

# Croydon 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.

## Croydon: your area

**£2,600**

Band D council tax, 2026-27  
+£119 (+4.8%) vs 2025-26  
As of 6 April 2026

**£14.9m**

Parking surplus, 2025-26  
As of 6 April 2025

**36.3%**

Household waste recycled,  
2024-25

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Band A, the lowest  
As of 6 April 2026

**+£189**

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

## Where your council tax goes in Croydon

**£2,599.91**

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

**£2,049.60**

Goes to Croydon itself (79%)  
As of 6 April 2026

**£654.28**

Largest line: adult social care  
As of 17 September 2026

## Parking income in Croydon

**£14.94m**

Parking surplus  
-£3.64m (-19.6%) vs 2024-25  
2025-26

**£28.12m**

Parking income  
-£0.10m (-0.4%) vs 2024-25  
2025-26

**£13.18m**

Spending on parking  
+£3.54m (+36.7%) vs 2024-25  
2025-26

## Croydon: spending over £500

**£1.02bn**

Paid in payments of £500 or more,  
latest year

**123,184**

Payments

**3,677**

Suppliers

## Croydon: senior pay and councillor allowances

**£219,667**

Chief Executive, 2025-26

**44**

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

**£1,438,000**

Members' allowances, 2025-26

# Croydon: your area

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Croydon sets a Band D council tax of **£2,600** for 2026-27, 36 of 296 councils in England from the highest. Police: Metropolitan Police. Fire and rescue: London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority. Health: NHS South West London 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

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A roads where maintenance  
should be considered, 2024-25

**29%**

Reserves as a share of spending,  
2025-26

## What is the council tax in Croydon?

Band D is **£2,600** a year for 2026-27, and Band A, the lowest, **£1,733**. That is £189 above the England average of £2,411, 36 of 296 in England from the highest.

Of a Band D bill, **£2,089** goes to Croydon.

[Every band, who gets the money and how Croydon compares](#)

[Where your council tax goes: from your bill to each service](#)

[Every payment over £500 that Croydon publishes](#)

[Croydon: senior pay and councillors' allowances](#)

## How does the council compare?

- Council tax rise this year 4.8% Lower than the England figure of 4.9%
- Council tax per head £877 Higher than the England figure of £796
- Ombudsman uphold rate 89% (42 of 47) Higher than the England figure of 86%
- Reserves as a share of net spending 29% Lower than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £9,689 Higher than the England figure of £3,474
- Accounts, 2024-25 Delivered by backstop 92% 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 62% of assessed councils are good or outstanding
- A roads needing maintenance considered 9% Higher than the England figure of 5%
- Recycling rate 36.3% Lower than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 93.0% 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 Croydon

| Measure                                                   | Figure | Period                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| A roads where maintenance should be considered            | 9%     | 2024-25                        |
| B and C roads where maintenance should be considered      | —      | 2024-25                        |
| Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered | 17%    | 2024-25                        |
| Household waste reused, recycled or composted             | 36.3%  | 2024-25                        |
| Major planning decisions made on time                     | 93.0%  | 24 months to end of March 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 Croydon

| Authority | Year    | Income | Surplus |
|-----------|---------|--------|---------|
| Croydon   | 2025-26 | £28.1m | £14.9m  |

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, or [find any MP by name or constituency](#).

## How much crime is recorded here?

In the 12 months to June 2026, police recorded **82.7 crimes per 1,000 residents** in Croydon, excluding anti-social behaviour, against 82.4 across England.

[Croydon on the crime map, down to streets of a few hundred homes](#)

### Your police precept

In London the police precept is part of the Mayor's precept on your bill. It funds **Metropolitan Police**, which has £4.0bn 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 Croydon are not what its precept bought.

[Metropolitan Police: funding, precept and results for the whole force](#)

## Who runs police, fire, health and ambulances here?

### The bodies that serve Croydon, and their latest money

| Service             | Body                                        | Latest           | Per resident |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Police              | Metropolitan Police                         | £4.0bn (2026-27) | £440         |
| Fire and rescue     | London Fire Brigade                         | £576m (2025-26)  | £63.15       |
| Ambulance           | London Ambulance Service NHS Trust          | £756m (2024-25)  | £82.58       |
| NHS                 | NHS South West London Integrated Care Board | £4.7bn (2028-29) | £3,023       |
| Roads               | Croydon                                     | £15m (2025-26)   | £35.85       |
| Schools             | Croydon                                     | £359m (2026-27)  | £875         |
| Council spending    | Croydon                                     | £878m (2025-26)  | £2,141       |
| Social care         | Croydon                                     | £351m (2024-25)  | £859         |
| Housing             | Croydon                                     | £71m (2025-26)   | £172         |
| Waste and recycling | Croydon                                     | not published    | —            |

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

See Croydon 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 Croydon? Band D is £2,600 a year for 2026-27. [Every band](#).
- Which police force covers Croydon? Metropolitan Police police force area. Fire and rescue: London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.

# Council tax in Croydon

Your area · Last updated 23 September 2026 · <https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/croydon/>

Council tax in Croydon for 2026-27 is **£2,600 a year for a Band D home**, £1,733 for Band A and £5,200 for the top band. That is £189 above the England average of £2,411. It ranks 36 of 296 billing areas in England. Figures are the council's own set rates.

## Key figures

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**36 of 296**

Rank in England, highest first  
As of 6 April 2026

## What is the bill for each band?

Council tax by band in Croydon, bands A to H

| Band   | A year    | A month |
|--------|-----------|---------|
| Band A | £1,733.27 | £144.44 |
| Band B | £2,022.15 | £168.51 |
| Band C | £2,311.03 | £192.59 |
| Band D | £2,599.91 | £216.66 |
| Band E | £3,177.67 | £264.81 |
| Band F | £3,755.43 | £312.95 |
| Band G | £4,333.18 | £361.10 |
| Band H | £5,199.82 | £433.32 |

## Who gets the money?

Band D bill in Croydon by receiving body

| Who receives it         | Band D | Share |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|
| Croydon                 | £2,089 | 80%   |
| Other precepting bodies | £511   | 20%   |

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 **£189** above the England average, 36 of 296 councils from the highest.

