Exeter 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.

Exeter: your area

£2,495
Band D council tax, 2026-27
+£115 (+4.9%) vs 2025-26
As of 6 April 2026

£6.3m
Parking surplus, 2025-26
As of 6 April 2025

29.0%
Household waste recycled, 2024-25

Council tax in Exeter

£2,495
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+£115 (+4.9%) vs 2025-26
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£1,664
Band A, the lowest
As of 6 April 2026

+£84
Band D against the England average of £2,411
Above average
As of 6 April 2026

Where your council tax goes in Exeter

£2,495.36
Band D bill, 2026-27
As of 6 April 2026

£191.31
Goes to Exeter itself (8%)
As of 6 April 2026

£797.96
Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

Parking income in Exeter

£6.34m
Parking surplus
+£0.35m (+5.8%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£10.08m
Parking income
+£0.72m (+7.7%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£3.75m
Spending on parking
+£0.38m (+11.2%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

Exeter: spending over £500

£45.9m
Paid in payments of £500 or more, latest year

8,285
Payments

1,103
Suppliers

Exeter: senior pay and councillor allowances

£171,446
Chief Executive, 2025-26

0
Staff paid £100,000 or more, 2025-26

£480,000
Members' allowances, 2025-26

Exeter: your area

Your area · Last updated 21 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/your-area/exeter/

Exeter sets a Band D council tax of **£2,495** for 2026-27, 98 of 296 councils in England from the highest. Police: Devon & Cornwall. Fire and rescue: Devon & Somerset. Health: NHS Devon 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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29.0%
Household waste recycled, 2024-25

3%
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25 (county)

70%
Reserves as a share of spending, 2025-26

What is the council tax in Exeter?

Band D is **£2,495** a year for 2026-27, and Band A, the lowest, **£1,664**. That is £84 above the England average of £2,411, 98 of 296 in England from the highest.

Of a Band D bill, **£191** goes to Exeter.

Every band, who gets the money and how Exeter compares

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

Every payment over £500 that Exeter publishes

Exeter: senior pay and councillors' allowances

How does the council compare?

- Council tax rise this year 4.9% The same as the England figure of 4.9%
- Council tax per head £727 Lower than the England figure of £796
- Ombudsman uphold rate 33% (1 of 3) Lower than the England figure of 86%
- Reserves as a share of net spending 70% Higher than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £2,758 Lower than the England figure of £3,447
- Accounts, 2025-26 Unsigned 6% of bodies had an opinion delivered by the backstop date
- Ofsted, children's services (county) Inadequate 73% of English councils are good or outstanding
- CQC, adult social care (county) Requires improvement 63% of assessed councils are good or outstanding
- A roads needing maintenance considered (county) 3% Lower than the England figure of 5%
- Recycling rate 29.0% Lower than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 88.9% 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 Exeter

Measure	Figure	Period
A roads where maintenance should be considered (Devon County Council)	3%	2024-25
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered	11%	2024-25
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered	24%	2024-25
Household waste reused, recycled or composted	29.0%	2024-25
Major planning decisions made on time	88.9%	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 Exeter

Authority	Year	Income	Surplus
Exeter	2025-26	£10.1m	£6.3m
Devon CC (county)	2025-26	£8.7m	£4.2m

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

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

Your police precept

A Band D home in Exeter 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 Exeter 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 Exeter, and their latest money

Service	Body	Latest	Per resident
Police	Devon and Cornwall	£486m (2026-27)	£264
Fire and rescue	Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service	£103m (2025-26)	£55.81
Ambulance	South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust	£435m (2024-25)	£73.85
NHS	NHS Devon Integrated Care Board	£4.0bn (2028-29)	£3,184
Roads	Devon County Council	£37m (2025-26)	£44.11
Schools	Devon	£586m (2026-27)	£693
Council spending	Exeter	£23m (2025-26)	£165
Social care	Devon	£681m (2024-25)	£808
Housing	Exeter	£7m (2025-26)	£51.79
Waste and recycling	Exeter	not published	—

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

See Exeter 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 Exeter?** Band D is £2,495 a year for 2026-27. Every band.
- **Which police force covers Exeter?** Devon & Cornwall police force area. Fire and rescue: Devon & Somerset.

Council tax in Exeter

Your area · Last updated 21 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/exeter/

Council tax in **Exeter** for 2026-27 is **£2,495 a year for a Band D home**, £1,664 for Band A and £4,991 for the top band. That is £84 above the England average of £2,411. It ranks 98 of 296 billing areas in England. Figures are the council's own set rates.

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Rank in England, highest first
As of 6 April 2026

What is the bill for each band?

Council tax by band in Exeter, bands A to H

Band	A year	A month
Band A	£1,663.57	£138.63
Band B	£1,940.84	£161.74
Band C	£2,218.10	£184.84
Band D	£2,495.36	£207.95
Band E	£3,049.88	£254.16
Band F	£3,604.41	£300.37
Band G	£4,158.93	£346.58
Band H	£4,990.72	£415.89

Who gets the money?

