PSAA publishes which type of opinion each council received only as national totals, so it is not shown here. Auditors' value-for-money findings are in each auditor's annual report on the council's website.

Source: Public Sector Audit Appointments, Monthly audit opinion data, 2025-26.

What are senior staff and councillors paid?

Pay and allowances: Brighton and Hove, from the statement of accounts

Measure	2025-26	2024-25
Employees paid £50,000 or more	1,040	910
Councillors' allowances	£1,188,000	£1,017,000

The count is up 130 on the year before. 'The following table sets out the numbers of employees in each total remuneration band for all those employees receiving more than £50,000 per annum (excluding employer's pension contributions)', headed 'Other Employee Remuneration'. Totals 1,040 (2025/26) and 910 (2024/25). The note does not state whether school staff or the senior officers disclosed separately are included. The accounts describe the allowances figure as "In 2025/26 the council paid £1.188 million (£1.017 million 2024/25) of allowances to members. There was £0.001 million of expenses for travel/subsistence on approved duties outside the Brighton and Hove City area claimed by members during 2025/26 (£0.002 million 2024/25). In 2025/26 members contributed £0.008 million towards travel and parking costs (£0.009 million 2024/25).". These are draft accounts and may change at audit. Thresholds are not adjusted for inflation, so more staff cross them each year as pay rises.

Source: Brighton and Hove, Brighton & Hove City Council Unaudited Statement of Accounts 2025/26, PDF page 66, 'Other Employee Remuneration'. Checked 24 September 2026.

How are its services rated?

Service ratings and performance: Brighton and Hove

Measure	Brighton and Hove	For comparison
Children's services, Ofsted overall effectiveness	Outstanding	16 May 2024. 73% of English councils judged good or outstanding
Adult social care, CQC assessment	Requires improvement	5 December 2025. 63% of assessed councils rated good or outstanding
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	14%	5% in England
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	12%	7% in England
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	8%	17% in England
Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting, 2024-25	27.7%	42.0% for England
Major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of june 2026	94.5%	91.0% for England
Non-major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of June 2026	92.5%	90.7% for England

Inspections happen at different times, so a rating can be several years old; the date is shown with each. Planning figures are measured differently in each nation: share of decisions made within the statutory time (13 weeks for major, 8 for non-major) or an agreed extension, over 24 months. Recycling rates are measured differently in England, Scotland and Wales, so compare within a nation.

Source: Ofsted, Children's social care: local authority inspection outcomes, as at 31 March 2026; Care Quality Commission, Local authority assessments, latest assessment; Department for Transport, Road condition statistics: data tables (RDC), 2024-25; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Local authority collected waste management: annual results, 2024-25; Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Live tables on planning application statistics (P151, P153), 24 months to end of June 2026.

What has happened recently?

Decisions and publications by official bodies about Brighton and Hove, newest first. Each links to the body that made or published it. News reports are not included.

1. 1 April 2026 Council tax Council tax for 2026-27: Band D £2,581, up 5.0% on the year before Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
2. 23 February 2026 Exceptional Financial Support Exceptional Financial Support agreed in principle for 2026-27 £15.0m (support agreed in-principle) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
3. 4 May 2023 Election Local election: 54 seats won Labour Party 29, Labour and Co-operative Party 9, Green Party 7, Conservative and Unionist Party 6, Brighton & Hove Independents 2, Independent 1 Democracy Club

Does the council think something here is wrong?

If you represent Brighton and Hove and think a figure here is wrong, out of date or unfairly presented, email hello@whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk with this page's address and the source you would point to. Every correction is logged, with its date, on the corrections page.

How much of the council's spending does this cover?

Council tax paid for **19.6%** of the money Brighton and Hove had to spend in 2025-26. The rest came from government grants (47.0%), business rates (8.5%) and fees, charges and other income (24.6%), with 0.3% taken from reserves. That is why a grant cut can raise your bill even when the council has not changed what it does. See where it goes.

Where can I find out more?

What council tax is and why it works this way, including why the bands are still based on 1991 property values in England and Scotland, and how every area compares, everything else on Brighton and Hove: parking, roads, your MP and local services, and Brighton and Hove on the council map.

Common questions

- **How much is council tax in Brighton and Hove?** Band D is £2,581 a year for 2026-27. Band A is £1,720 and the top band £5,161.
- **Is council tax in Brighton and Hove higher than average?** Yes. Band D here is £170 above the England average of £2,411.

Where your council tax goes in Brighton and Hove

Your area · Last updated 18 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/brighton-and-hove/where-it-goes/

A Band D council tax bill in **Brighton and Hove** is **£2,580.54** for 2026-27, split between Brighton and Hove £2,138.90, Brighton and Hove: adult social care precept, this year's increase £41.52, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable £281.91, East Sussex Combined Fire and Rescue Authority £117.49, Parish and town councils (average for the area) £0.72. Shared out in proportion to what each body spends, the largest single line is adult social care at Brighton and Hove: **£833.37** of the bill. Council tax pays for 20% of the council's own spending; the rest is government grant, business rates and fees.