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

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Oldham            | £2,602 |
| Torridge          | £2,601 |
| Rochdale          | £2,601 |
| Mansfield         | £2,600 |
| Croydon (Croydon) | £2,600 |
| Woking            | £2,598 |
| South Oxfordshire | £2,598 |
| Northumberland    | £2,597 |
| East Devon        | £2,595 |

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

How does Croydon compare? The report card

Official figures on complaints, finances, audit, pay and services for Croydon, 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: Croydon, 2025-26

| Measure                                                                  | Croydon | For comparison                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Complaints and enquiries received                                        | 363     | —                                                                 |
| Complaints and enquiries decided                                         | 281     | 218 in 2024-25                                                    |
| Detailed investigations                                                  | 47      | —                                                                 |
| Upheld                                                                   | 42      | —                                                                 |
| Uphold rate                                                              | 89%     | 86% for every body the Ombudsman covers; 88% for similar councils |
| Upheld cases where the council had already offered a satisfactory remedy | 14%     | 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                                                   | 89%     | —                                                                 |

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 2 findings of severe maladministration against London Borough of Croydon in 2025-26, out of 86 findings in 36 determinations. Its maladministration rate for this landlord was 69%.

Source: [Housing Ombudsman Service, Annual complaints review: landlord tables](#), 2025-26.

## How healthy are its finances?

### Reserves, spending and borrowing: Croydon

| Measure                                  | Croydon | For comparison                            |
|------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------|
| Net revenue spending, 2025-26            | £401.7m | —                                         |
| Reserves at the end of 2025-26           | £117.7m | —                                         |
| Reserves as a share of net spending      | 29%     | 50% for England; 32% in 2024-25           |
| Outstanding borrowing at 30 June 2026    | £1.64bn | —                                         |
| Borrowing per home on the valuation list | £9,689  | £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.

The council has issued a section 114 report since 2018. It is under statutory intervention by the government. It was agreed Exceptional Financial Support for 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27. Each is dated and linked in the events below.

## What have the auditors said?

### Audit of the accounts: Croydon

| Accounts year | Status recorded by PSAA         | Opinion signed   |
|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 2024-25       | Delivered by backstop           | 27 February 2026 |
| 2023-24       | Post backstop opinion delivered | 18 August 2025   |

"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](#), 2024-25.

## What are senior staff and councillors paid?

### Pay and allowances: Croydon, from the statement of accounts

| Measure                        | 2025-26    | 2024-25    |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Employees paid £50,000 or more | 1,455      | 1,203      |
| Councillors' allowances        | £1,438,000 | £1,337,000 |

The count is up 252 on the year before. 'Out of more than 7,000 employees, the number whose remuneration, excluding on-costs and allowances, was £50,000 or more in bands of £5,000'. 'The table above does not include the members of the Corporate Management Team listed on the following page on note 27B'. Schools and Non-Schools columns, no combined column; totals Schools 356 / Non-Schools 1,099 (2025/26) and 274 / 929 (2024/25). Values checked against word positions in the PDF; runs of all-zero bands collapsed here. The accounts describe the allowances figure as "Total allowances paid to the Members of the Council was £1.438m in 2025/26 (£1.337m in 2024/25). The Council pays employer's national insurance on Members' allowances, taking the total cost to £1.601m in 2025/26 (£1.478m in 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: [Croydon, Statement of Accounts 2025-26 \(draft\)](#), PDF page 68 (printed page 69), Note 27. Checked 24 September 2026.

## How are its services rated?

## Service ratings and performance: Croydon

| Measure                                                              | Croydon | For comparison                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Children's services, Ofsted overall effectiveness                    | Good    | 3 December 2024. 73% of English councils judged good or outstanding |
| Adult social care, CQC assessment                                    | Good    | 3 October 2025. 62% of assessed councils rated good or outstanding  |
| A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25              | 9%      | 5% in England                                                       |
| Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25   | 17%     | 17% in England                                                      |
| Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting, 2024-25     | 36.3%   | 42.0% for England                                                   |
| Major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of march 2026     | 93.0%   | 91.0% for England                                                   |
| Non-major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of March 2026 | 90.6%   | 90.8% 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 March 2026.

## What has happened recently?

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

- 7 May 2026 Election [Local election: 70 seats won](#) Conservative and Unionist Party 28, Labour and Co-operative Party 23, Green Party 8, Labour Party 7, Liberal Democrats 2, Reform UK 2 Democracy Club
- 1 April 2026 Council tax [Council tax for 2026-27: Band D £2,600, up 4.8% on the year before](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 24 March 2026 Intervention report [Ministerial response to the Commissioners' first report](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 24 March 2026 Intervention report [Commissioners' first report](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 27 February 2026 Audit [Auditor's opinion on the 2024-25 accounts signed](#) PSAA records the status as "Delivered by backstop"; auditor Grant Thornton UK LLP. Public Sector Audit Appointments
- 23 February 2026 Exceptional Financial Support [Exceptional Financial Support agreed in principle for 2026-27](#) £119.0m (support agreed in-principle); Note: For support agreed in-principle for 2025-26, this has been revised to £110.3m (from £136.0m) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 17 July 2025 Statutory intervention [Directions made under the Local Government Act 1999 \(17 July 2025\)](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 27 June 2025 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, homelessness](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 23-015-996. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
- 28 February 2025 Audit backstop [Listed by MHCLG as not meeting the audit backstop requirements for 2023-24](#) Draft accounts published by the deadline: yes. Audit opinion delivered by the backstop date: no. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 21 February 2025 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, assessment and care plan](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 23-020-786. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman

