Cornwall 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.

Figures as of: 28 September 2026

Generated on: 13 November 2026

Version: 13 November 2026. Earlier versions stay available at https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/reports/

Live version: https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/reports/#council-cornwall

This is a snapshot. It was generated on 13 November 2026 and does not change. The figures may have been updated since: the live version is at https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/reports/#council-cornwall.

Published by Tekstak Ltd. Our words, analysis and charts are licensed under CC BY 4.0 (https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/), credit Tekstak Ltd. Figures from other bodies are used under each source's own licence, listed in the sources appendix.

This site takes no side. Every figure is quoted from the body that publishes it, with its date and source; views are attributed to the people and organisations who hold them. Our neutrality policy: https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/neutrality/

Contents

Executive summary	3
Cornwall: your area	4
Council tax in Cornwall	7
Where your council tax goes in Cornwall	12
Parking income in Cornwall UA	15
Cornwall: spending over £500	17
Cornwall: senior pay and councillor allowances	23
Sources and licences	26

Executive summary

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

Cornwall: your area

£2,591
Band D council tax, 2026-27
+£131 (+5.3%) vs 2025-26
As of 6 April 2026

£11.2m
Parking surplus, 2025-26
As of 6 April 2025

45.1%
Household waste recycled, 2024-25

Council tax in Cornwall

£2,591
Band D a year, 2026-27
+£131 (+5.3%) vs 2025-26
As of 6 April 2026

£1,727
Band A, the lowest
As of 6 April 2026

+£180
Band D against the England average of £2,411
Above average
As of 6 April 2026

Where your council tax goes in Cornwall

£2,590.93
Band D bill, 2026-27
As of 6 April 2026

£2,046.62
Goes to Cornwall itself (79%)
As of 6 April 2026

£819.68
Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

Parking income in Cornwall UA

£11.19m
Parking surplus
+£0.73m (+7.0%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£20.06m
Parking income
+£0.42m (+2.2%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£8.87m
Spending on parking
−£0.30m (−3.3%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

Cornwall: spending over £500

£3.04bn
Paid in payments of £500 or more, latest year

205,170
Payments

4,572
Suppliers

Cornwall: senior pay and councillor allowances

£247,796
Chief Executive, 2025-26

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

£2,131,000
Members' allowances, 2025-26

Cornwall: your area

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/your-area/cornwall/

Cornwall sets a Band D council tax of **£2,591** for 2026-27, 43 of 296 councils in England from the highest. Police: Devon & Cornwall. Fire and rescue: Cornwall. Health: NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly 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.

Key figures

£2,591
Band D council tax, 2026-27
+£131 (+5.3%) vs 2025-26
As of 6 April 2026

£11.2m
Parking surplus, 2025-26
As of 6 April 2025

45.1%
Household waste recycled, 2024-25

2%
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25

22%
Reserves as a share of spending, 2025-26

What is the council tax in Cornwall?

Band D is **£2,591** a year for 2026-27, and Band A, the lowest, **£1,727**. That is £180 above the England average of £2,411, 43 of 296 in England from the highest.

Of a Band D bill, **£2,086** goes to Cornwall.

Every band, who gets the money and how Cornwall compares

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

Every payment over £500 that Cornwall publishes

Cornwall: senior pay and councillors' allowances

How does the council compare?

- Council tax rise this year 5.3% Higher than the England figure of 4.9%
- Council tax per head £996 Higher than the England figure of £796
- Ombudsman uphold rate 82% (49 of 60) Lower than the England figure of 86%
- Reserves as a share of net spending 22% Lower than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £5,650 Higher than the England figure of £3,474
- Accounts, 2025-26 Unsigned 4% of bodies had an opinion delivered by the backstop date
- Ofsted, children's services Good 73% of English councils are good or outstanding
- CQC, adult social care Good 63% of assessed councils are good or outstanding
- A roads needing maintenance considered 2% Lower than the England figure of 5%
- Recycling rate 45.1% Higher than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 89.4% Lower 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 Cornwall

Measure	Figure	Period
A roads where maintenance should be considered	2%	2024-25
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered	6%	2024-25
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered	4%	2024-25
Household waste reused, recycled or composted	45.1%	2024-25
Major planning decisions made on time	89.4%	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 Cornwall

Authority	Year	Income	Surplus
Cornwall UA	2025-26	£20.1m	£11.2m

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 **62.5 crimes per 1,000 residents** in Cornwall, excluding anti-social behaviour, against 82.5 across England.

Cornwall on the crime map, down to streets of a few hundred homes

Your police precept

A Band D home in Cornwall pays **£303.20** police precept in 2026-27. It funds **Devon and Cornwall**, which has £486m 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 Cornwall are not what its precept bought.

Devon and Cornwall: funding, precept and results for the whole force

Who runs police, fire, health and ambulances here?

The bodies that serve Cornwall, and their latest money

Service	Body	Latest	Per resident
Police	Devon and Cornwall	£486m (2026-27)	£264
Fire and rescue	Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service	£35m (2025-26)	£59.00
Ambulance	South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust	£435m (2024-25)	£73.85
NHS	NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board	£2.0bn (2028-29)	£3,385
Roads	Cornwall	£23m (2025-26)	£38.82
Schools	Cornwall	£454m (2026-27)	£777
Council spending	Cornwall	£1.1bn (2025-26)	£1,945
Social care	Cornwall	£493m (2024-25)	£847
Housing	Cornwall	£37m (2025-26)	£63.66
Waste and recycling	Cornwall	not published	—

Each body serves a wider area than Cornwall, 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 Cornwall: 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 Cornwall look against other councils?