Key figures

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Band D bill, 2026-27
As of 6 April 2026

£2,138.90
Goes to Brighton and Hove itself (83%)
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As of 28 September 2026

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Of the council's money that comes from council tax, 2025-26
As of 28 September 2026

Who gets your bill

Figures are for a **Band D** home. Bands A to H pay a fixed fraction of this, set in law.

Parish precepts differ from parish to parish; this is the average across the area, and a home outside any parish pays none.

And where does that bit go?

Choose any part of the bill to see how it divides, then keep going as far as the published returns allow. Every level has its own link you can share.

An interactive map or explorer appears here on the live page.

Parks, street cleaning and roads here

What Brighton and Hove spent, net of income, on the lines readers ask about most. Roads and street cleaning are also shown per mile of road the council looks after, where it is the highway authority. Gully cleaning and verge cutting are inside routine maintenance; no return splits them out.

Brighton and Hove, 2025-26

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£6.8m	£24	£16	—	up 0.1% on 2024-25
Street cleaning	£9.8m	£34	£12	£26,053 (similar: £6,584)	up 3.9% on 2024-25
Road and bridge maintenance	£5.8m	£20	£11	£15,332 (similar: £4,951)	up 25.6% on 2024-25
Environmental, safety and routine maintenance	£5.5m	£19	£7.24	£14,577 (similar: £4,493)	up 22.2% on 2024-25
Structural maintenance (resurfacing, bridges)	£284k	£1.00	£3.70	£755 (similar: £1,896)	up 173.1% on 2024-25
Winter service (gritting)	£429k	£1.51	£2.13	£1,141 (similar: £944)	up 42.1% on 2024-25
Street lighting (including energy)	£2.5m	£8.81	£10	£6,657 (similar: £3,798)	down 1.6% on 2024-25

Miles of road: Department for Transport road lengths, 2025; locally managed major roads and all minor roads. More on what council tax does and doesn't pay for.

What it adds up to

Brighton and Hove: net spending per resident by service, 2025-26, against the median for unitary councils in England

Service	Per resident	Median
Education	£968	£712
Adult social care	£562	£478
Children's social care	£278	£309
Housing (not council homes)	£127	£33
Environment and regulation	£117	£110
Public health	£105	£64
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£70	£38
Running the council	£52	£51
Planning and development	£33	£21
Roads and transport	£15	£49
Other services	£9.12	£10

- Brighton and Hove spent **40.5%** of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2025-26 (median for unitary councils in England: 31.1%); the rest went on suppliers, contractors, grants, benefits and other running costs.

What this data does and doesn't show

- These are each body's own figures, as reported to government in its revenue outturn return. Net spending is after the fees, charges and grants a service brings in.
- Your bill is for 2026-27; it is shared out using the latest published return, which covers an earlier year. The mix of spending changes little from one year to the next, but it does change.
- Council tax is not ring-fenced: this shows your bill in proportion to spending, not what your money bought. Where a precept is set aside for adult social care, it is shown against adult social care.
- No council publishes spending at street or property level, so nothing here says what was spent near you.
- Sub-service lines are the ones the national returns itemise. Councils describe their own budgets differently; their budget books and statements of accounts have more detail.

Sources

- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Council Tax levels set by local authorities in England: Table 10, local authority level data, published 25 March 2026. Open Government Licence v3.0.
- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: Revenue Outturn multi-year data set, published 28 September 2026. Open Government Licence v3.0.

How the split is worked out, and how the three nations' returns are matched to one list of services, is on the methodology page. The dataset is on the data page. See also council tax in Brighton and Hove and everything else about Brighton and Hove.

Common questions

- **What does council tax pay for in Brighton and Hove?** A Band D bill of £2,580.54 is split between Brighton and Hove, Brighton and Hove: adult social care precept, this year's increase, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable, East Sussex Combined Fire and Rescue Authority, Parish and town councils (average for the area). In proportion to spending, the largest line is adult social care, £833.37.
- **Is council tax ring-fenced for particular services?** No. Council tax is pooled with grants, business rates and fees. The adult social care precept is the exception: councils raise it for adult social care.

