

Hart 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.

Hart: your area

£2,400

Band D council tax, 2026-27
+£115 (+5.0%) vs 2025-26
As of 6 April 2026

£300,000

Parking surplus, 2025-26
As of 6 April 2025

42.2%

Household waste recycled,
2024-25

Council tax in Hart

£2,400

Band D a year, 2026-27
+£115 (+5.0%) vs 2025-26
As of 6 April 2026

£1,600

Band A, the lowest
As of 6 April 2026

-£11

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

Where your council tax goes in Hart

£2,400.02

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

£210.20

Goes to Hart itself (9%)
As of 6 April 2026

£699.06

Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

Parking income in Hart DC

£0.30m

Parking surplus
+£0.15m (+105.5%) vs 2024-25
2025-26

£1.00m

Parking income
+£0.15m (+18.2%) vs 2024-25
2025-26

£0.70m

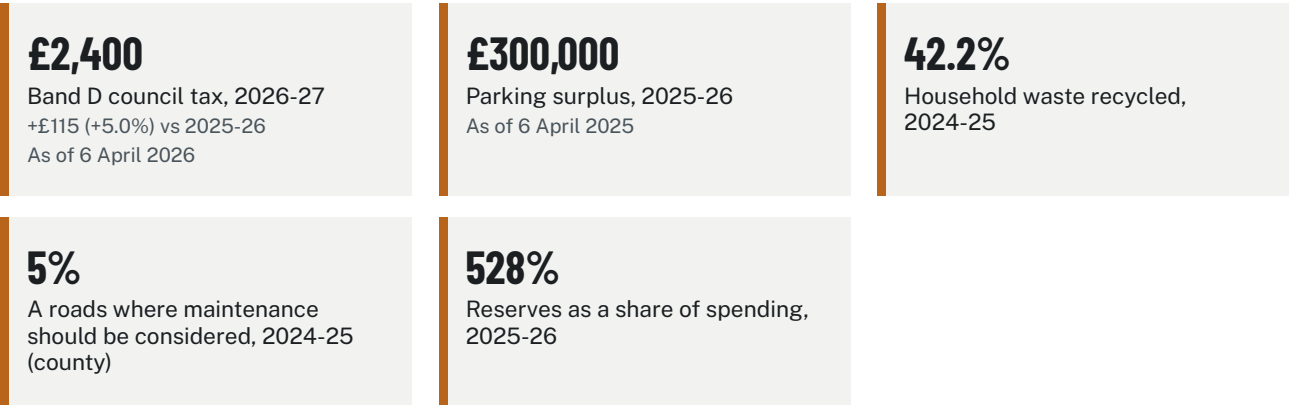
Spending on parking
no change vs 2024-25
2025-26

Hart: your area

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Hart sets a Band D council tax of **£2,400** for 2026-27, 180 of 296 councils in England from the highest. Police: Hampshire. Fire and rescue: Hampshire and Isle of Wight. Health: NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board and NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight 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



What is the council tax in Hart?

Band D is **£2,400** a year for 2026-27, and Band A, the lowest, **£1,600**. That is £11 below the England average of £2,411, 180 of 296 in England from the highest.

Of a Band D bill, **£210** goes to Hart.

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

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

[Hampshire County Council: senior pay and councillors' allowances](#)

How does the council compare?

- Council tax rise this year 5.0% Higher than the England figure of 4.9%
- Council tax per head £1,005 Higher than the England figure of £796
- Reserves as a share of net spending 528% Higher than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £317 Lower 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 (county) Outstanding 73% of English councils are good or outstanding
- A roads needing maintenance considered (county) 5% The same as the England figure of 5%
- Recycling rate 42.2% Higher than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 81.6% 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 Hart

Measure	Figure	Period
A roads where maintenance should be considered (Hampshire County Council)	5%	2024-25
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered	5%	2024-25
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered	7%	2024-25
Household waste reused, recycled or composted	42.2%	2024-25
Major planning decisions made on time	81.6%	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 Hart

Authority	Year	Income	Surplus
Hart DC	2025-26	£998,000	£300,000
Hampshire CC (county)	2025-26	£6.1m	£179,000

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 June 2026, police recorded **38.0 crimes per 1,000 residents** in Hart, excluding anti-social behaviour, against 82.4 across England.