11. 20 February 2025 Exceptional Financial Support [Exceptional Financial Support agreed in principle for 2025-26](#) £136.0m (support agreed in-principle); This was subsequently revised to £110.3m (support agreed in-principle); Note: For support agreed in-principle for 2023-24, this has been revised to £50.0m (from £63.0m), and for support agreed in-principle for 2024-25, this has been revised to £51m (from £38m) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
12. 13 December 2024 Audit backstop [Listed by MHCLG as not meeting the audit backstop requirements for 2022-23](#) Draft accounts published by the deadline: no. Audit opinion delivered by the backstop date: not stated. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
13. 29 February 2024 Exceptional Financial Support [Exceptional Financial Support agreed in principle for 2024-25](#) £38.0m (support agreed in-principle); This was subsequently revised to: £51.0m (support agreed in-principle for 2024-25); £9.4m for 2019-20 Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
14. 29 February 2024 Exceptional Financial Support [Exceptional Financial Support agreed in principle for 2023-24](#) £63.0m (support agreed in-principle); This was subsequently revised to: £50.0m (support agreed in-principle for 2023-24); £126m for 2019-20; £10m for 2020-21; £14.4m for 2021-22; £11.2m agreed in-principle for 2022-23 Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
15. 20 July 2023 Statutory intervention [Directions made under the Local Government Act 1999 \(20 July 2023\)](#) · Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
16. 29 November 2022 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, looked after children](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 21-008-544. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
17. 28 November 2022 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, other](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 21-013-878. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
18. 22 November 2022 Section 114 report [Section 114\(3\) report issued](#) London Borough of Croydon
19. 16 June 2022 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, assessment and care plan](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 20-000-380. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
20. 23 May 2022 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, homelessness](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 21-004-836. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
21. 5 May 2022 Election [Local election: 70 seats won](#) Conservative and Unionist Party 33, Labour Party 24, Labour and Co-operative Party 10, Green Party 2, Liberal Democrats 1 Democracy Club
22. 28 March 2022 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, other](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 20-009-010. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
23. 4 November 2021 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, assessment and care plan](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 20-003-686. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
24. 2 December 2020 Section 114 report [Section 114\(3\) report issued](#) Dated 2 December 2020 on the council's own report. The House of Commons Library table gives 2 December 2021. London Borough of Croydon
25. 11 November 2020 Section 114 report [Section 114\(3\) report issued](#) London Borough of Croydon

### Does the council think something here is wrong?

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

Council tax paid for 20.8% of the money Croydon had to spend in 2025-26. The rest came from government grants (41.4%), business rates (7.7%) and fees, charges and other income (29.4%), with 0.7% 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 [Croydon: parking, roads, your MP and local services](#), and [Croydon on the council map](#).

## Common questions

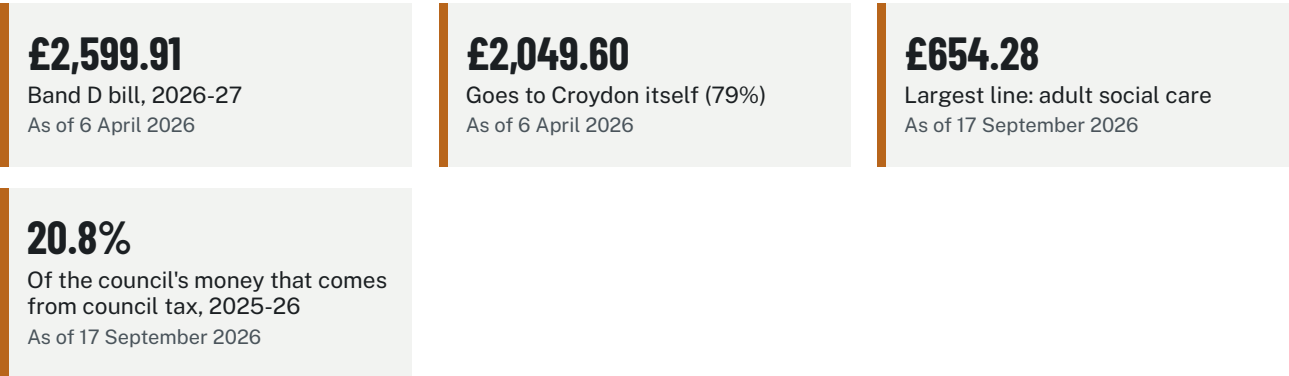
- How much is council tax in Croydon? Band D is £2,600 a year for 2026-27. Band A is £1,733 and the top band £5,200.
- Is council tax in Croydon higher than average? Yes. Band D here is £189 above the England average of £2,411.

# Where your council tax goes in Croydon

Your area · Last updated 23 September 2026 · <https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/croydon/where-it-goes/>

A Band D council tax bill in **Croydon** is **£2,599.91** for 2026-27, split between Croydon £2,049.60, Croydon: adult social care precept, this year's increase £39.80, Greater London Authority (Mayor, TfL, London Fire Brigade) £176.38, Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime £334.13. Shared out in proportion to what each body spends, the largest single line is adult social care at Croydon: **£654.28** of the bill. Council tax pays for 21% of the council's own spending; the rest is government grant, business rates and fees.

