Leeds 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.

Leeds: your area

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Band D council tax, 2026-27
+£111 (+5.1%) vs 2025-26
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Where your council tax goes in Leeds

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

£1,867.50
Goes to Leeds itself (82%)
As of 6 April 2026

£613.07
Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

Parking income in Leeds

£7.84m
Parking surplus
+£0.32m (+4.3%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£13.87m
Parking income
+£0.77m (+5.9%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£6.03m
Spending on parking
+£0.45m (+8.0%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

Leeds: spending over £500

£1.38bn
Paid in payments of £500 or more, latest year

103,783
Payments

6,609
Suppliers

Leeds: senior pay and councillor allowances

£233,069
Chief Executive, 2025-26

51
Staff paid £100,000 or more, 2025-26

£2,696,000
Members' allowances, 2025-26

Leeds: your area

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

Leeds sets a Band D council tax of **£2,284** for 2026-27, 250 of 296 councils in England from the highest. Police: West Yorkshire. Fire and rescue: West Yorkshire. Health: NHS West Yorkshire 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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Household waste recycled, 2024-25

10%
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25

14%
Reserves as a share of spending, 2025-26

What is the council tax in Leeds?

Band D is **£2,284** a year for 2026-27, and Band A, the lowest, **£1,522**. That is £127 below the England average of £2,411, 250 of 296 in England from the highest.

Of a Band D bill, **£1,904** goes to Leeds.

Every band, who gets the money and how Leeds compares

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

Every payment over £500 that Leeds publishes

Leeds: senior pay and councillors' allowances

How does the council compare?

- Council tax rise this year 5.1% Higher than the England figure of 4.9%
- Council tax per head £678 Lower than the England figure of £796
- Ombudsman uphold rate 84% (52 of 62) Lower than the England figure of 86%
- Reserves as a share of net spending 14% Lower than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £6,962 Higher 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 Outstanding 73% of English councils are good or outstanding
- CQC, adult social care Good 63% of assessed councils are good or outstanding
- A roads needing maintenance considered 10% Higher than the England figure of 5%
- Recycling rate 37.3% Lower than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 89.6% 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 Leeds

Measure	Figure	Period
A roads where maintenance should be considered	10%	2024-25
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered	14%	2024-25
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered	24%	2024-25
Household waste reused, recycled or composted	37.3%	2024-25
Major planning decisions made on time	89.6%	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 Leeds

Authority	Year	Income	Surplus
Leeds	2025-26	£13.9m	£7.8m

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

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

Your police precept

A Band D home in Leeds pays **£278.28** police precept in 2026-27. It funds **West Yorkshire**, which has £692m 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 Leeds are not what its precept bought.

West Yorkshire: funding, precept and results for the whole force

Who runs police, fire, health and ambulances here?

The bodies that serve Leeds, and their latest money

Service	Body	Latest	Per resident
Police	West Yorkshire	£692m (2026-27)	£285
Fire and rescue	West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service	£110m (2025-26)	£45.15
Ambulance	Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust	£447m (2024-25)	£79.07
NHS	NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board	£7.7bn (2028-29)	£3,190
Roads	Leeds	£24m (2025-26)	£28.91
Schools	Leeds	£798m (2026-27)	£949
Council spending	Leeds	£1.7bn (2025-26)	£2,033
Social care	Leeds	£626m (2024-25)	£743
Housing	Leeds	£24m (2025-26)	£28.52
Waste and recycling	Leeds	not published	—

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

See Leeds 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 Leeds?** Band D is £2,284 a year for 2026-27. Every band.
- **Which police force covers Leeds?** West Yorkshire police force area. Fire and rescue: West Yorkshire.

Council tax in Leeds

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

Council tax in **Leeds** for 2026-27 is **£2,284 a year for a Band D home**, £1,522 for Band A and £4,567 for the top band. That is £127 below the England average of £2,411. It ranks 250 of 296 billing areas in England. Figures are the council's own set rates.

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What is the bill for each band?