Parking income in Brighton & Hove UA

Your area · Last updated 18 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/parking/brighton-and-hove-ua/

In 2025–26 Brighton & Hove UA took **£46.0m** in parking income and spent £17.9m, a **surplus of £28.1m** against £33.2m in 2024–25 (−15%), the 13th largest of 290 councils in England. Penalty charges brought in £9.4m. Figures are from the council's own return to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Key figures

£28.08m
Parking surplus
−£5.15m (−15.5%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£45.98m
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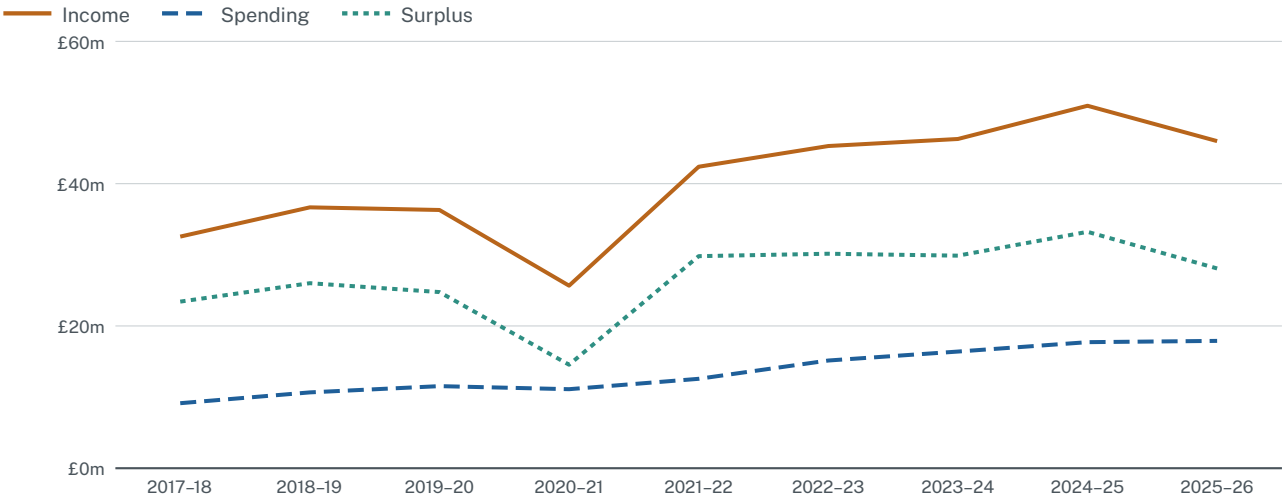
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2025–26

£9.37m
Penalty charge income
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2025–26

13 of 290
Rank in England, largest surplus first
2025–26

How much has Brighton & Hove UA made from parking each year?

Brighton & Hove UA: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million



Brighton & Hove UA: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million. Income: £32.56m in 2017–18, £45.98m in 2025–26. Spending: £9.14m in 2017–18, £17.9m in 2025–26. Surplus: £23.42m in 2017–18, £28.08m in 2025–26.

Brighton & Hove UA: on-street and car park accounts

Year	On-street income	On-street spending	Car park income	Car park spending	Penalty income
2017–18	£26.68m	£7.34m	£5.88m	£1.80m	£5.86m
2018–19	£30.41m	£8.98m	£6.26m	£1.67m	£8.57m
2019–20	£29.56m	£9.02m	£6.74m	£2.52m	£7.90m
2020–21	£22.17m	£8.56m	£3.50m	£2.55m	£6.33m
2021–22	£34.44m	£10.05m	£7.95m	£2.52m	£11.72m
2022–23	£35.95m	£12.16m	£9.34m	£2.98m	£11.57m
2023–24	£36.75m	£12.99m	£9.53m	£3.40m	£12.24m
2024–25	£42.13m	£14.48m	£8.82m	£3.24m	£14.35m
2025–26	£37.29m	£15.08m	£8.70m	£2.82m	£9.37m

All figures are cash, in the council's own return. The most recent year is a first release and may be revised. Brighton & Hove UA is recorded as: Unitary Authority.

What can Brighton & Hove UA spend a surplus on?

On-street parking charges and all council parking penalty charges (England and Wales)

Ring-fenced by law a ring-fenced parking account. A surplus may only be spent on parking, public transport, highway and environmental improvements and similar purposes; a deficit is made good from the general fund.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s55, as applied in England by SI 2022/71, regs 25 and 27

Council car park (off-street) tariffs

Kept by the body that collects it the council's general fund. Section 55 covers on-street parking and enforcement income, not car park fees. Not verified

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s55(1), and DfT statutory guidance on civil parking enforcement

How does Brighton & Hove UA compare with other councils?

Brighton & Hove UA among the England councils nearest it, parking surplus 2025–26



Ranked largest surplus first; a negative figure is a deficit. Every council is in the full tables.

Every council's parking surplus, penalty charge levels and the national trend.

Brighton and Hove: senior pay and councillor allowances

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In its draft statement of accounts for 2025-26, Brighton and Hove reports total remuneration of **£240,776** for its chief executive (including employer pension contributions), **20** employees paid £100,000 or more, and **£1,188,000** paid in members' allowances.