## Key figures



## Who gets your bill

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

## 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 Croydon 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.

Croydon, 2025-26

| Line                                          | Net spending | Per resident | Similar councils, per resident | Per mile of road           | Change                |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Parks and open spaces (including play areas)  | £6.5m        | £16          | £13                            | —                          | up 7.1% on 2024-25    |
| Street cleaning                               | £9.3m        | £23          | £24                            | £19,330 (similar: £23,020) | up 49.6% on 2024-25   |
| Road and bridge maintenance                   | £2.4m        | £5.79        | £11                            | £4,927 (similar: £11,464)  | down 29.0% on 2024-25 |
| Environmental, safety and routine maintenance | £2.4m        | £5.79        | £6.76                          | £4,927 (similar: £7,966)   | down 26.3% on 2024-25 |
| Winter service (gritting)                     | £496k        | £1.21        | £0.77                          | £1,029 (similar: £784)     | up 86.5% on 2024-25   |
| Street lighting (including energy)            | £11.9m       | £29          | £6.86                          | £24,612 (similar: £7,486)  | up 71.9% 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

Croydon: net spending per resident by service, 2025-26, against the median for London boroughs

| Service                               | Per resident | Median |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Education                             | £805         | £990   |
| Adult social care                     | £476         | £438   |
| Children's social care                | £369         | £291   |
| Housing (not council homes)           | £172         | £146   |
| Environment and regulation            | £106         | £104   |
| Public health                         | £74          | £89    |
| Running the council                   | £40          | £69    |
| Roads and transport                   | £40          | £-2.33 |
| Parks, leisure, libraries and culture | £26          | £40    |
| Planning and development              | £19          | £24    |
| Other services                        | £14          | £17    |

- Croydon spent **16.3%** of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2025-26 (median for London boroughs: 33.7%); the rest went on suppliers, contractors, grants, benefits and other running costs.
- Its published payments of £500 or more came to **£1.02bn** between 2025-09 and 2026-08. 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 **28.8%** of its staff costs (median among the 5 other London boroughs whose £500 data is read: 12.4%). 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 17 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 Croydon](#) and [everything else about Croydon](#).

## Common questions

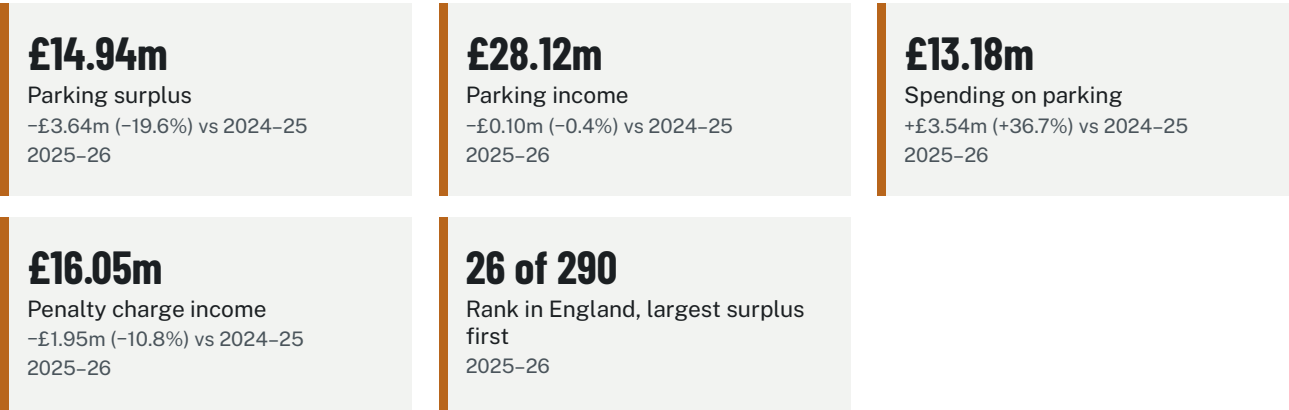
- **What does council tax pay for in Croydon?** A Band D bill of £2,599.91 is split between Croydon, Croydon: adult social care precept, this year's increase, Greater London Authority (Mayor, TfL, London Fire Brigade), Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime. In proportion to spending, the largest line is adult social care, £654.28.
- **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 Croydon

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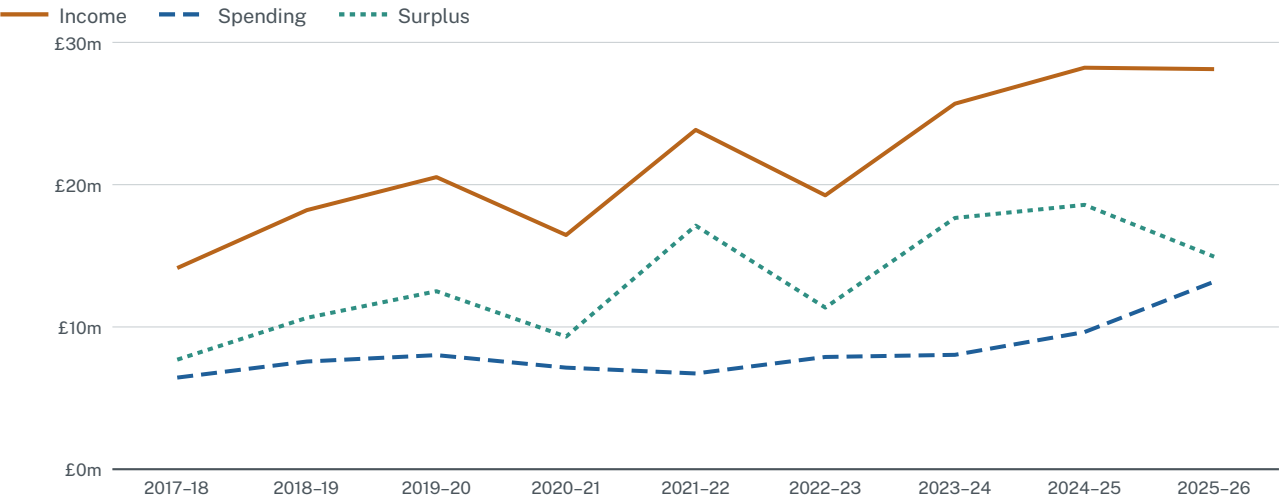
In 2025–26 Croydon took **£28.1m** in parking income and spent **£13.2m**, a **surplus of £14.9m** against £18.6m in 2024–25 (–20%), the 26th largest of 290 councils in England. Penalty charges brought in £16.0m. Figures are from the council's own return to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

## Key figures



## How much has Croydon made from parking each year?

Croydon: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million



Croydon: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million. Income: £14.14m in 2017–18, £28.12m in 2025–26. Spending: £6.44m in 2017–18, £13.18m in 2025–26. Surplus: £7.7m in 2017–18, £14.94m in 2025–26.