Council tax by band in Leeds, bands A to H

Band	A year	A month
Band A	£1,522.49	£126.87
Band B	£1,776.23	£148.02
Band C	£2,029.98	£169.17
Band D	£2,283.73	£190.31
Band E	£2,791.23	£232.60
Band F	£3,298.72	£274.89
Band G	£3,806.22	£317.19
Band H	£4,567.46	£380.62

Who gets the money?

Band D bill in Leeds by receiving body

Who receives it	Band D	Share
Leeds	£1,904	83%
Other precepting bodies	£380	17%

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 **£127 below** the England average, 250 of 296 councils from the highest.

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



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

How does Leeds compare? The report card

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

Measure	Leeds	For comparison
Complaints and enquiries received	334	—
Complaints and enquiries decided	244	227 in 2024-25
Detailed investigations	62	—
Upheld	52	—
Uphold rate	84%	86% for every body the Ombudsman covers; 83% for similar councils
Upheld cases where the council had already offered a satisfactory remedy	17%	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	91%	—

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 Leeds City Council in 2025-26, out of 128 findings in 60 determinations. Its maladministration rate for this landlord was 58%.

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

How healthy are its finances?

Reserves, spending and borrowing: Leeds

Measure	Leeds	For comparison
Net revenue spending, 2025-26	£718.5m	—
Reserves at the end of 2025-26	£97.8m	—
Reserves as a share of net spending	14%	50% for England; 13% in 2024-25
Outstanding borrowing at 30 June 2026	£2.66bn	—
Borrowing per home on the valuation list	£6,962	£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: Leeds

Accounts year	Status recorded by PSAA	Opinion signed
2025-26	Unsigned	Not yet
2024-25	Delivered by backstop	21 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: Leeds, from the statement of accounts

Measure	2025-26	2024-25
Employees paid £50,000 or more	2,153	1,776
Councillors' allowances	£2,696,000	£2,630,000

The count is up 377 on the year before. 'Other employee remuneration in excess of £50,000': 'employees whose total remuneration is above £50,000 but who are not included in the detailed disclosure for senior employees'. Split into Teachers and Other Staff; counts are the Total column (2,153 in 2025/26; 1,776 in 2024/25). Above £120,000 the council combines bands (£120,000-£159,999; £160,000-£189,999; 2024/25 shows '-' for the top band). Includes 1 teacher and 18 other staff (2024/25: 1 and 8) normally paid under £50k who received Early Leavers Initiative lump sums. The accounts describe the allowances figure as "Members' Allowances (£000s): Basic Allowance 1,865 (2024/25 1,824); Special Responsibility Allowance 831 (806); total 2,696 (2,630)". 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: Leeds, Statement of Accounts 2025/26 Unaudited Draft figures approved 2nd July 2026, PDF page 67 (printed page 52). Checked 24 September 2026.

How are its services rated?

Service ratings and performance: Leeds

Measure	Leeds	For comparison
Children's services, Ofsted overall effectiveness	Outstanding	12 August 2025. 73% of English councils judged good or outstanding
Adult social care, CQC assessment	Good	15 October 2025. 63% of assessed councils rated good or outstanding
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	10%	5% in England
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	14%	7% in England
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	24%	17% in England
Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting, 2024-25	37.3%	42.0% for England
Major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of june 2026	89.6%	91.0% for England
Non-major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of June 2026	92.3%	90.7% for England

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

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

What has happened recently?

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

1. 7 May 2026 Election Local election: 36 seats won Reform UK 8, Conservative and Unionist Party 7, Green Party 7, Labour Party 6, Labour and Co-operative Party 3, Liberal Democrats 2, Garforth and Swillington Independents Party 1, Morley Borough Independents 1, Social Democratic Party 1 Democracy Club
2. 1 April 2026 Council tax Council tax for 2026-27: Band D £2,284, up 5.1% on the year before Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
3. 15 August 2025 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, special educational needs Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 24-010-011. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
4. 2 May 2024 Election Local election: 33 seats won Labour Party 10, Labour and Co-operative Party 9, Conservative and Unionist Party 5, Green Party 3, Liberal Democrats 2, Morley Borough Independents 2, Garforth and Swillington Independents Party 1, Social Democratic Party 1 Democracy Club
5. 4 May 2023 Election Local election: 33 seats won Labour Party 13, Labour and Co-operative Party 9, Conservative and Unionist Party 4, Liberal Democrats 2, Morley Borough Independents 2, Garforth and Swillington Independents Party 1, Green Party 1, Social Democratic Party 1 Democracy Club
6. 5 August 2022 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, residential care Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 20-013-485. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
7. 5 May 2022 Election Local election: 35 seats won Labour Party 19, Conservative and Unionist Party 6, Labour and Co-operative Party 3, Liberal Democrats 2, Morley Borough Independents 2, Garforth and Swillington Independents Party 1, Green Party 1, Social Democratic Party 1 Democracy Club
8. 16 June 2021 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, school admissions Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 20-005-139. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman