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

Your police precept

A Band D home in Hart pays **£290.46** police precept in 2026-27. It funds **Hampshire and Isle of Wight**, which has £517m 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 Hart are not what its precept bought.

[Hampshire and Isle of Wight: funding, precept and results for the whole force](#)

Who runs police, fire, health and ambulances here?

The bodies that serve Hart, and their latest money

Service	Body	Latest	Per resident
Police	Hampshire and Isle of Wight	£517m (2026-27)	£251
Fire and rescue	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service	£99m (2025-26)	£47.92
Ambulance	South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust	£382m (2024-25)	£83.72
NHS	NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board	£6.2bn (2028-29)	£2,993
Roads	Hampshire County Council	£55m (2025-26)	£37.82
Schools	Hampshire	£1.1bn (2026-27)	£771
Council spending	Hart	£9m (2025-26)	£85.49
Social care	Hampshire	£1.1bn (2024-25)	£734
Housing	Hart	£2m (2025-26)	£19.24
Waste and recycling	Hart	not published	—

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

See Hart 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 Hart? Band D is £2,400 a year for 2026-27. [Every band](#).
- Which police force covers Hart? Hampshire police force area. Fire and rescue: Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

Council tax in Hart

Your area · Last updated 29 September 2026 · <https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/hart/>

Council tax in Hart for 2026-27 is **£2,400 a year for a Band D home**, £1,600 for Band A and £4,800 for the top band. That is £11 below the England average of £2,411. It ranks 180 of 296 billing areas in England. Figures are the council's own set rates.

Key figures

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Band A, the lowest
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Band D against the England
average of £2,411
Below average
As of 6 April 2026

180 of 296

Rank in England, highest first
As of 6 April 2026

What is the bill for each band?

Council tax by band in Hart, bands A to H

Band	A year	A month
Band A	£1,600.01	£133.33
Band B	£1,866.68	£155.56
Band C	£2,133.35	£177.78
Band D	£2,400.02	£200.00
Band E	£2,933.36	£244.45
Band F	£3,466.70	£288.89
Band G	£4,000.03	£333.34
Band H	£4,800.04	£400.00

Who gets the money?

Band D bill in Hart by receiving body

Who receives it	Band D	Share
Hart	£210	9%
Other precepting bodies	£2,190	91%

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 **£11 below** the England average, 180 of 296 councils from the highest.

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

Worcester	£2,406
Swale	£2,406
Charnwood	£2,406
St Helens	£2,403
Hart (Hart)	£2,400
Bolton	£2,400
Stevenage	£2,392
Cotswold	£2,392
Harborough	£2,390

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

How does Hart compare? The report card

Official figures on complaints, finances, audit, pay and services for Hart, each from the body that published it and set against the figure for England. See every council on the [council map](#).

- Council tax rise this year 5.0% Higher than the England figure of 4.9%
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What do complaints to the ombudsman show?

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

Measure	Hart	For comparison
Complaints and enquiries received	9	—
Complaints and enquiries decided	8	6 in 2024-25
Detailed investigations	0	—
Upheld	0	—
Uphold rate	No investigations	86% for every body the Ombudsman covers; 74% for similar councils
Upheld cases where the council had already offered a satisfactory remedy	—	13% for every body the Ombudsman covers
Ombudsman's recommendations the council complied with	—	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.

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

How healthy are its finances?

Reserves, spending and borrowing: Hart

Measure	Hart	For comparison
Net revenue spending, 2025-26	£9.4m	—
Reserves at the end of 2025-26	£49.7m	—
Reserves as a share of net spending	528%	50% for England; 470% in 2024-25
Outstanding borrowing at 30 June 2026	£13.6m	—
Borrowing per home on the valuation list	£317	£3,474 across English billing authorities

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

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

What have the auditors said?