Croydon: on-street and car park accounts

| Year    | On-street income | On-street spending | Car park income | Car park spending | Penalty income |
|---------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 2017-18 | £13.34m          | £5.64m             | £0.81m          | £0.80m            | £6.20m         |
| 2018-19 | £11.98m          | £4.69m             | £6.23m          | £2.88m            | £-0.02m        |
| 2019-20 | £18.05m          | £4.91m             | £2.48m          | £3.11m            | £11.22m        |
| 2020-21 | £15.72m          | £6.43m             | £0.73m          | £0.70m            | £9.72m         |
| 2021-22 | £22.74m          | £6.33m             | £1.11m          | £0.40m            | £13.09m        |
| 2022-23 | £17.80m          | £7.30m             | £1.45m          | £0.59m            | £11.22m        |
| 2023-24 | £24.32m          | £7.44m             | £1.37m          | £0.60m            | £13.01m        |
| 2024-25 | £26.88m          | £9.12m             | £1.35m          | £0.52m            | £18.00m        |
| 2025-26 | £26.19m          | £12.69m            | £1.93m          | £0.49m            | £16.05m        |

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

What can Croydon 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 Croydon compare with other councils?

Croydon among the England councils nearest it, parking surplus 2025-26

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Manchester           | £17.03m |
| Havering             | £16.18m |
| Richmond upon Thames | £15.62m |
| North Yorkshire      | £15.12m |
| Croydon (Croydon)    | £14.94m |
| Barnet               | £14.93m |
| Merton               | £14.55m |
| Bristol UA           | £14.18m |
| Hounslow             | £13.54m |

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.

# Croydon: spending over £500

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Croydon published 123,184 payments of £500 or more between September 2025 and August 2026, worth £1.02bn in all, to 3,677 suppliers. The largest total went to Adecco UK Ltd: £43.6m across 52 payments. These are the council's own published records; the gaps in them are listed below.

## Key figures

**£1.02bn**

Paid in payments of £500 or more, latest year

**123,184**

Payments

**3,677**

Suppliers

**12 of 12**

Months with payments published

## What the council published

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

### Gaps and problems in the data, as published:

- 20.9% of payments (£74,239,405) have the supplier name withheld or redacted by the council, usually because the payee is an individual.
- 1565 credits and refunds (negative amounts, £23,091,116 in all) are included, so totals are net.

## Top 50 suppliers by value

Croydon: the 50 suppliers paid most, September 2025 to August 2026

| Supplier                                                      | Paid        | Payments |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Names withheld by the council                                 | £74,239,405 | 25,768   |
| Adecco UK Ltd                                                 | £43,579,144 | 52       |
| Veolia ES (UK) Limited                                        | £37,552,195 | 81       |
| F M Conway Ltd_                                               | £26,800,265 | 27       |
| Provide Equipment Hub Limited                                 | £22,737,636 | 102      |
| Viridor Waste Management Limited t/a Viridor South London Ltd | £21,229,184 | 11       |
| Teachers Pensions Agency_                                     | £15,715,074 | 24       |

| Supplier                                 | Paid        | Payments |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Croydon Health Services NHS Trust        | £15,070,189 | 23       |
| Croydon & Lewisham Lighting Services Ltd | £11,759,904 | 11       |
| Transport Trading Ltd                    | £11,255,938 | 4        |
| St Nicholas EB00000106_                  | £8,160,806  | 28       |
| Archbishop Tenison High EB00000007_      | £7,612,574  | 42       |
| Serenity School Old Palace Croydon Ltd   | £7,572,274  | 10       |
| Bensham Manor EB00000014_                | £7,422,743  | 27       |
| Caring 4 Croydon Ltd                     | £6,736,101  | 15       |
| Priory EB00000074_                       | £6,582,170  | 26       |
| Thomas More High EB00000110_             | £6,268,696  | 33       |
| Caridon Property Services_               | £5,927,876  | 65       |
| St Marys High EB00000103_                | £5,899,117  | 25       |
| Redgates EB00000077_                     | £5,728,112  | 31       |
| KAT Transport Ltd                        | £5,637,457  | 1,744    |
| The Beckmead Trust                       | £5,369,506  | 16       |
| Wates                                    | £5,159,290  | 3,140    |
| London Borough of Sutton_                | £4,953,529  | 6        |
| Homes2Let UK Ltd                         | £4,888,560  | 16       |
| Purley Oaks Primary EB00000076_          | £4,826,104  | 44       |
| Addington Valley Academy                 | £4,637,808  | 15       |
| Care Uk Community Partnerships Ltd.      | £4,355,290  | 16       |
| Smitham Primary EB00000090_              | £4,266,664  | 40       |
| Downsview Primary EB00000038_            | £4,231,026  | 40       |
| OCS Group UK Limited                     | £4,116,649  | 455      |
| London Councils_                         | £4,086,121  | 33       |
| Change Grow Live Services                | £4,078,400  | 28       |
| Ridgeway Primary EB00000080_             | £4,012,474  | 47       |
| Elmwood Junior EB00000044_               | £3,986,560  | 33       |
| St Giles EB00000096_                     | £3,638,941  | 34       |
| Abel-living Ltd                          | £3,605,822  | 35       |
| Serenity School Eltham Ltd               | £3,451,352  | 12       |
| Horizon Education (South London) Limited | £3,429,971  | 161      |
| Ashburton Services Ltd                   | £3,281,890  | 35       |
| NORBURY HALL                             | £3,230,664  | 914      |
| Christchurch Primary EB00000024_         | £3,173,663  | 32       |
| Croydon College                          | £3,143,509  | 19       |
| Rockmount Primary EB00000081_            | £3,142,662  | 44       |
| Aura Assets Management Ltd               | £3,126,765  | 11       |
| Winterbourne Infants EB00000122_         | £3,115,078  | 37       |
| Howard Primary EB00000056_               | £3,091,640  | 31       |
| Serenity School Crawley Ltd              | £3,051,462  | 11       |
| Norbury Manor Primary EB00000066_        | £3,025,685  | 43       |
| Elmwood Infants EB00000043_              | £3,015,415  | 33       |