See Cornwall 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 Cornwall?** Band D is £2,591 a year for 2026-27. Every band.
- **Which police force covers Cornwall?** Devon & Cornwall police force area. Fire and rescue: Cornwall.

Council tax in Cornwall

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/cornwall/

Council tax in **Cornwall** for 2026-27 is **£2,591 a year for a Band D home**, £1,727 for Band A and £5,182 for the top band. That is £180 above the England average of £2,411. It ranks 43 of 296 billing areas in England. Figures are the council's own set rates.

Key figures

£2,591
Band D a year, 2026-27
+£131 (+5.3%) vs 2025-26
As of 6 April 2026

£1,727
Band A, the lowest
As of 6 April 2026

+£180
Band D against the England average of £2,411
Above average
As of 6 April 2026

43 of 296
Rank in England, highest first
As of 6 April 2026

What is the bill for each band?

Council tax by band in Cornwall, bands A to H

Band	A year	A month
Band A	£1,727.29	£143.94
Band B	£2,015.17	£167.93
Band C	£2,303.05	£191.92
Band D	£2,590.93	£215.91
Band E	£3,166.69	£263.89
Band F	£3,742.45	£311.87
Band G	£4,318.22	£359.85
Band H	£5,181.86	£431.82

Who gets the money?

Band D bill in Cornwall by receiving body

Who receives it	Band D	Share
Cornwall	£2,086	81%
Other precepting bodies	£505	19%

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 **£180 above** the England average, 43 of 296 councils from the highest.

Cornwall among the England councils nearest it, Band D 2026-27



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

How does Cornwall compare? The report card

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

- Council tax rise this year 5.3% Higher than the England figure of 4.9%
- Council tax per head £996 Higher than the England figure of £796
- Ombudsman uphold rate 82% (49 of 60) Lower than the England figure of 86%
- Reserves as a share of net spending 22% Lower than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £5,650 Higher than the England figure of £3,474
- Accounts, 2025-26 Unsigned 4% of bodies had an opinion delivered by the backstop date
- Ofsted, children's services Good 73% of English councils are good or outstanding
- CQC, adult social care Good 63% of assessed councils are good or outstanding
- A roads needing maintenance considered 2% Lower than the England figure of 5%
- Recycling rate 45.1% Higher than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 89.4% Lower 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.

What do complaints to the ombudsman show?

Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman: Cornwall, 2025-26

Measure	Cornwall	For comparison
Complaints and enquiries received	282	—
Complaints and enquiries decided	221	196 in 2024-25
Detailed investigations	60	—
Upheld	49	—
Uphold rate	82%	86% for every body the Ombudsman covers; 85% for similar councils
Upheld cases where the council had already offered a satisfactory remedy	8%	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	88%	—

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.

This council is not in the Housing Ombudsman's landlord tables for 2025-26, which list landlords with five or more findings. Most councils without their own homes are not.

How healthy are its finances?

Reserves, spending and borrowing: Cornwall

Measure	Cornwall	For comparison
Net revenue spending, 2025-26	£748.2m	—
Reserves at the end of 2025-26	£164.7m	—
Reserves as a share of net spending	22%	50% for England; 26% in 2024-25
Outstanding borrowing at 30 June 2026	£1.63bn	—
Borrowing per home on the valuation list	£5,650	£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.

What have the auditors said?

Audit of the accounts: Cornwall

Accounts year	Status recorded by PSAA	Opinion signed
2025-26	Unsigned	Not yet
2024-25	Delivered by backstop	14 January 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: Cornwall, from the statement of accounts

Measure	2025-26	2024-25
Employees paid £50,000 or more	1,193	949
Councillors' allowances	£2,131,000	£2,139,000

The count is up 244 on the year before. 'The Council's employees receiving more than £50,000 remuneration for the year (excluding employer's pension contributions)': School Staff (teachers and other school-based staff), Other Staff and Total; counts are Total (1,193 in 2025/26; 949 in 2024/25). 'Consistent with the approach taken in prior years, this table includes senior employees also included in the previous table. It does not include employees of Joint Committees.' Dashes recorded as 0. The accounts describe the allowances figure as "Allowances 2.071 (restated 2024/25 2.085); Expenses* 0.015 (0.011); Travel 0.045 (0.043); Total 2.131 (2.139) £m. *Prior year comparator amended as incorrectly stated last year.". 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: Cornwall, Statement of Accounts 2025/26, PDF pages 89-90 (printed pages 87-88), Note 30. Checked 24 September 2026.

How are its services rated?