Band D bill in Exeter by receiving body

Who receives it	Band D	Share
Exeter	£191	8%
Other precepting bodies	£2,304	92%

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 **£84 above** the England average, 98 of 296 councils from the highest.

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



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

How does Exeter compare? The report card

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

Measure	Exeter	For comparison
Complaints and enquiries received	19	—
Complaints and enquiries decided	17	8 in 2024-25
Detailed investigations	3	—
Upheld	1	—
Uphold rate	33%	86% for every body the Ombudsman covers; 74% for similar councils
Upheld cases where the council had already offered a satisfactory remedy	0%	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	100%	—

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 **0** findings of severe maladministration against Exeter City Council in 2025-26, out of 12 findings in 5 determinations. Its maladministration rate for this landlord was 42%.

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

How healthy are its finances?

Reserves, spending and borrowing: Exeter

Measure	Exeter	For comparison
Net revenue spending, 2025-26	£20.3m	—
Reserves at the end of 2025-26	£14.2m	—
Reserves as a share of net spending	70%	50% for England; 96% in 2024-25
Outstanding borrowing at 30 June 2026	£171.3m	—
Borrowing per home on the valuation list	£2,758	£3,447 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, 2026.

What have the auditors said?

Audit of the accounts: Exeter

Accounts year	Status recorded by PSAA	Opinion signed
2025-26	Unsigned	Not yet
2024-25	Delivered by backstop	12 February 2026

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

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

What are senior staff and councillors paid?

Pay and allowances: Exeter, from the statement of accounts

Measure	2025-26	2024-25
Employees paid £50,000 or more	49	41
Councillors' allowances	£480,000	£433,000

The count is up 8 on the year before. 'The authority's other employees receiving more than £50,000 remuneration in the year (excluding employer's normal pension contributions)', following the senior management table. No total row is printed. Dashes recorded as 0. Exeter is a district council and does not employ school staff (includesSchools recorded false on that basis, not from the note). The accounts describe the allowances figure as "Salaries 37 (2024-25 16); Allowances 442 (417); Expenses 1 (-); Total 480 (433) £'000". 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: Exeter, Statement of accounts 2025-26 - UNAUDITED, PDF page 88 (printed page 86), Note 32. Checked 24 September 2026.

How are its services rated?

Service ratings and performance: Exeter

Measure	Exeter	For comparison
Children's services, Ofsted overall effectiveness	Inadequate (Devon County Council)	13 May 2025. 73% of English councils judged good or outstanding
Adult social care, CQC assessment	Requires improvement (Devon County Council)	17 July 2026. 63% of assessed councils rated good or outstanding
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	3% (Devon County Council)	5% in England
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	11% (Devon County Council)	7% in England
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	24% (Devon County Council)	17% in England
Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting, 2024-25	29.0%	42.0% for England
Major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of june 2026	88.9%	91.0% for England
Non-major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of June 2026	86.4%	90.7% for England

Devon County Council runs children's services, adult social care and most roads here, so those rows are the county council's. 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 about the county council, Devon County Council?

Devon County Council sets its own share of the council tax bill here and runs social care, children's services, most roads and waste disposal. Its own figures:

Devon County Council: its own figures

Measure	Devon County Council	Detail
Ombudsman uphold rate	81%	201 complaints decided, 2025-26
Reserves as a share of net spending	18%	2025-26
Outstanding borrowing	£528.3m	at 30 June 2026
Accounts, 2025-26	Unsigned	Not yet signed

Official events for Devon County Council:

1. 8 August 2024 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, other Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 23-001-435. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
2. 25 January 2024 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, friends and family carers Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 23-000-973. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
3. 4 February 2022 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, special educational needs Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 20-008-832. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
4. 15 June 2021 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, charging Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 19-011-943. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman

Source: Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, Annual review of local government complaints, 2025-26; 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; Public Sector Audit Appointments, Monthly audit opinion data, 2025-26.

What has happened recently?

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

1. 7 May 2026 Election Local election: 14 seats won Green Party 6, Labour and Co-operative Party 3, Liberal Democrats 2, Reform UK 2, Labour Party 1 Democracy Club
2. 1 April 2026 Council tax Council tax for 2026-27: Band D £2,495, up 4.9% on the year before Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
3. 2 May 2024 Election Local election: 13 seats won Labour Party 5, Labour and Co-operative Party 3, Green Party 2, Conservative and Unionist Party 1, Independent 1, Liberal Democrats 1 Democracy Club
4. 4 May 2023 Election Local election: 13 seats won Labour Party 4, Green Party 3, Labour and Co-operative Party 3, Liberal Democrats 2, Conservative and Unionist Party 1 Democracy Club
5. 5 May 2022 Election Local election: 17 seats won Labour Party 9, Green Party 3, Labour and Co-operative Party 3, Conservative and Unionist Party 1, Liberal Democrats 1 Democracy Club

Does the council think something here is wrong?