## 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](#).

### Croydon: payments by category (our classification)

|                                              |                                                                                    |             |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Consultancy and agency staff                 |  | £59,384,855 |
| Payments to other councils and public bodies |  | £46,908,215 |
| Large outsourcing and contracting firms      |  | £42,653,539 |
| Travel and accommodation                     |   | £26,280,530 |
| IT and software                              |   | £9,971,541  |
| Legal fees                                   |   | £2,804,502  |
| Communications and PR                        |   | £159,298    |
| Catering and hospitality                     |   | £18,870     |
| Conferences and events                       |   | £1,400      |

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

1. Croydon Health Services NHS Trust: £15,070,189 (23 payments)
2. London Borough of Sutton\_: £4,953,529 (6 payments)
3. London Borough Merton\_: £2,736,026 (6 payments)
4. Orchard Hill College Academy Trust: £2,715,471 (113 payments)
5. Royal Borough of Kingston\_: £1,989,362 (46 payments)
6. Step Academy Trust: £1,459,706 (75 payments)
7. LB Bromley Pension Fund(PENSION): £1,228,278 (4 payments)
8. Lambeth Pension Fund(PENSION): £917,990 (13 payments)
9. London Borough of Lambeth\_: £913,869 (10 payments)
10. Sutton Pension Fund(PENSION): £874,375 (36 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. Veolia ES (UK) Limited: £37,552,195 (81 payments)
2. OCS Group UK Limited: £4,116,649 (455 payments)
3. Glendale Countryside Limited: £870,946 (22 payments)
4. Liberata UK Ltd: £75,000 (12 payments)
5. OCS GROUP UK LTD (PM): £36,283 (7 payments)
6. Capita Pension Solutions Ltd: £1,350 (1 payment)
7. Eurovia Infrastructure Ltd: £1,116 (1 payment)

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

1. Browne Jacobson LLP\_: £778,829 (396 payments)
2. Four Brick Court: £262,143 (224 payments)
3. New Court Chambers: £142,980 (127 payments)
4. Kennedys Law LLP: £140,363 (82 payments)
5. Dac Beachcroft Claims Ltd\_: £107,253 (28 payments)
6. Cornerstone Barristers: £100,147 (60 payments)
7. One Crown Office Row: £84,535 (96 payments)
8. 42 Bedford Row Barristers: £84,175 (49 payments)
9. Mercer Ltd: £76,500 (9 payments)
10. Copping Joyce Surveyors Limited: £75,900 (57 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. Adecco UK Ltd: £43,579,144 (52 payments)
2. Ingeus UK Ltd: £2,963,785 (20 payments)
3. Bloom Procurement Services Ltd: £1,764,050 (7 payments)
4. Mazars Public Sector Internal Audit Ltd: £1,322,187 (144 payments)
5. Grant Thornton Uk LLP\_: £1,243,352 (20 payments)
6. Coleman & company Ltd: £1,097,978 (7 payments)
7. BPTW LLP: £1,008,697 (102 payments)
8. Heywood Ltd: £505,071 (8 payments)
9. Pellings LLP: £395,919 (24 payments)
10. Reed in Partnership Ltd: £395,742 (22 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. Bytes Software Services Limited: £2,458,486 (33 payments)
2. Littlefish (UK) LTD: £950,349 (37 payments)
3. Oracle Corporation UK Ltd: £740,032 (9 payments)
4. Liquid Logic: £524,021 (13 payments)
5. NEC SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS UK LIMITED: £489,303 (27 payments)
6. Wavenet Limited: £405,359 (42 payments)
7. Version 1 Solutions Limited: £315,745 (34 payments)
8. CDW LIMITED: £307,099 (24 payments)
9. Netcall Technology Ltd: £277,198 (1 payment)
10. Mosaic Schools Learning Trust: £245,181 (8 payments)

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

1. Newsquest Media Group Ltd: £68,934 (73 payments)
2. CAN Digital Solutions Ltd: £25,000 (5 payments)
3. Waythrough: £13,998 (1 payment)
4. BH Live Enterprises Ltd: £12,272 (1 payment)
5. Reach Publishing Services Limited: £10,365 (7 payments)
6. Printwell Uk Ltd: £7,157 (1 payment)
7. Interlace Group Limited T/A Interlace Creative Print: £5,903 (2 payments)
8. Croydon Football Club: £5,000 (2 payments)
9. Juice Unlimited Ltd T/A Creative Juice: £5,000 (1 payment)
10. TVOX LTD: £2,550 (1 payment)

The council describes the payment as a conference, seminar, exhibition, event or venue hire.