Key figures

£240,776
Chief Executive, 2025-26

20
Staff paid £100,000 or more, 2025-26

£1,188,000
Members' allowances, 2025-26

£14,609
Basic allowance per councillor, 2025-26

Chief Executive

Total remuneration of **£240,776** in 2025-26, including employer pension contributions. That is down 4.6% on 2024-25 (£252,495). The median among the 4 other unitary councils in England collected so far is £244,922.

From the accounts: Chief Executive - Jessica Gibbons. 2025/26: salary (including fees & allowances) £200,982; compensation for loss of office £0; pension £39,794; total £240,776. 2024/25: £213,935; £0; £38,561; £252,495. 'No expense allowances were paid in either 2025/26 or 2024/25.' Total excluding pension is not printed.

PDF pages 64-65

Employees paid £50,000 or more

1,040 employees in 2025-26, up 14.3% on 2024-25 (910). 20 were paid £100,000 or more, 7.0 per 100,000 residents. The median among the 7 other unitary councils in England collected so far is 4.9 per 100,000.

Brighton and Hove: employees by pay band, as printed

Band	2025-26	2024-25
£50,000 to £54,999	433	345
£55,000 to £59,999	218	194
£60,000 to £64,999	169	146
£65,000 to £69,999	65	78
£70,000 to £74,999	59	53
£75,000 to £79,999	37	24
£80,000 to £84,999	15	11
£85,000 to £89,999	12	14
£90,000 to £94,999	2	10
£95,000 to £99,999	10	7
£100,000 to £104,999	5	7
£105,000 to £109,999	1	5
£110,000 to £114,999	4	0
£115,000 to £119,999	2	3
£120,000 to £124,999	2	4
£125,000 to £129,999	5	1
£130,000 to £134,999	1	2
£135,000 to £139,999	0	1
£140,000 to £144,999	0	0
£145,000 to £149,999	0	3
£150,000 to £154,999	0	1
£155,000 to £159,999	0	1

From the accounts: 'The following table sets out the numbers of employees in each total remuneration band for all those employees receiving more than £50,000 per annum (excluding employer's pension contributions)', headed 'Other Employee Remuneration'. Totals 1,040 (2025/26) and 910 (2024/25). The note does not state whether school staff or the senior officers disclosed separately are included.

Source: Brighton and Hove, Brighton & Hove City Council Unaudited Statement of Accounts 2025/26 (draft), PDF page 66, 'Other Employee Remuneration'. Read by hand; checked 2026-09-24.

Councillors' allowances

£1,188,000 in 2025-26, up 16.8% on 2024-25 (£1,017,000), or £4.18 per resident. The median among the 7 other unitary councils in England collected so far is £3.64 per resident.

Brighton and Hove: allowances paid, 2025-26, from its published list

Paid as	Total
Basic allowances	£785,604
Special responsibility allowances	£293,366
Expenses	£1,293
All	£1,068,147

The basic allowance for each councillor is £14,609 a year (2025-26).

From the accounts: "In 2025/26 the council paid £1.188 million (£1.017 million 2024/25) of allowances to members. There was £0.001 million of expenses for travel/subsistence on approved duties outside the Brighton and Hove City area claimed by members during 2025/26 (£0.002 million 2024/25). In 2025/26 members contributed £0.008 million towards travel and parking costs (£0.009 million 2024/25)." (PDF page 66, Note 22)

Published allowances: Members' Allowances & Expenses paid in the financial year ending 05.04.2026.

What this data does and doesn't show

- Every figure is as Brighton and Hove printed it, in accounts that have not yet been audited. Counts in the £100,000 figure are our sum of the council's bands.
- Comparisons are with the other unitary councils in England read so far; no national figure is published for England.
- Published list covers the tax year ending 5 April 2026 (not the 31 March financial year). Its Total row as extracted: Basic Allowance £785,604.39; Special Responsibility Allowance £293,365.65; Travel & Subsistence 542.39; Dependent Carer Allowance £750.25; Deduction -£7,556.54; Total £1,068,146.78. 'expenses' is our sum of travel/subsistence and dependent carer. In our reading the printed components do not add exactly to the printed Total; the printed Total is used. The published total differs from the accounts figure (£1.188m), which the council does not reconcile. Basic rate is the full-year Basic Allowance (14,609.40) shown in the list. Brighton & Hove's website blocks automated downloads; documents were read in a browser.

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Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: revenue outturn multi-year data set (RO2 parking)	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	the 2025–26 financial year	Open Government Licence v3.0	Brighton and Hove: your area; Parking income in Brighton & Hove UA
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legislation.gov.uk and official guidance, provision by provision	legislation.gov.uk	22 September 2026	Open Government Licence v3.0 (legislation.gov.uk)	Parking income in Brighton & Hove UA
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