If you represent Exeter 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 **7.1%** of the money Exeter had to spend in 2025-26. The rest came from government grants (29.3%), business rates (8.1%) and fees, charges and other income (52.0%), with 3.5% 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 Exeter: parking, roads, your MP and local services, and Exeter on the council map.

Common questions

- **How much is council tax in Exeter?** Band D is £2,495 a year for 2026-27. Band A is £1,664 and the top band £4,991.
- **Is council tax in Exeter higher than average?** Yes. Band D here is £84 above the England average of £2,411.

Where your council tax goes in Exeter

Your area · Last updated 21 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/exeter/where-it-goes/

A Band D council tax bill in **Exeter** is **£2,495.36** for 2026-27, split between Exeter £191.31, Devon County Council £1,855.17, Devon County Council: adult social care precept, this year's increase £36.00, Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable £303.20, Devon and Somerset Combined Fire and Rescue Authority £109.68. Shared out in proportion to what each body spends, the largest single line is adult social care at Devon County Council: **£797.96** of the bill. Council tax pays for 7% of the council's own spending; the rest is government grant, business rates and fees.

Key figures

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Band D bill, 2026-27
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£191.31
Goes to Exeter itself (8%)
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7.1%
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.

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 Exeter and Devon County Council 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.

Exeter, 2025-26

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£2.6m	£19	£12	—	down 2.2% on 2024-25
Street cleaning	£1.9m	£14	£12	—	up 0.6% on 2024-25
Road and bridge maintenance	£27k	£0.20	£0.62	—	down 89.4% on 2024-25
Environmental, safety and routine maintenance	£27k	£0.20	£0.61	—	down 89.2% on 2024-25
Street lighting (including energy)	£43k	£0.31	£0.28	—	down 18.9% on 2024-25

Devon County Council, 2025-26

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£2.9m	£3.39	£2.33	—	up 79.7% on 2024-25
Road and bridge maintenance	£29.2m	£35	£21	£3,664 (similar: £5,563)	down 3.9% on 2024-25
Environmental, safety and routine maintenance	£27.6m	£33	£17	£3,456 (similar: £4,248)	down 3.2% on 2024-25
Structural maintenance (resurfacing, bridges)	£1.7m	£1.97	£3.54	£208 (similar: £946)	down 14.4% on 2024-25
Winter service (gritting)	£3.8m	£4.44	£4.08	£471 (similar: £1,012)	up 18.5% on 2024-25
Street lighting (including energy)	£4.3m	£5.08	£7.64	£538 (similar: £1,704)	down 3.0% 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

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

Service	Per resident	Median
Environment and regulation	£69	£56
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£56	£23
Housing (not council homes)	£52	£24
Running the council	£39	£41
Planning and development	£-5.13	£22
Roads and transport	£-45.84	£-4.18

- Exeter spent **33.5%** of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2025-26 (median for district councils in England: 39.3%); the rest went on suppliers, contractors, grants, benefits and other running costs.
- Its published payments of £500 or more came to **£45.9m** between 2025-11 and 2026-10. 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 **23.0%** of its staff costs (median among the 4 other district councils in England whose £500 data is read: 10.0%). The two come from different sources and periods, so this is a guide to scale, not an exact share.

Devon County Council: net spending per resident by service, 2025-26, against the median for county councils

Service	Per resident	Median
Education	£638	£736
Adult social care	£490	£447
Children's social care	£264	£239
Roads and transport	£77	£65
Environment and regulation	£60	£57
Public health	£43	£53
Running the council	£18	£23
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£14	£17
Planning and development	£8.55	£4.63
Housing (not council homes)	£1.23	£3.07

- Devon County Council spent **29.1%** of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2025-26 (median for county councils: 28.1%); the rest went on suppliers, contractors, grants, benefits and other running costs.

What this data does and doesn't show

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

Sources

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

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

Common questions

- **What does council tax pay for in Exeter?** A Band D bill of £2,495.36 is split between Exeter, Devon County Council, Devon County Council: adult social care precept, this year's increase, Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable, Devon and Somerset Combined Fire and Rescue Authority. In proportion to spending, the largest line is adult social care, £797.96.
- **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 Exeter

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In 2025–26 Exeter took **£10.1m** in parking income and spent £3.7m, a **surplus of £6.3m** against £6.0m in 2024–25 (+6%), the 50th 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

£6.34m
Parking surplus
+£0.35m (+5.8%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£10.08m
Parking income
+£0.72m (+7.7%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