Service ratings and performance: Cornwall

Measure	Cornwall	For comparison
Children's services, Ofsted overall effectiveness	Good	22 August 2024. 73% of English councils judged good or outstanding
Adult social care, CQC assessment	Good	29 May 2026. 63% of assessed councils rated good or outstanding
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	2%	5% in England
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	6%	7% in England
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	4%	17% in England
Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting, 2024-25	45.1%	42.0% for England
Major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of june 2026	89.4%	91.0% for England
Non-major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of June 2026	94.2%	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 Cornwall, 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 £2,591, up 5.3% on the year before Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
2. 1 May 2025 Election Local election: 87 seats won Reform UK 28, Liberal Democrats 26, Independent 16, Conservative and Unionist Party 7, Labour and Co-operative Party 4, Green Party 3, Mebyon Kernow - The Party for Cornwall 3 Democracy Club
3. 16 February 2021 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, charging Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 19-019-385. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
4. 21 January 2021 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, alternative provision Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 19-008-091. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman

Does the council think something here is wrong?

If you represent Cornwall 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 **27.5%** of the money Cornwall had to spend in 2025-26. The rest came from government grants (35.2%), business rates (15.1%) and fees, charges and other income (20.8%), with 1.4% 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 Cornwall: parking, roads, your MP and local services, and Cornwall on the council map.

Common questions

- **How much is council tax in Cornwall?** Band D is £2,591 a year for 2026-27. Band A is £1,727 and the top band £5,182.
- **Is council tax in Cornwall higher than average?** Yes. Band D here is £180 above the England average of £2,411.

Where your council tax goes in Cornwall

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/cornwall/where-it-goes/

A Band D council tax bill in **Cornwall** is **£2,590.93** for 2026-27, split between Cornwall £2,046.62, Cornwall: adult social care precept, this year's increase £39.74, Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable £303.20, Parish and town councils (average for the area) £201.37. Shared out in proportion to what each body spends, the largest single line is adult social care at Cornwall: **£819.68** of the bill. Council tax pays for 27% of the council's own spending; the rest is government grant, business rates and fees.

Key figures

£2,590.93
Band D bill, 2026-27
As of 6 April 2026

£2,046.62
Goes to Cornwall itself (79%)
As of 6 April 2026

£819.68
Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

27.5%
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 Cornwall 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.

Cornwall, 2025-26

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£11.3m	£19	£15	—	up 30.0% on 2024-25
Street cleaning	£9.0m	£15	£7.99	£1,978 (similar: £1,738)	down 1.6% on 2024-25
Road and bridge maintenance	£17.9m	£31	£20	£3,924 (similar: £5,287)	down 6.7% on 2024-25
Environmental, safety and routine maintenance	£15.2m	£26	£18	£3,343 (similar: £3,255)	up 2.9% on 2024-25
Structural maintenance (resurfacing, bridges)	£2.6m	£4.53	£7.61	£581 (similar: £2,209)	down 39.4% on 2024-25
Winter service (gritting)	£2.1m	£3.68	£4.11	£471 (similar: £904)	down 5.5% on 2024-25
Street lighting (including energy)	£2.7m	£4.57	£7.31	£586 (similar: £1,427)	down 26.4% 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

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

Service	Per resident	Median
Adult social care	£604	£478
Education	£562	£718
Children's social care	£262	£309
Environment and regulation	£164	£110
Public health	£76	£64
Roads and transport	£72	£49
Housing (not council homes)	£64	£33
Fire and rescue	£59	£235
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£35	£38
Running the council	£32	£52
Planning and development	£15	£22

- Cornwall spent **27.6%** of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2025-26 (median for unitary councils in England: 31.4%); the rest went on suppliers, contractors, grants, benefits and other running costs.
- Its published payments of £500 or more came to **£3.04bn** between 2025-03 and 2026-02. These include capital and council housing spending, so they are not a share of the figures above.
- Payments we classify as consultancy and agency staff came to **3.6%** of its staff costs (median among the 6 other unitary councils in England whose £500 data is read: 8.4%). The two come from different sources and periods, so this is a guide to scale, not an exact share.

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 Cornwall and everything else about Cornwall.

Common questions

- **What does council tax pay for in Cornwall?** A Band D bill of £2,590.93 is split between Cornwall, Cornwall: adult social care precept, this year's increase, Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable, Parish and town councils (average for the area). In proportion to spending, the largest line is adult social care, £819.68.
- **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 Cornwall UA

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/parking/cornwall-ua/

In 2025–26 Cornwall UA took **£20.1m** in parking income and spent £8.9m, a **surplus of £11.2m** against £10.5m in 2024–25 (+7%), the 33rd largest of 290 councils in England. Figures are from the council's own return to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Key figures

£11.19m
Parking surplus
+£0.73m (+7.0%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£20.06m
Parking income
+£0.42m (+2.2%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