1. Names withheld by the council: £1,400 (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. KAT Transport Ltd: £5,514,770 (1736 payments)
2. Hats Group Ltd: £2,082,830 (418 payments)
3. IIM Transport Ltd: £2,012,757 (820 payments)
4. Kendall Cars\_: £1,920,301 (779 payments)
5. Sherwood Cars (London) Ltd: £1,534,501 (626 payments)
6. AJ Mobility & Training Services Limited: £1,293,278 (536 payments)
7. AJMINIBUS LTD: £1,140,200 (517 payments)
8. CHILDREN SERVICES TRANSPORT LTD: £764,387 (323 payments)

9. Elliot Leigh TLC: £701,727 (209 payments)

10. Croydon Private Hire Ltd: £699,591 (271 payments)

The council describes the payment as catering, hospitality or refreshments. School meals are left out.

1. Clocktower Cafe Ltd: £6,528 (5 payments)
2. Boxpark Trading Ltd: £6,033 (7 payments)
3. Kinship Carers Hub C.i.c.: £3,300 (1 payment)
4. TBXH@ Ltd: £958 (1 payment)
5. Adass: £755 (1 payment)
6. Nisbets Limited: £656 (1 payment)
7. Heavers Farm Primary School\_: £640 (1 payment)

## Spending by the council's own service areas

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

|                                                  |             |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| PRIMARY DELEGATED                                | £73,205,849 |
| PLACEMENTS TEAM                                  | £60,216,855 |
| SEND PRE AND POST 16 INDEPENDENT PROVISION       | £50,316,855 |
| AGENCY HOLDING ACCOUNT                           | £43,579,144 |
| MAINTAINED SPECIAL SCHOOLS                       | £38,687,419 |
| 25-65 LOCALITIES CARE PACKAGES - SOUTH           | £34,434,027 |
| WASTE COLLECTION AND STREET CLEANSING HOLDING... | £29,492,123 |
| UNDER TWO YEAR OLD FUNDING WORKING PARENTS       | £29,413,254 |
| CROYDON RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLAN                  | £29,152,923 |
| HIGHWAYS BUSINESS SUPPORT                        | £27,704,469 |
| ESTIMATES THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLD FUNDING        | £24,341,573 |
| EXTERNAL PLACEMENTS - RESIDENTIAL                | £24,023,173 |
| SPEC EDUCATION TRANSPORT                         | £21,667,976 |
| PHASE B HOLDING ACCOUNT                          | £21,229,184 |
| 25-65 LOCALITIES CARE PACKAGES - CENTRAL         | £19,700,999 |
| 25-65 LOCALITIES CARE PACKAGES - NORTH           | £19,336,989 |
| ESTIMATES TWO YEAR OLD FUNDING                   | £19,327,256 |
| PEHL LA CES CONTRACTS                            | £18,409,884 |
| MENTAL HEALTH CARE PACKAGES                      | £16,226,671 |
| OP LOCALITIES PACKAGES - PURLEY                  | £16,044,096 |
| TOP UP FUNDING IN-BOROUGH MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS     | £14,808,272 |
| TEACHERS PENSIONS CROYDON PAYROLL HOLDING...     | £14,642,324 |
| OP LOCALITIES PACKAGES-EAST CROYDON              | £14,416,283 |
| CONCESSIONARY FARES                              | £13,949,826 |
| 18 -25 TRANSITION CARE PACKAGES                  | £12,546,814 |

## 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

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Glendale Countryside Limited         | £637,065 |
| I & J Bushell Ltd                    | £296,887 |
| ROSA LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE LTD | £90,350  |
| Home & Dry Maintenance Ltd           | £40,361  |
| Surrey County Council_               | £37,784  |
| Meristem Design Limited              | £25,569  |
| White Horse Contractors Ltd          | £24,863  |
| DeterTech UK Limited                 | £22,418  |
| Redwood Global Limited t/a Först     | £19,175  |
| Groundman Tools & Supplies LLP       | £15,506  |

### Street cleaning: largest suppliers

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Veolia ES (UK) Limited | £4,833,856 |
|------------------------|------------|

### Waste collection: largest suppliers

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Rams Europe Ltd         | £172,500 |
| Tensid UK Ltd           | £35,741  |
| Pellings LLP (PSHR)     | £7,279   |
| London Councils_        | £2,000   |
| Aquam Water Services    | £1,628   |
| REXEL UK LIMITED_       | £1,297   |
| Back Care Solutions Ltd | £935     |
| Currys Group Ltd        | £583     |

## Consultancy and agency against the pay bill

Payments we classify as consultancy and agency staff came to **28.8%** of Croydon's own staff costs in its 2025-26 revenue return, against a median of 12.4% for the other London boroughs 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

Croydon, spending over £500, [published here](#). Licence as the council states it: Open Government Licence (site footer). Checked 2026-09-24; files read 2026-09-24.

- [August 2026 payments over £500 \(Excel, 1.4MB\)](#) (2026-08), file dated 2026-09-14: 9,256 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-09-24.
- [July 2026 payments over £500 \(Excel, 3.4MB\)](#) (2026-07), file dated 2026-08-27: 7,172 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-09-24.

- [June 2026 payments over £500 \(Excel, 1.2MB\)](#) (2026-06), file dated 2026-07-20: 11,425 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-09-24.
- [May 2026 payments over £500 \(Excel, 1.5MB\)](#) (2026-05), file dated 2026-07-20: 9,235 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-09-24.
- [April 2026 payments over £500 \(Excel, 1.3MB\)](#) (2026-04), file dated 2026-07-07: 10,468 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-09-24.
- [March 2026 payments over £500 \(Excel, 1.8MB\)](#) (2026-03), file dated 2026-05-11: 14,501 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-09-24.
- [February 2026 payments over £500 \(Excel, 1.8MB\)](#) (2026-02), file dated 2026-05-11: 10,766 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-09-24.
- [January 2026 payments over £500 \(Excel, 1.3MB\)](#) (2026-01), file dated 2026-02-23: 9,928 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-09-24.
- [December 2025 payments over £500 \(Excel, 1.3MB\)](#) (2025-12), file dated 2026-02-10: 9,975 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-09-24.
- [November 2025 payments over £500 \(Excel, 1.18MB\)](#) (2025-11), file dated 2025-12-17: 9,767 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-09-24.
- [October 2025 payments over £500 \(Excel, 1.4MB\)](#) (2025-10), file dated 2026-05-28: 10,951 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-09-24.
- [September 2025 payments over £500 \(Excel, 1.3MB\)](#) (2025-09), file dated 2026-05-28: 9,740 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-09-24.
- [August 2025 payments over £500 \(Excel, 1MB\)](#) (2025-08), file dated 2026-05-18: 8,818 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-09-24.