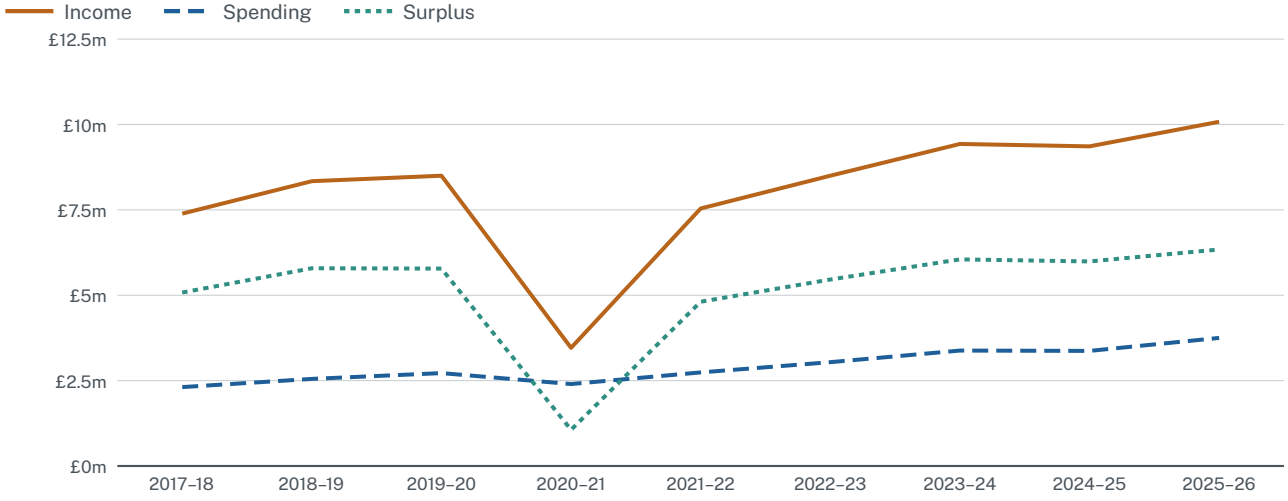
£3.75m
Spending on parking
+£0.38m (+11.2%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£0.00m
Penalty charge income
no change vs 2024–25
2025–26

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

How much has Exeter made from parking each year?

Exeter: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million



Exeter: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million. Income: £7.39m in 2017–18, £10.08m in 2025–26. Spending: £2.31m in 2017–18, £3.75m in 2025–26. Surplus: £5.08m in 2017–18, £6.34m in 2025–26.

Exeter: on-street and car park accounts

Year	On-street income	On-street spending	Car park income	Car park spending	Penalty income
2017–18	£0.00m	£0.00m	£7.39m	£2.31m	£0.00m
2018–19	£0.00m	£0.00m	£8.34m	£2.55m	£0.00m
2019–20	£0.00m	£0.00m	£8.50m	£2.72m	£0.00m
2020–21	£0.00m	£0.00m	£3.46m	£2.40m	£0.00m
2021–22	£0.00m	£0.00m	£7.54m	£2.74m	£0.00m
2022–23	£0.00m	£0.00m	£8.50m	£3.04m	£0.00m
2023–24	£0.00m	£0.00m	£9.43m	£3.38m	£0.00m
2024–25	£0.00m	£0.00m	£9.36m	£3.37m	£0.00m
2025–26	£0.00m	£0.00m	£10.08m	£3.75m	£0.00m

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

What can Exeter 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 Exeter compare with other councils?

Exeter 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.

Exeter: spending over £500

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Exeter published **8,285 payments** of £500 or more between November 2025 and October 2026, worth **£45.9m** in all, to 1,103 suppliers. The largest total went to Mears Ltd: £7.0m across 810 payments. These are the council's own published records; the gaps in them are listed below.

Key figures

£45.9m
Paid in payments of £500 or more, latest year

8,285
Payments

1,103
Suppliers

12 of 12
Months with payments published

What the council published

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

Gaps and problems in the data, as published:

- 9 credits and refunds (negative amounts, £13,058 in all) are included, so totals are net.

Top 50 suppliers by value

Exeter: the 50 suppliers paid most, November 2025 to October 2026

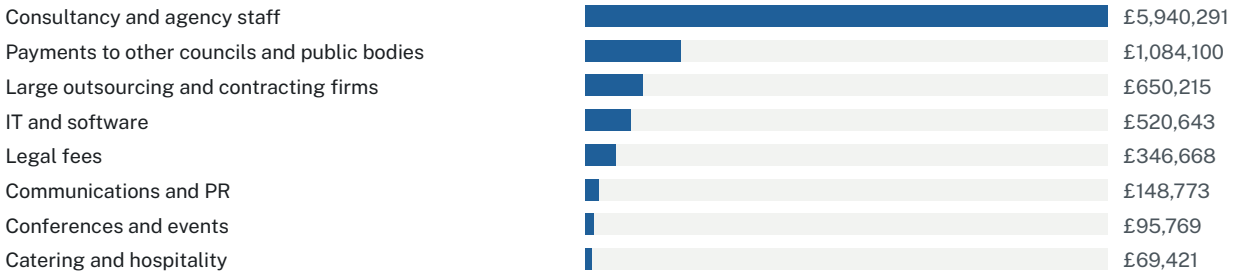
Supplier	Paid	Payments
Mears Ltd	£6,957,342	810
Strata Service Solutions Ltd	£3,677,998	52
Comensura	£2,976,664	797
Specialist Fleet Services Ltd	£1,820,227	839
Zurich Municipal	£1,699,280	21
Edf Energy Customers Ltd	£1,268,200	200
Sureserve Energy Services South West Ltd	£1,105,112	45
Liberty Gas Group Ltd	£794,034	55
Mercury Construction (South West) Ltd	£782,933	77
Exeter Cvs (Colab)	£748,444	15