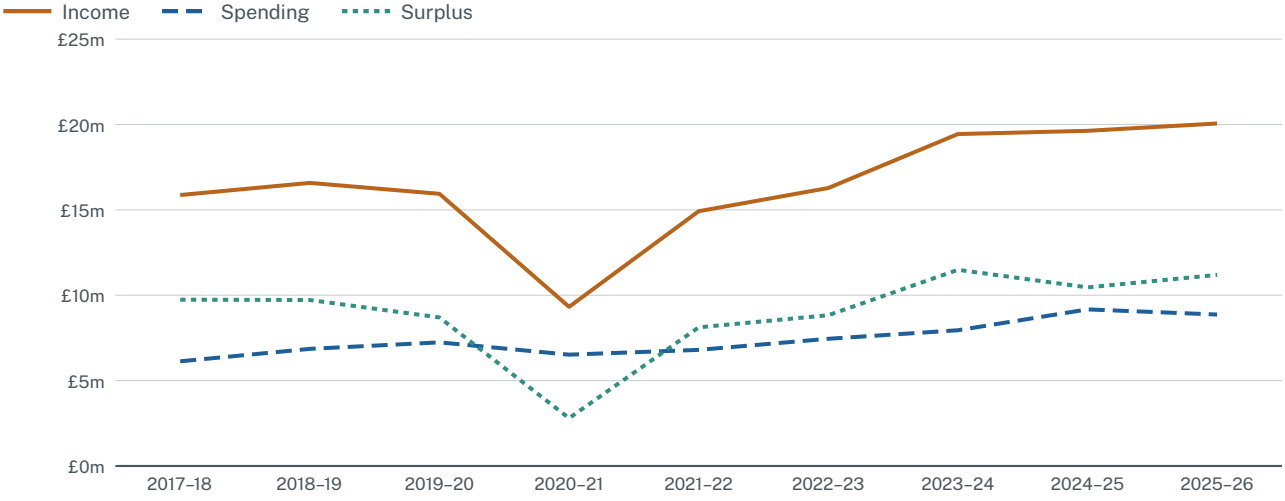
£8.87m
Spending on parking
−£0.30m (−3.3%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£0.00m
Penalty charge income
−£1.24m (−100.0%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

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

How much has Cornwall UA made from parking each year?

Cornwall UA: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million



Cornwall UA: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million. Income: £15.87m in 2017–18, £20.06m in 2025–26. Spending: £6.13m in 2017–18, £8.87m in 2025–26. Surplus: £9.74m in 2017–18, £11.19m in 2025–26.

Cornwall UA: on-street and car park accounts

Year	On-street income	On-street spending	Car park income	Car park spending	Penalty income
2017–18	£0.72m	£1.06m	£15.16m	£5.07m	£0.71m
2018–19	£0.93m	£1.24m	£15.65m	£5.62m	£0.91m
2019–20	£2.71m	£1.25m	£13.22m	£5.99m	£1.12m
2020–21	£1.74m	£1.25m	£7.58m	£5.27m	£0.89m
2021–22	£1.89m	£1.28m	£13.03m	£5.52m	£1.11m
2022–23	£1.80m	£1.55m	£14.48m	£5.90m	£1.42m
2023–24	£2.67m	£1.65m	£16.77m	£6.30m	£1.27m
2024–25	£3.11m	£1.84m	£16.52m	£7.33m	£1.24m
2025–26	£0.00m	£0.00m	£20.06m	£8.87m	£0.00m

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

What can Cornwall 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 Cornwall UA compare with other councils?

Cornwall 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.

Cornwall: spending over £500

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/councils/spending-over-500/cornwall/

Cornwall published **205,170 payments** of £500 or more between March 2025 and February 2026, worth **£3.04bn** in all, to 4,572 suppliers. The largest total went to Corserv Solutions Ltd t/a Cormac Solutions: £609.9m across 28388 payments. These are the council's own published records; the gaps in them are listed below.

Key figures

£3.04bn
Paid in payments of £500 or more, latest year

205,170
Payments

4,572
Suppliers

12 of 12
Months with payments published

What the council published

1. Marpublished
2. Aprpublished
3. Maypublished
4. Junpublished
5. Julpublished
6. Augpublished
7. Septpublished
8. Octpublished
9. Novpublished
10. Decpublished
11. Janpublished
12. Febpublished

Gaps and problems in the data, as published:

- The newest payment published is from 2026-02, 9 months before this page was built.
- 20.2% of payments (£116,898,968) have the supplier name withheld or redacted by the council, usually because the payee is an individual.

Top 50 suppliers by value

Cornwall: the 50 suppliers paid most, March 2025 to February 2026

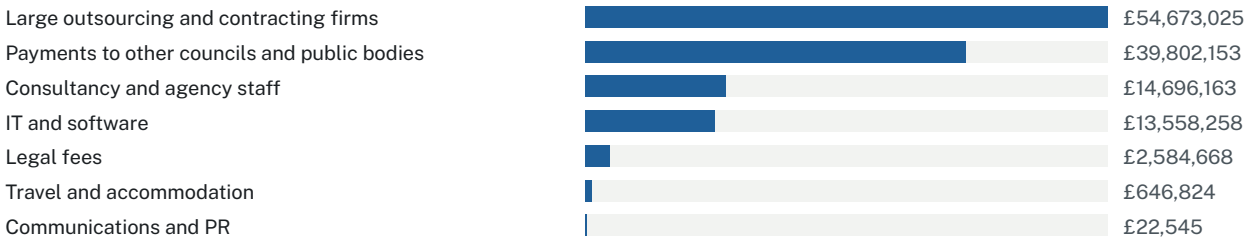
Supplier	Paid	Payments
Corserv Solutions Ltd t/a Cormac Solutions	£609,931,365	28,388
Plymouth Citybus Ltd	£566,885,126	1,515
24x7 Ltd	£160,794,945	852
Names withheld by the council	£116,898,968	41,510
A2b Taxis (Truro) Ltd	£83,513,765	698
Parnells Taxis	£77,017,133	520
First Devon & Cornwall Ltd	£76,145,669	783