Does the council think something here is wrong?

If you represent Leeds 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 **16.0%** of the money Leeds had to spend in 2025-26. The rest came from government grants (46.7%), business rates (8.8%) and fees, charges and other income (28.3%), with 0.2% 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 Leeds: parking, roads, your MP and local services, and Leeds on the council map.

Common questions

- **How much is council tax in Leeds?** Band D is £2,284 a year for 2026-27. Band A is £1,522 and the top band £4,567.
- **Is council tax in Leeds higher than average?** No. Band D here is £127 below the England average of £2,411.

Where your council tax goes in Leeds

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

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Key figures

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

£1,867.50
Goes to Leeds itself (82%)
As of 6 April 2026

£613.07
Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

16.0%
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 Leeds 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.

Leeds, 2025-26

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£17.3m	£21	£10	—	up 5.7% on 2024-25
Street cleaning	£5.6m	£6.65	£17	£3,125 (similar: £9,980)	up 4.6% on 2024-25
Road and bridge maintenance	£1.1m	£1.32	£18	£620 (similar: £9,458)	down 49.1% on 2024-25
Environmental, safety and routine maintenance	£2.2m	£2.61	£12	£1,226 (similar: £6,112)	down 23.1% on 2024-25
Structural maintenance (resurfacing, bridges)	−£1.1m	£-1.29	£3.38	£-606.00 (similar: £595)	—
Winter service (gritting)	£708k	£0.84	£2.99	£396 (similar: £1,246)	down 52.5% on 2024-25
Street lighting (including energy)	£22.5m	£27	£11	£12,557 (similar: £7,140)	up 3.7% 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

Leeds: net spending per resident by service, 2025-26, against the median for metropolitan borough councils

Service	Per resident	Median
Education	£950	£869
Adult social care	£409	£482
Children's social care	£315	£340
Environment and regulation	£122	£92
Public health	£73	£93
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£72	£49
Running the council	£51	£60
Housing (not council homes)	£29	£39
Roads and transport	£26	£29
Planning and development	£17	£29
Other services	£-30.00	£0.52

- Leeds spent **36.8**% of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2025-26 (median for metropolitan borough councils: 33.6%); the rest went on suppliers, contractors, grants, benefits and other running costs.
- Its published payments of £500 or more came to **£1.38bn** between 2025-10 and 2026-09. 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 **0.9**% of its staff costs (median among the 3 other metropolitan borough councils whose £500 data is read: 9.9%). The two come from different sources and periods, so this is a guide to scale, not an exact share.

What this data does and doesn't show

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

Sources

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

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

Common questions

- **What does council tax pay for in Leeds?** A Band D bill of £2,283.73 is split between Leeds, Leeds: adult social care precept, this year's increase, West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Parish and town councils (average for the area). In proportion to spending, the largest line is adult social care, £613.07.
- **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 Leeds

Your area · Last updated 21 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/parking/leeds/

In 2025–26 Leeds took **£13.9m** in parking income and spent £6.0m, a **surplus of £7.8m** against £7.5m in 2024–25 (+4%), the 42nd largest of 290 councils in England. Penalty charges brought in £9.1m. Figures are from the council's own return to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Key figures

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+£0.77m (+5.9%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