Supplier	Paid	Payments
Clc Contractors Ltd	£721,660	79
Inexeter Ltd	£559,895	16
Devon County Council	£519,853	33
Dodd Group (South) Ltd	£484,144	30
Skinner Construction Ltd	£423,012	5
East Devon District Council	£420,201	6
Source For Business T/A Sw Water Business	£419,449	122
Classic Builders (South West) Ltd	£365,029	2
Surestay Housing Ltd	£364,963	67
Bournemouth Churches Housing Assn (Bcha)	£359,081	7
Allstar Business Solutions	£335,840	102
Axis Clc Solutions Limited	£335,034	21
Westcountry Fire Protection Ltd	£320,523	77
Dolphin Lifts South West	£302,568	62
Kier Construction Ltd	£289,706	3
Atkinsrealis Uk Ltd	£286,048	10
Corona Energy	£283,619	98
Grant Thornton	£283,126	10
Ringgo Limited	£260,127	11
Home Group Ltd	£247,000	5
Archway Facilities	£240,767	43
Splash Pads Enterprises Ltd	£226,423	4
Cobwebs	£225,184	28
Bell Decorating Group Ltd	£222,448	10
Scheidt & Bachmann (Uk) Ltd	£212,801	4
Devon Tree Services	£204,520	153
Evouchers Ltd	£200,000	1
Patronus Security Uk Ltd	£194,298	125
Exeter City Community Trust (Fitc)	£190,724	13
Julian House	£183,686	4
Travelodge	£181,097	12
Livewest Ltd	£175,843	17
Post Office Limited - Payout	£170,000	3
Pennington Choices Ltd	£167,118	33
Sciprint Ltd	£161,159	17
University Of Plymouth Enterprise Ltd	£151,246	2
Envirocall Limited	£144,884	15
Gae Smith Holdings Ltd T/A Casepak	£144,638	11
Red House Hotel	£142,565	9
Glendale Countryside Ltd	£142,350	29

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.

Exeter: 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. Devon County Council: £519,853 (33 payments)
2. East Devon District Council: £420,201 (6 payments)
3. Dorset County Council: £50,667 (1 payment)
4. Environment Agency: £23,802 (6 payments)
5. Hampshire County Council: £18,129 (2 payments)
6. Teignbridge District Council: £17,112 (15 payments)
7. Oxford City Council: £6,000 (1 payment)
8. Laser Energy (Kent County Council): £5,400 (1 payment)
9. Cornwall Council: £5,000 (1 payment)
10. Bournemouth Christchurch + Poole Council: £3,674 (2 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. Kier Construction Ltd: £289,706 (3 payments)
2. Glendale Countryside Ltd: £142,350 (29 payments)
3. Suez Recycling & Recovery Ltd: £103,245 (15 payments)
4. Kier Inegrated Services Ltd: £83,856 (3 payments)
5. Mitie Property Services: £22,073 (5 payments)
6. Sodexo Motivation Solutions Uk T/A Pluxee Uk: £7,830 (4 payments)
7. Engie Gas Ltd: £1,155 (2 payments)

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

1. Freeths Llp: £86,284 (15 payments)
2. Comensura: £70,107 (15 payments)
3. Ashfords: £68,484 (11 payments)
4. Lexis Nexis Uk: £31,083 (1 payment)
5. Mr Timothy Leader: £14,670 (3 payments)
6. Trowers & Hamlins Llp: £11,870 (2 payments)
7. Mr Christopher Jones: £10,800 (3 payments)
8. Stephens & Scown Solicitors Llp: £7,952 (5 payments)
9. Mrs Debbie Grennan: £7,250 (5 payments)
10. Graysons Solicitors: £6,583 (1 payment)

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: £2,906,557 (782 payments)
2. Strata Service Solutions Ltd: £336,361 (1 payment)
3. Atkinsrealis Uk Ltd: £286,048 (10 payments)
4. Grant Thornton: £283,126 (10 payments)