Supplier	Paid	Payments
Cornwall Energy Recovery Ltd	£72,774,900	95
Biffa Environmental Municipal Services Ltd (Cory)	£48,599,829	50
Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd	£40,846,097	5
Roselyn Coaches	£30,274,181	336
The Brandon Trust	£27,672,716	2,801
Enerveo Ltd	£26,968,531	591
Acorn Care & Education Ltd (Sales)	£22,569,142	197
Hopleys Coaches	£21,788,623	262
Lorne Stewart Plc	£19,235,632	152
A2b Newquay Travel Ltd	£18,375,438	249
Corserv Solutions Ltd t/a Corserv Care	£17,563,223	1,404
Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd	£14,685,883	30
Comensura Ltd	£14,138,695	110
Kerrier Cabs	£12,948,637	177
Cornwall Care Ltd	£12,840,915	2,434
Cornwall Airport Ltd	£12,781,507	133
Medequip Assistive Technology Ltd	£12,416,164	15
We Are With You	£10,338,331	19
NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly ICB	£10,012,852	1,186
Pyramid Schools (Cornwall) Ltd	£9,943,916	46
GB/121 Cabs	£9,760,815	155
Arcadis LLP	£9,102,375	290
United Response Services Ltd	£8,228,680	711
WBJ Cars Ltd	£7,945,991	244
Keys PCE Ltd	£7,880,171	2,248
Penhellis Community Care Ltd	£7,485,332	4,215
Cornwallis Care Services Ltd Godrevy House	£7,401,942	97
Wave Multi Academy Trust	£6,975,965	52
Special Partnership Trust	£6,952,053	61
Transforming Futures MAT Ltd	£6,618,513	11
Sanctuary Care Ltd	£6,197,304	1,205
Royal Mencap Society	£6,172,275	858
Bowden Derra Park	£6,091,521	511
Salutem Shared Services	£5,906,780	375
Clarke Willmott	£5,889,828	89
MWJV	£5,591,846	175
Elborough Care Services Ltd	£5,546,110	603
Post Office Ltd	£5,521,531	18
Morgan Sindall Construction & Infrastructure Ltd	£5,473,916	8
Rainbow Support Ltd	£5,465,253	2,244
Cornwall College	£5,262,052	45
Phoenix Software Ltd	£5,079,156	20
First Call Care Solutions Ltd T/A Continuum Care (Cornwall)	£4,959,736	314

Spending by category (our classification)

Payments this site classifies into each category from the supplier and the council's description; most payments fall into none. The rules are on the methodology page.

Cornwall: payments by category (our classification)



The supplier is another council, a police, fire or NHS body, a government department or agency, or a pension fund.

1. NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly ICB: £10,012,852 (1186 payments)
2. Wave Multi Academy Trust: £6,975,965 (52 payments)
3. Laser Energy Buying Group (Kent County Council): £4,797,952 (1026 payments)
4. St Barnabas C of E Multi Academy Trust: £1,673,596 (225 payments)
5. Plymouth City Council: £1,565,811 (20 payments)
6. Devon County Council: £1,214,913 (26 payments)
7. Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust: £1,057,631 (14 payments)
8. Crofty Multi Academy Trust: £824,277 (10 payments)
9. An Daras Multi Academy Trust: £684,329 (88 payments)
10. University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust: £666,011 (37 payments)

The supplier is one of a named list of large firms that run council services under contract. A payment to one is often a routine instalment on a long contract.

1. Biffa Environmental Municipal Services Ltd (Cory): £48,599,829 (50 payments)
2. Morgan Sindall Construction & Infrastructure Ltd: £5,473,916 (8 payments)
3. Kier Construction Ltd: £440,301 (3 payments)
4. G4s Cash Solutions (Uk) Ltd: £70,629 (63 payments)
5. Biffa Waste Services Ltd: £37,955 (42 payments)
6. Colas Ltd: £20,900 (4 payments)
7. Biffa Environmental Municipal Services Ltd: £9,780 (2 payments)
8. Capita Business Services Ltd: £7,467 (2 payments)
9. Glendale Countryside Ltd: £6,900 (1 payment)
10. Churchill Contract Services: £3,376 (1 payment)

The supplier is a law firm or chambers, or the council describes the payment as legal fees, counsel or court fees.

1. Thurstan Hoskin Solicitors: £500,171 (2 payments)
2. Walters & Barbary Solicitors LLP: £415,000 (1 payment)
3. G&I Chisholm Solicitors: £326,857 (2 payments)
4. Maclachlan Solicitors Limited: £284,847 (1 payment)
5. Sharpe Pritchard LLP: £254,901 (121 payments)
6. Freeths LLP: £174,422 (58 payments)
7. Pinsent Masons: £138,035 (25 payments)
8. DGB Solicitors LLP: £120,000 (1 payment)
9. Alister Pilling Solicitors: £63,562 (1 payment)
10. Capsticks Solicitors LLP: £43,837 (2 payments)

The supplier is a recruitment agency or consultancy on a named list, or the council describes the payment as consultancy, agency or interim staff, or professional fees.