Audit of the accounts: Hart

Accounts year	Status recorded by PSAA	Opinion signed
2024-25	Delivered by backstop	11 February 2026
2023-24	Delivered by backstop	13 February 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?

Senior pay and councillor allowances for Hart have not yet been read from its statement of accounts. There is no central dataset of either; they are being added council by council, each with a link to the page of the accounts it comes from.

How are its services rated?

Service ratings and performance: Hart

Measure	Hart	For comparison
Children's services, Ofsted overall effectiveness	Outstanding (Hampshire County Council)	23 July 2024. 73% of English councils judged good or outstanding
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	5% (Hampshire County Council)	5% in England
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	5% (Hampshire County Council)	7% in England
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	7% (Hampshire County Council)	17% in England
Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting, 2024-25	42.2%	42.0% for England
Major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of June 2026	81.6%	91.0% for England
Non-major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of June 2026	92.1%	90.7% for England

Hampshire 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; [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, Hampshire County Council?

Hampshire 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:

Hampshire County Council: its own figures

Measure	Hampshire County Council	Detail
Ombudsman uphold rate	84%	224 complaints decided, 2025-26
Reserves as a share of net spending	43%	2025-26
Outstanding borrowing	£178.9m	at 30 June 2026
Accounts, 2024-25	Delivered by backstop	Signed 12 February 2026
Employees paid £50,000 or more, 2025-26	4,126	2024-25: 3,529. Statement of accounts

Official events for Hampshire County Council:

- 12 February 2026 Audit [Auditor's opinion on the 2024-25 accounts signed](#) PSAA records the status as "Delivered by backstop"; auditor Ernst & Young LLP. Public Sector Audit Appointments
- 28 June 2022 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, school transport](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 21-004-383. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
- 24 March 2021 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, special educational needs](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 19-010-890. 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](#), 2024-25.

What has happened recently?

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

- 7 May 2026 Election [Local election: 11 seats won](#) Liberal Democrats 5, Community Campaign (Hart) 4, Conservative and Unionist Party 2 Democracy Club
- 1 April 2026 Council tax [Council tax for 2026-27: Band D £2,400, up 5.0% on the year before](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 11 February 2026 Audit [Auditor's opinion on the 2024-25 accounts signed](#) PSAA records the status as "Delivered by backstop"; auditor Ernst & Young LLP. Public Sector Audit Appointments
- 2 May 2024 Election [Local election: 12 seats won](#) Liberal Democrats 5, Conservative and Unionist Party 4, Community Campaign (Hart) 3 Democracy Club
- 4 May 2023 Election [Local election: 11 seats won](#) Community Campaign (Hart) 4, Liberal Democrats 4, Conservative and Unionist Party 2, Independent 1 Democracy Club
- 5 May 2022 Election [Local election: 11 seats won](#) Community Campaign (Hart) 4, Liberal Democrats 4, Conservative and Unionist Party 3 Democracy Club

Does the council think something here is wrong?

If you represent Hart 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 21.3% of the money Hart had to spend in 2025-26. The rest came from government grants (24.9%), business rates (6.2%) and fees, charges and other income (47.7%). 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 [Hart: parking, roads, your MP and local services](#), and [Hart on the council map](#).

Common questions

- How much is council tax in Hart? Band D is £2,400 a year for 2026-27. Band A is £1,600 and the top band £4,800.
- Is council tax in Hart higher than average? No. Band D here is £11 below the England average of £2,411.