5. Surestay Housing Ltd: £262,819 (46 payments)
6. Scheidt & Bachmann (Uk) Ltd: £207,261 (2 payments)
7. Faithful & Gould/Atkins Group: £109,525 (4 payments)
8. Hays Accountancy Personnel: £109,249 (74 payments)
9. Poynton Bradbury Wynter Cole Ltd: £108,965 (3 payments)
10. The Oyster Partnership Ltd: £100,570 (53 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. Debit Finance Collections Plc: £124,886 (22 payments)
2. Oneadvanced Limited: £96,130 (3 payments)
3. Pce Technology Ltd: £80,182 (1 payment)
4. Strata Service Solutions Ltd: £54,675 (6 payments)
5. Ppl Prs Ltd: £32,261 (3 payments)
6. Les Mills Fitness Uk Ltd: £28,432 (37 payments)
7. Granicus-Firmstep Limited: £17,316 (3 payments)
8. Fitronics Ltd (T/A Cap2): £9,407 (1 payment)
9. Idox Software Ltd: £8,584 (1 payment)
10. Housing Partners Ltd: £8,224 (1 payment)

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

1. The National Leaflet Company: £55,137 (9 payments)
2. Cushman & Wakefield: £14,968 (3 payments)
3. Brightsea Ltd: £14,580 (7 payments)
4. Chalk & Ward Advertising: £10,962 (5 payments)
5. The Graphic Design House: £9,528 (5 payments)
6. Inexeter Ltd: £6,500 (2 payments)
7. Data Thistle: £5,045 (2 payments)
8. Avoy Technologies Ltd: £3,800 (1 payment)
9. Traverse Events Ltd: £3,000 (1 payment)
10. Uk Bride T/A Whitespace Publishers Ltd: £2,498 (1 payment)

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

1. Jeremy Southam: £20,000 (1 payment)
2. Crown Fine Art Ltd: £9,619 (3 payments)
3. Jockey Club Racecourses Ltd: £6,332 (1 payment)
4. Sam Talbot Ltd: £6,000 (2 payments)
5. Jason Singh: £4,049 (3 payments)
6. Josh Pratt: £4,000 (2 payments)
7. Bayside Signs & Display: £3,335 (3 payments)
8. South West Heritage Trust: £3,000 (1 payment)
9. Global Media Group Services Ltd: £2,999 (2 payments)
10. Local Government Association: £2,995 (4 payments)

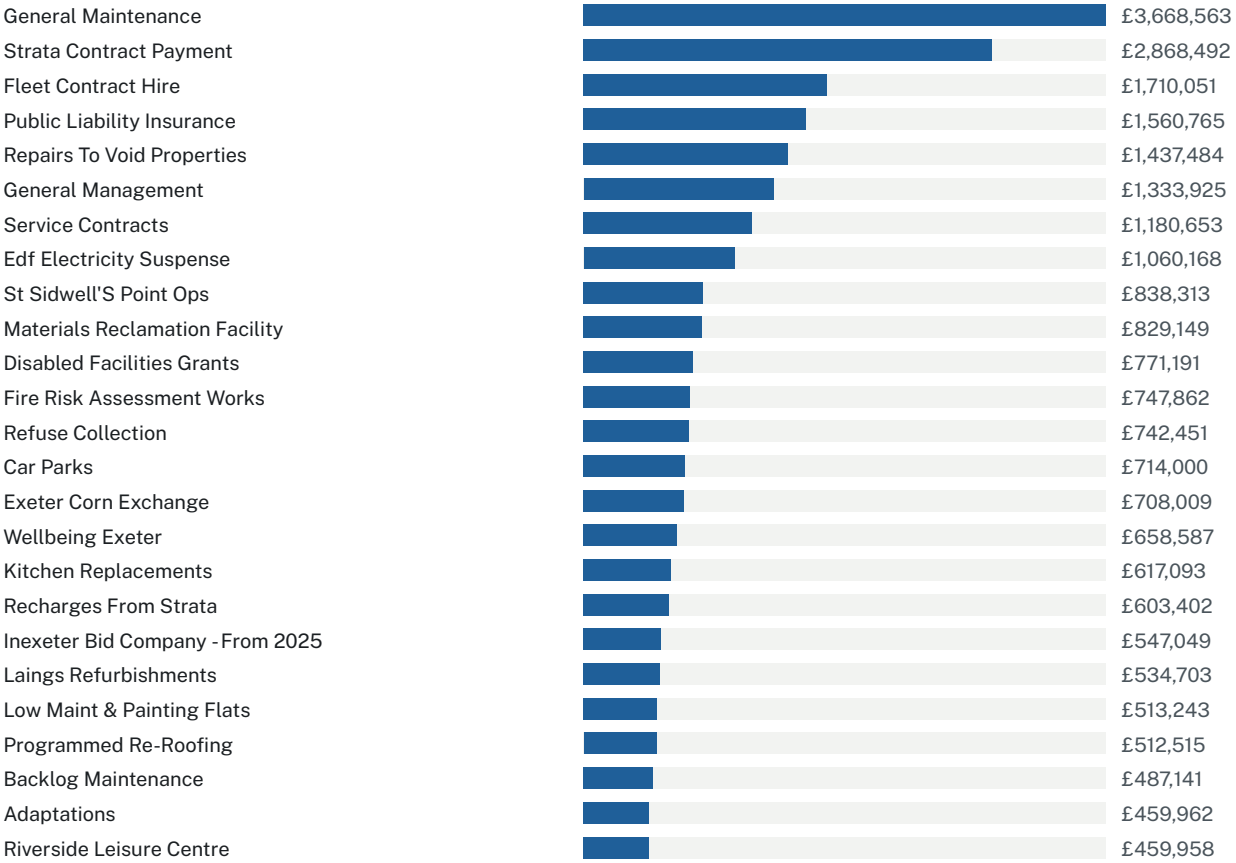
The council describes the payment as catering, hospitality or refreshments. School meals are left out.