1. Comensura Ltd: £14,138,695 (110 payments)
2. Grant Thornton Ltd: £479,992 (7 payments)
3. Hays Specialist Recruitment Ltd: £55,777 (31 payments)
4. Matthew Reed KC: £11,200 (1 payment)
5. Penna Plc: £10,500 (4 payments)

The supplier is on a named list of IT and telecoms firms, or the council describes the payment as software, licences, IT, hardware, hosting or telephony.

1. Phoenix Software Ltd: £5,079,156 (20 payments)
2. Daisy Fays Falmouth: £1,158,692 (45 payments)
3. Daisy Fays Nursery - St Ives: £1,075,363 (51 payments)
4. British Telecom: £889,641 (127 payments)
5. Daisy Fays Truro: £773,478 (63 payments)
6. Oracle Corporation UK Ltd: £771,465 (19 payments)
7. Daisy Fays Nursery: £709,733 (56 payments)
8. Daisy Fays Nursery Tresillian: £625,528 (40 payments)
9. Civica Election Services: £503,387 (14 payments)
10. Civica Uk Ltd: £285,220 (16 payments)

The council describes the payment as advertising, marketing, publicity or public relations. Recruitment and statutory notices are left out.

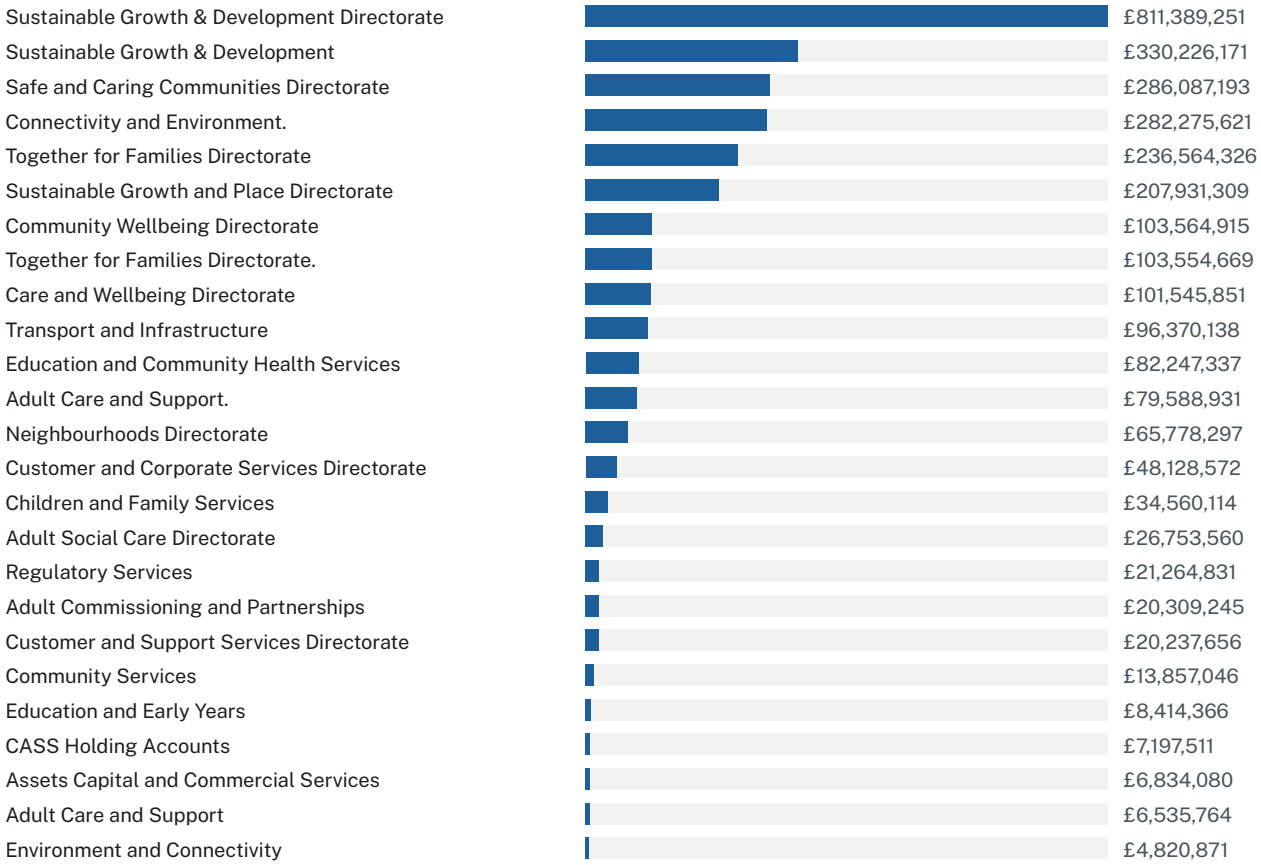
1. Global Media Group Services Ltd: £10,087 (6 payments)
2. Bauer Radio Ltd: £8,593 (6 payments)
3. Fernbank Advertising Ltd: £1,855 (1 payment)
4. Idenna Ltd: £1,310 (1 payment)
5. Flying Pig Publishing: £700 (1 payment)

The council describes the payment as travel, fares, flights, subsistence or hotels. Homeless and temporary accommodation, and home to school and client transport, are left out.