Where your council tax goes in Hart

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A Band D council tax bill in Hart is **£2,400.02** for 2026-27, split between Hart £210.20, Hampshire County Council £1,657.92, Hampshire County Council: adult social care precept, this year's increase £32.19, Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable £290.46, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority £92.84, Parish and town councils (average for the area) £116.41. Shared out in proportion to what each body spends, the largest single line is adult social care at Hampshire County Council: **£699.06** 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

£2,400.02

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

£210.20

Goes to Hart itself (9%)
As of 6 April 2026

£699.06

Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

21.3%

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

Who gets your bill

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

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

And where does that bit go?

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

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

Parks, street cleaning and roads here

What Hart and Hampshire 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.

Hart, 2025-26

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£647k	£6.26	£12	—	down 3.3% on 2024-25
Street cleaning	£1.2m	£12	£7.57	—	up 13.5% on 2024-25

Hampshire 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)	£6.2m	£4.28	£2.67	—	down 9.2% on 2024-25
Road and bridge maintenance	£37.4m	£26	£26	£6,783 (similar: £6,675)	up 8.1% on 2024-25
Environmental, safety and routine maintenance	£37.4m	£26	£21	£6,785 (similar: £3,956)	up 8.2% on 2024-25
Structural maintenance (resurfacing, bridges)	−£9k	£-0.01	£2.74	£-2.00 (similar: £814)	—
Winter service (gritting)	£4.8m	£3.33	£2.65	£876 (similar: £781)	down 12.7% on 2024-25
Street lighting (including energy)	£12.6m	£8.71	£6.60	£2,294 (similar: £1,704)	down 3.3% 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

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

Service	Per resident	Median
Environment and regulation	£38	£56
Planning and development	£22	£22
Housing (not council homes)	£19	£24
Running the council	£17	£41
Roads and transport	£-2.66	£-4.53
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£-8.04	£23

- Hart spent **29.2%** 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.

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

Service	Per resident	Median
Education	£1,045	£714
Adult social care	£441	£457
Children's social care	£221	£242
Roads and transport	£55	£68
Environment and regulation	£48	£58
Public health	£47	£53
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£16	£17
Running the council	£11	£23
Planning and development	£2.51	£5.56
Other services	£0.90	£0.42
Housing (not council homes)	£0.12	£3.07

- Hampshire County Council spent **40.0%** 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 Hart](#) and [everything else about Hart](#).

Common questions

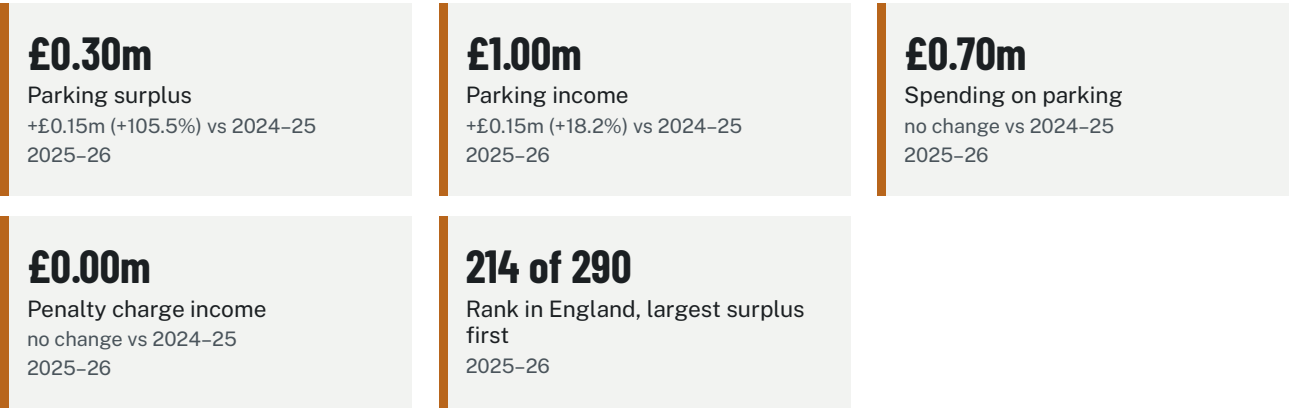
- **What does council tax pay for in Hart?** A Band D bill of £2,400.02 is split between Hart, Hampshire County Council, Hampshire County Council: adult social care precept, this year's increase, Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority, Parish and town councils (average for the area). In proportion to spending, the largest line is adult social care, £699.06.
- **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 Hart DC