1. Graze By Dish: £43,170 (46 payments)
2. Whmc Trading Co Ltd: £7,574 (13 payments)
3. J & R Foodservice Ltd: £7,097 (13 payments)

4. Bidfood: £3,713 (6 payments)
5. Coffeeworks Ltd: £2,281 (4 payments)
6. Pas Sound & Communications Ltd: £1,225 (1 payment)
7. Astridges Catering Ltd: £1,191 (2 payments)
8. Exeter Cathedral Enterprises Ltd: £1,000 (1 payment)
9. 13 (City Of Exeter) Sqn Atc: £979 (1 payment)
10. Nisbets: £606 (1 payment)

Spending by the council's own service areas

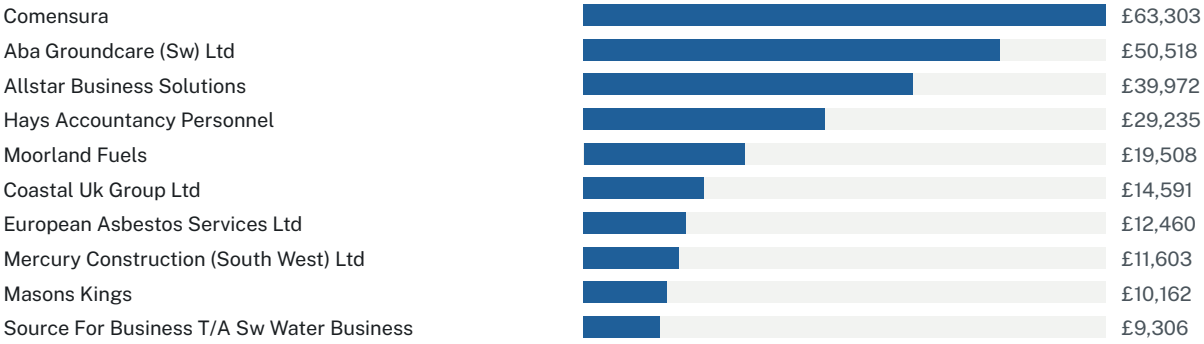
Exeter: payments by service area, as the council labels them



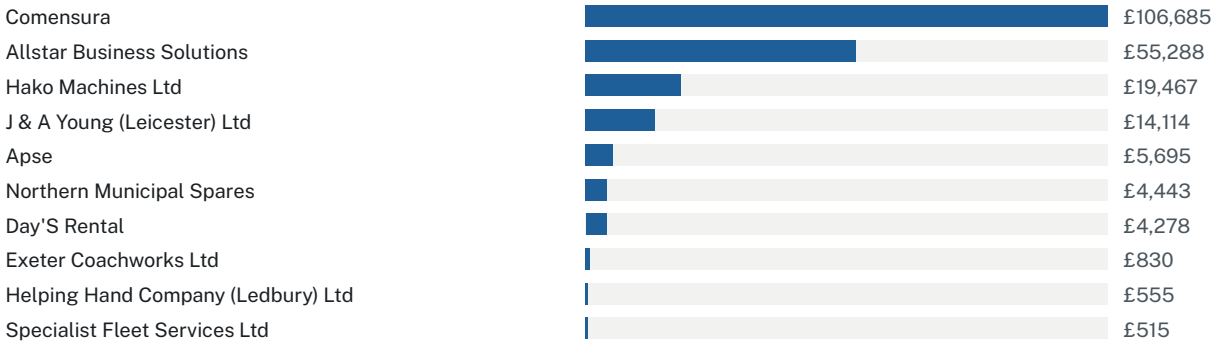
Who is paid for grounds, street cleaning, roads and bins?

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.