1. Corserv Solutions Ltd t/a Cormac Solutions: £603,324 (103 payments)
2. Sustrans Ltd: £43,500 (1 payment)

Spending by the council's own service areas

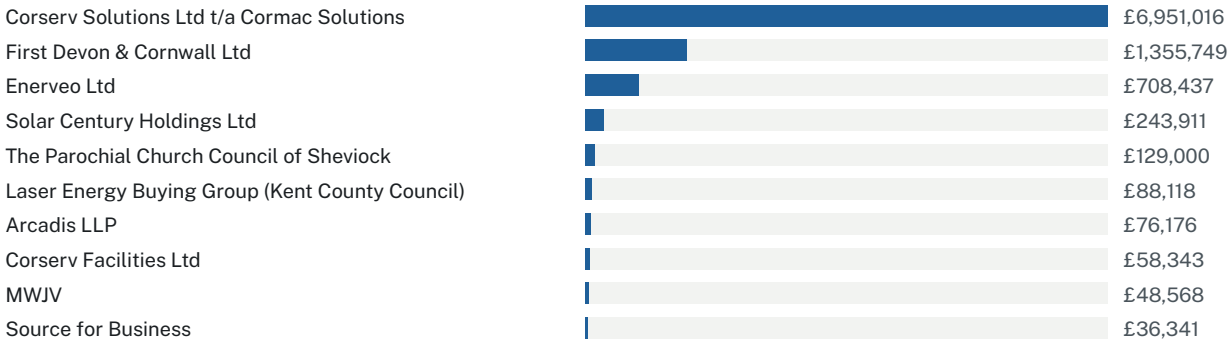
Cornwall: payments by service area, as the council labels them



Who is paid for grounds, street cleaning, roads and bins?

The suppliers paid most for each kind of work, where the council's own labels say what the payment was for (our matching). A council that does the work with its own staff pays mostly wages, which are not in this data, so a short list here can mean the work is done in-house.

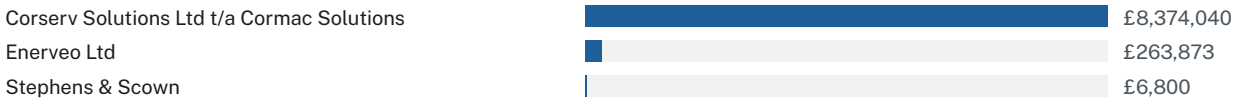
Parks and open spaces (including play areas): largest suppliers



Street cleaning: largest suppliers



Road and bridge maintenance: largest suppliers



Consultancy and agency against the pay bill

Payments we classify as consultancy and agency staff came to **3.6%** of Cornwall's own staff costs in its 2025-26 revenue return, against a median of 8.4% for the other unitary councils in England read so far. The payments and the staff costs come from different sources and periods, so this is a guide to scale.

Search every payment

Searching needs JavaScript. Every payment is in one JSON file.

Every payment, as the council published it, is in one JSON file; the search can download any selection as CSV.

What this data does and doesn't show

- It is the council's own record of payments of £500 or more. It leaves out salaries, most staff costs and many internal costs, so it is not the council's whole spending.
- Descriptions are the council's own and vary in quality; some are codes, some are blank, and some supplier names are withheld to protect individuals.
- A large payment to one supplier is often a routine instalment on a long contract that was tendered openly.
- The categories and the matching to services are this site's classification from keywords, not the council's. The rules are on the methodology page.

Sources

Cornwall, spending over £500, published here. Licence as the council states it: not stated. Checked 2026-09-24; files read 2026-11-13.

- February 2026 CSV (2026-02), file dated 2026-04-07: 13,134 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-13.
- January 2026 CSV (2026-01), file dated 2026-04-01: 12,946 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-13.
- December 2025 CSV (2025-12), file dated 2026-03-18: 14,152 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-13.
- November 2025 CSV (2025-11), file dated 2026-03-18: 12,043 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-13.
- October 2025 CSV (2025-10), file dated 2026-03-18: 13,814 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-13.
- September 2025 CSV (2025-09), file dated 2026-03-18: 13,964 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-13.
- August 2025 CSV (2025-08), file dated 2026-03-18: 11,146 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-13.
- July 2025 CSV (2025-07), file dated 2026-03-18: 14,428 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-13.
- June 2025 CSV (2025-06), file dated 2025-08-19: 11,312 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-13.
- May 2025 CSV (2025-05), file dated 2025-08-11: 28,845 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-13.
- April 2025 CSV (2025-04), file dated 2025-07-29: 22,536 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-13.
- March 2025 CSV (2025-03), file dated 2025-07-09: 36,850 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-13.
- February 2025 CSV (2025-02), file dated 2025-06-02: 16,780 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-13.

Cornwall: senior pay and councillor allowances

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/councils/pay-and-allowances/cornwall/

In its draft statement of accounts for 2025-26, Cornwall reports total remuneration of **£247,796** for its chief executive (including employer pension contributions), **26** employees paid £100,000 or more, and **£2,131,000** paid in members' allowances.

Key figures

£247,796
Chief Executive, 2025-26

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

£2,131,000
Members' allowances, 2025-26

£19,430
Basic allowance per councillor, 2026-27

Chief Executive

Total remuneration of **£247,796** in 2025-26, including employer pension contributions. That is up 3.5% on 2024-25 (£239,479). The median among the 4 other unitary councils in England collected so far is £242,676.