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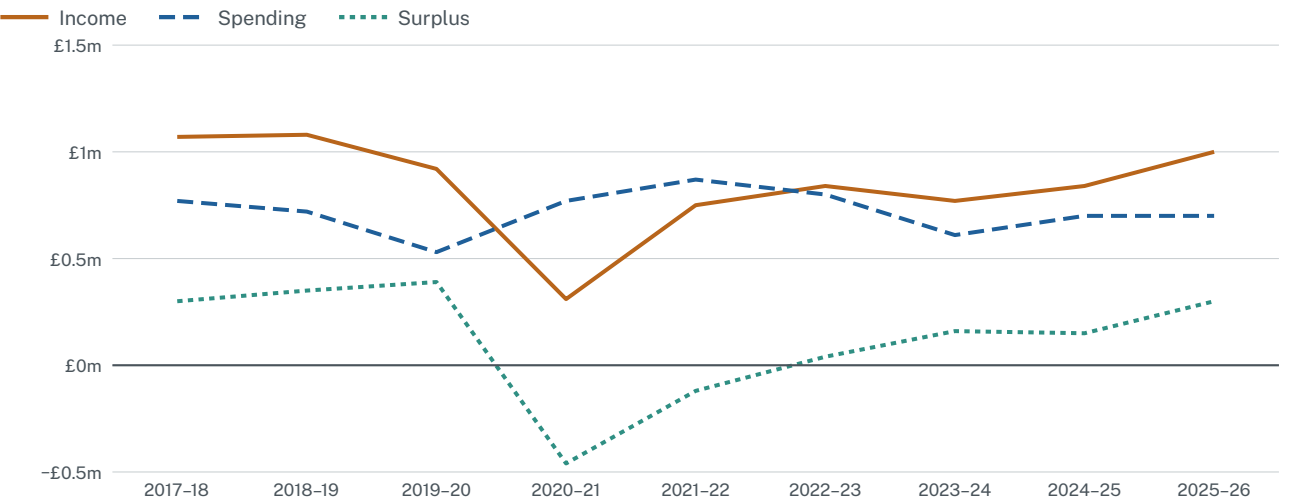
In 2025–26 Hart DC took **£1.0m** in parking income and spent **£0.7m**, a **surplus of £0.3m** against **£0.1m** in 2024–25 (+105%), the 214th largest of 290 councils in England. Figures are from the council's own return to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Key figures



How much has Hart DC made from parking each year?

Hart DC: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million



Hart DC: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million. Income: £1.07m in 2017–18, £1m in 2025–26. Spending: £0.77m in 2017–18, £0.7m in 2025–26. Surplus: £0.3m in 2017–18, £0.3m in 2025–26.

Hart DC: on-street and car park accounts

Year	On-street income	On-street spending	Car park income	Car park spending	Penalty income
2017–18	£0.08m	£0.23m	£0.99m	£0.53m	£0.06m
2018–19	£0.10m	£0.21m	£0.97m	£0.52m	£0.07m
2019–20	£0.08m	£0.21m	£0.84m	£0.32m	£0.04m
2020–21	£0.04m	£0.26m	£0.27m	£0.50m	£0.00m
2021–22	£0.08m	£0.29m	£0.67m	£0.58m	£0.03m
2022–23	£0.10m	£0.28m	£0.75m	£0.52m	£0.06m
2023–24	£0.00m	£0.01m	£0.77m	£0.60m	£0.00m
2024–25	£0.00m	£0.00m	£0.84m	£0.70m	£0.00m
2025–26	£0.00m	£0.00m	£1.00m	£0.70m	£0.00m

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

What can Hart DC 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 Hart DC compare with other councils?

Hart DC 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.

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