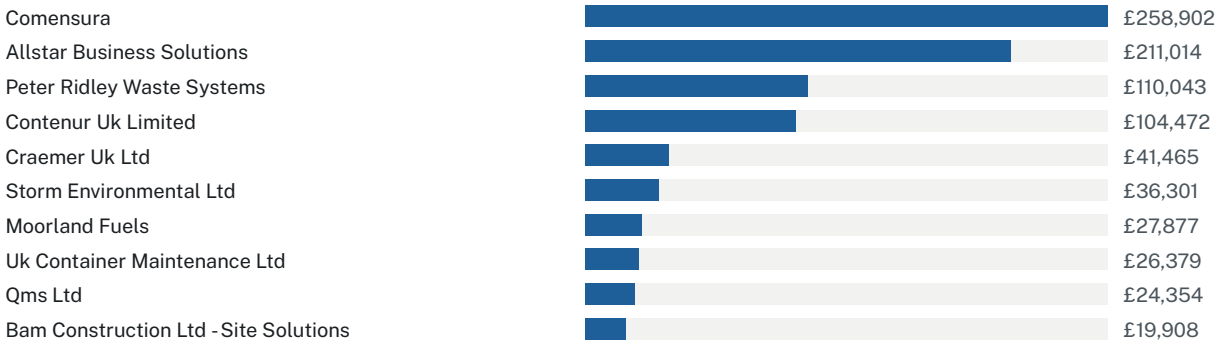
Parks and open spaces (including play areas): largest suppliers



Street cleaning: largest suppliers



Waste collection: largest suppliers



Consultancy and agency against the pay bill

Payments we classify as consultancy and agency staff came to **23.0%** of Exeter's own staff costs in its 2025-26 revenue return, against a median of 10.0% for the other district 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

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- Apr 2026 - Jun 2026 (.cvs) (2026-04), file dated 2026-07-14: 2,181 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-21.
- Jan 2026 - Mar 2026 (.csv) (2026-01), file dated 2026-06-30: 2,458 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-21.

- Oct 2025 - Dec 2025 (.csv) (2025-10), file dated 2026-03-10: 2,396 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-21.
- July 2025 – Sept 2025 (.csv) (2025-07), file dated 2026-03-10: 3,230 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-21.

Exeter: senior pay and councillor allowances

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In its draft statement of accounts for 2025-26, Exeter reports total remuneration of **£171,446** for its chief executive (including employer pension contributions), **0** employees paid £100,000 or more, and **£480,000** paid in members' allowances.

Key figures

£171,446
Chief Executive, 2025-26

0
Staff paid £100,000 or more, 2025-26

£480,000
Members' allowances, 2025-26

£7,296
Basic allowance per councillor, 2026-27

Chief Executive

Total remuneration of **£171,446** in 2025-26, including employer pension contributions. Excluding pension contributions: £143,498. That is down 1.3% on 2024-25 (£173,771). The median among the 4 other district councils collected so far is £178,074.

From the accounts: 2025-26: salary, fees & allowances 142,591; expenses 907; total remuneration 143,498; employer's pension 27,948; total 171,446. 2024-25: 144,963; 395; 145,358; 28,413; 173,771. Footnote: additional £10,473 allowances and £347 employer's pension (2024-25: £11,302 and £1,524) receivable for Returning Officer duties, not included in the totals.

PDF page 87 (printed page 85), Note 32

Employees paid £50,000 or more

49 employees in 2025-26, up 19.5% on 2024-25 (41). 0 were paid £100,000 or more, 0.0 per 100,000 residents. The median among the 4 other district councils collected so far is 1.4 per 100,000.

Exeter: employees by pay band, as printed

Band	2025-26	2024-25
£50,000 to £54,999	22	14
£55,000 to £59,999	10	8
£60,000 to £64,999	2	3
£65,000 to £69,999	1	2
£70,000 to £74,999	1	9
£75,000 to £79,999	12	0
£80,000 to £84,999	1	1
£85,000 to £89,999	0	1
£90,000 to £94,999	0	0
£95,000 to £99,999	0	1
£100,000 to £104,999	0	0
£105,000 to £109,999	0	0
£110,000 to £114,999	0	1
£115,000 to £119,999	0	1
£120,000 to £134,999	0	0

Excludes schools staff. Senior officers listed separately are not in these counts. From the accounts: 'The authority's other employees receiving more than £50,000 remuneration in the year (excluding employer's normal pension contributions)', following the senior management table. No total row is printed. Dashes recorded as 0. Exeter is a district council and does not employ school staff (includesSchools recorded false on that basis, not from the note).

Source: Exeter, Statement of accounts 2025-26 - UNAUDITED (draft), PDF page 88 (printed page 86), Note 32. Read by hand; checked 2026-09-24.

Councillors' allowances

£480,000 in 2025-26, up 10.9% on 2024-25 (£433,000), or £3.48 per resident. The median among the 4 other district councils collected so far is £3.38 per resident.

The basic allowance for each councillor is £7,296 a year (2026-27).

From the accounts: "Salaries 37 (2024-25 16); Allowances 442 (417); Expenses 1 (-); Total 480 (433) £'000" (PDF page 89 (printed page 87), Note 35)

Published allowances: .

What this data does and doesn't show

- Every figure is as Exeter 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 district councils read so far; no national figure is published for England.
- Basic rate from the council's Members Allowances page ('Current Scheme for 2026 – 2027 … took effect from 1 April 2026'): 'Basic Allowance payable to all members per annum is £7,296.' No annual allowances-paid total publication was found on the council's allowances pages in the time available.

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