From the accounts: Chief Executive - Kate Kennally. 2025/26: salary, fees and allowances 208,114; expense allowances 846; pension 38,836; total 247,796. 2024/25: 201,661; 1,178; 36,640; 239,479. Total excluding pension is not printed.

PDF page 89 (printed page 87), Note 30

Employees paid £50,000 or more

1,193 employees in 2025-26, up 25.7% on 2024-25 (949). 26 were paid £100,000 or more, 4.5 per 100,000 residents. The median among the 7 other unitary councils in England collected so far is 4.9 per 100,000.

Cornwall: employees by pay band, as printed

Band	2025-26	2024-25
£50,000 to £54,999	447	417
£55,000 to £59,999	305	183
£60,000 to £64,999	135	129
£65,000 to £69,999	116	57
£70,000 to £74,999	47	38
£75,000 to £79,999	32	32
£80,000 to £84,999	32	18
£85,000 to £89,999	19	29
£90,000 to £94,999	25	10
£95,000 to £99,999	9	7
£100,000 to £104,999	4	1
£105,000 to £109,999	2	6
£110,000 to £114,999	1	4
£115,000 to £119,999	5	4
£120,000 to £124,999	2	6
£125,000 to £129,999	5	0
£130,000 to £134,999	0	1
£135,000 to £139,999	1	1
£140,000 to £144,999	0	0
£145,000 to £149,999	1	1
£150,000 to £154,999	1	1
£155,000 to £159,999	0	2
£160,000 to £164,999	0	0
£165,000 to £169,999	3	1
£200,000 to £204,999	0	1
£205,000 to £209,999	1	0

Includes schools staff. Includes senior officers. From the accounts: 'The Council's employees receiving more than £50,000 remuneration for the year (excluding employer's pension contributions)': School Staff (teachers and other school-based staff), Other Staff and Total; counts are Total (1,193 in 2025/26; 949 in 2024/25). 'Consistent with the approach taken in prior years, this table includes senior employees also included in the previous table. It does not include employees of Joint Committees.' Dashes recorded as 0.

Source: Cornwall, Statement of Accounts 2025/26 (draft), PDF pages 89-90 (printed pages 87-88), Note 30. Read by hand; checked 2026-09-24.

Councillors' allowances

£2,131,000 in 2025-26, down 0.4% on 2024-25 (£2,139,000), or £3.64 per resident. The median among the 7 other unitary councils in England collected so far is £3.81 per resident.

Cornwall: allowances paid, 2024-25, from its published list

Paid as	Total
Basic allowances	£1,594,351
Special responsibility allowances	£455,561
Expenses	£50,886
All	£2,100,799

The basic allowance for each councillor is £19,430 a year (2026-27).

From the accounts: "Allowances 2.071 (restated 2024/25 2.085); Expenses* 0.015 (0.011); Travel 0.045 (0.043); Total 2.131 (2.139) £m. *Prior year comparator amended as incorrectly stated last year." (PDF page 88 (printed page 86), Note 29)

Published allowances: Allowances Paid to Councillors 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

What this data does and doesn't show

- Every figure is as Cornwall 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.
- Accounts treated as draft: the auditor's report pages read 'To follow on completion of the Audit.' The latest allowances-paid publication found is 2024-25 (no 2025-26 list on the council page at the time of checking). It prints only a grand total (£2,100,798.51); basic, SRA and expenses are our column sums (expenses = Travel and subsistence 42,564.57 + Dependents Carers' Allowance 8,321.75) and reconcile to the printed total. Basic rate is from the Members' Allowances Scheme (Updated June 2026) schedule 'from 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027': Basic allowance, all Councillors, £19,429.51. The council's 'support available to councillors' page states a Basic Allowance of £18,367.84 without a year; the 2024-25 list shows 18,367.80 for a full year.

Sources and licences

Every dataset behind the figures in this document, with its publisher, the date its figures are as of, and the licence they are used under.

Source	Publisher	Figures as of	Licence	Used in
Council Tax levels set by local authorities in England	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	the 2026–27 financial year	Open Government Licence v3.0	Cornwall: your area; Council tax in Cornwall; Where your council tax goes in Cornwall
https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/council-tax-statistics				
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	Cornwall: your area; Parking income in Cornwall UA
https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/local-authority-revenue-expenditure-and-financing-england-revenue-outturn-multi-year-data-set				
Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: Revenue Outturn multi-year data set	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	28 September 2026	Open Government Licence v3.0	Where your council tax goes in Cornwall
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6ab26ffffe72ed1e2b02ee74/Revenue_Outturn_time_series_data_v4.csv				
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 Cornwall UA
https://www.legislation.gov.uk/				

How to use and cite this document

Published by Tekstak Ltd (https://tek-stak.co.uk). Our words, analysis and charts are licensed under CC BY 4.0 (https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/), credit Tekstak Ltd. Figures from other bodies are used under each source's own licence, listed in the sources appendix. You may reuse our words and charts with credit.

This site takes no side. Every figure is quoted from the body that publishes it, with its date and source; views are attributed to the people and organisations who hold them. Our neutrality policy: https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/neutrality/

Generated on 13 November 2026. The live version, which may have newer figures, is at https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/reports/#council-cornwall.