# Croydon: senior pay and councillor allowances

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In its draft statement of accounts for 2025-26, Croydon reports total remuneration of **£219,667** for its chief executive (including employer pension contributions), a year in which the post changed hands, **44** employees paid £100,000 or more, and **£1,438,000** paid in members' allowances.

## Key figures

|                                             |                                                      |                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>£219,667</b><br>Chief Executive, 2025-26 | <b>44</b><br>Staff paid £100,000 or more,<br>2025-26 | <b>£1,438,000</b><br>Members' allowances, 2025-26 |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|

## Chief Executive

Total remuneration of **£219,667** in 2025-26, including employer pension contributions. Excluding pension contributions: £178,301. The post changed hands, or the figure covers part of a year, so it is not compared with the year before. The median among the 3 other London boroughs collected so far is £286,502.

Every line the council printed for the post

| As printed                                                                    | Year    | Total    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Katherine Kerswell - Chief Executive (note 1: left 31/10/2025)                | 2025-26 | £185,554 |
| Elaine Jackson - (Interim) Chief Executive and Head of Paid Services (note 2) | 2025-26 | £219,667 |
| Katherine Kerswell - Chief Executive                                          | 2024-25 | £223,838 |

From the accounts: Note 2: Elaine Jackson's position changed from Assistant Chief Executive to (Interim) Chief Executive and Head of Paid Services on 10/12/2025; 'This line contains pay for both roles.' 'current' shows her line as the post holder at year end.

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## Employees paid £50,000 or more

1,455 employees in 2025-26, up 20.9% on 2024-25 (1,203). 44 were paid £100,000 or more, 10.7 per 100,000 residents. The median among the 5 other London boroughs collected so far is 33.2 per 100,000.

**Croydon: employees by pay band, as printed**

| Band                 | 2025-26 | 2024-25 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| £50,000 to £54,999   | 426     | 628     |
| £55,000 to £59,999   | 472     | 159     |
| £60,000 to £64,999   | 262     | 180     |
| £65,000 to £69,999   | 103     | 59      |
| £70,000 to £74,999   | 29      | 29      |
| £75,000 to £79,999   | 21      | 23      |
| £80,000 to £84,999   | 71      | 41      |
| £85,000 to £89,999   | 12      | 6       |
| £90,000 to £94,999   | 7       | 19      |
| £95,000 to £99,999   | 8       | 38      |
| £100,000 to £104,999 | 8       | 2       |
| £105,000 to £109,999 | 3       | 2       |
| £110,000 to £114,999 | 4       | 0       |
| £115,000 to £119,999 | 2       | 9       |
| £120,000 to £124,999 | 7       | 0       |
| £125,000 to £129,999 | 3       | 1       |
| £130,000 to £134,999 | 4       | 5       |
| £135,000 to £139,999 | 7       | 0       |
| £140,000 to £144,999 | 3       | 1       |
| £145,000 to £164,999 | 0       | 0       |
| £145,000 to £149,999 | 0       | 0       |
| £150,000 to £154,999 | 1       | 0       |
| £155,000 to £199,999 | 0       | 0       |
| £165,000 to £169,999 | 1       | 0       |
| £170,000 to £174,999 | 0       | 0       |
| £175,000 to £179,999 | 1       | 1       |
| £180,000 to £199,999 | 0       | 0       |

Includes schools staff. Senior officers listed separately are not in these counts. From the accounts: 'Out of more than 7,000 employees, the number whose remuneration, excluding on-costs and allowances, was £50,000 or more in bands of £5,000'. 'The table above does not include the members of the Corporate Management Team listed on the following page on note 27B'. Schools and Non-Schools columns, no combined column; totals Schools 356 / Non-Schools 1,099 (2025/26) and 274 / 929 (2024/25). Values checked against word positions in the PDF; runs of all-zero bands collapsed here.

Source: Croydon, [Statement of Accounts 2025-26 \(draft\)](#) (draft), PDF page 68 (printed page 69), Note 27. Read by hand; checked 2026-09-24.

**Councillors' allowances**

£1,438,000 in 2025-26, up 7.6% on 2024-25 (£1,337,000), or £3.51 per resident. The median among the 5 other London boroughs collected so far is £5.35 per resident.

From the accounts: "Total allowances paid to the Members of the Council was £1.438m in 2025/26 (£1.337m in 2024/25). The Council pays employer's national insurance on Members' allowances, taking the total cost to £1.601m in 2025/26 (£1.478m in 2024/25)." (PDF page 68 (printed page 69), Note 26)

Published allowances: .

### What this data does and doesn't show

- Every figure is as Croydon 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 London boroughs read so far; no national figure is published for England.
- Croydon publishes members' allowances as monthly lists ('Members Allowances Scheme - Additional Information', April 2025 to March 2026) without an annual total; these were not summed here. The March 2026 list shows a monthly 'Members Allowance Contractual Non Pen' of 1,030.58 per councillor; the annual basic allowance was not confirmed from a council document in the time available (a local news report gives £11,984 for 2025-26, not used).

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