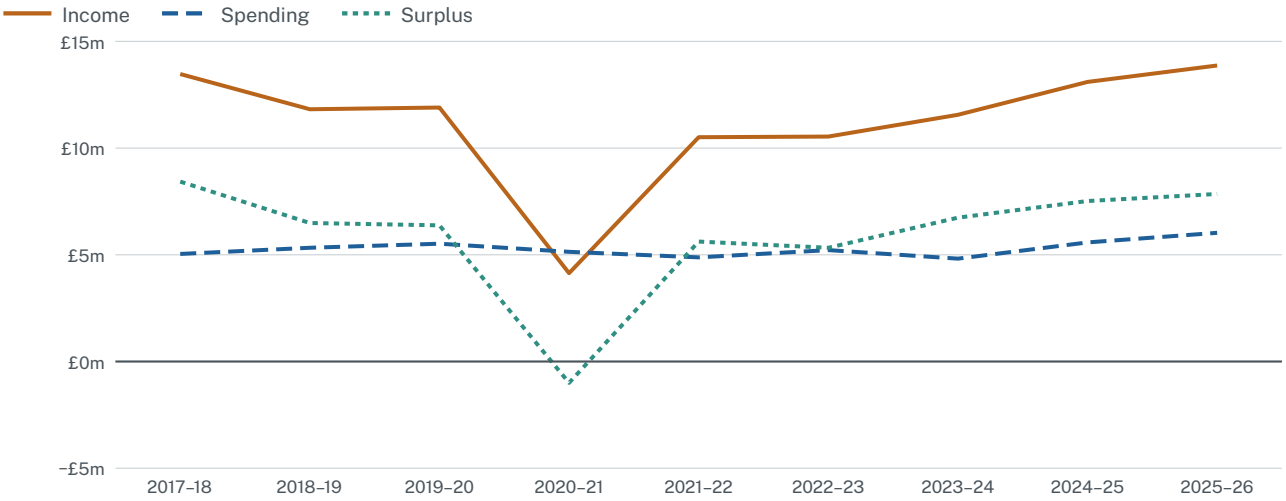
£6.03m
Spending on parking
+£0.45m (+8.0%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£9.09m
Penalty charge income
+£0.45m (+5.2%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

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

How much has Leeds made from parking each year?

Leeds: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million



Leeds: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million. Income: £13.47m in 2017–18, £13.87m in 2025–26. Spending: £5.04m in 2017–18, £6.03m in 2025–26. Surplus: £8.43m in 2017–18, £7.85m in 2025–26.

Leeds: on-street and car park accounts

Year	On-street income	On-street spending	Car park income	Car park spending	Penalty income
2017–18	£8.87m	£2.92m	£4.60m	£2.12m	£2.29m
2018–19	£7.36m	£3.00m	£4.45m	£2.33m	£4.85m
2019–20	£7.41m	£3.06m	£4.48m	£2.46m	£5.31m
2020–21	£2.83m	£2.83m	£1.32m	£2.31m	£1.89m
2021–22	£5.94m	£2.76m	£4.57m	£2.13m	£5.10m
2022–23	£7.12m	£3.00m	£3.42m	£2.22m	£6.11m
2023–24	£7.89m	£3.18m	£3.67m	£1.64m	£7.28m
2024–25	£9.11m	£3.34m	£3.99m	£2.23m	£8.64m
2025–26	£9.60m	£3.59m	£4.27m	£2.43m	£9.09m

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

What can Leeds 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 Leeds compare with other councils?

Leeds 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.

Leeds: spending over £500

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Leeds published **103,783 payments** of £500 or more between October 2025 and September 2026, worth **£1.38bn** in all, to 6,609 suppliers. The largest total went to West Yorkshire Combined Authority: £62.8m across 51 payments. These are the council's own published records; the gaps in them are listed below.

Key figures

£1.38bn
Paid in payments of £500 or more, latest year

103,783
Payments

6,609
Suppliers

12 of 12
Months with payments published

What the council published

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

Gaps and problems in the data, as published:

- The council publishes every payment, whatever its size; payments under £500 are left out here so councils compare on the same footing.
- 12.2% of payments (£37,562,445) have the supplier name withheld or redacted by the council, usually because the payee is an individual.
- 17% of payments have no description or expense type.
- 850 credits and refunds (negative amounts, £14,293,734 in all) are included, so totals are net.

Top 50 suppliers by value

Leeds: the 50 suppliers paid most, October 2025 to September 2026

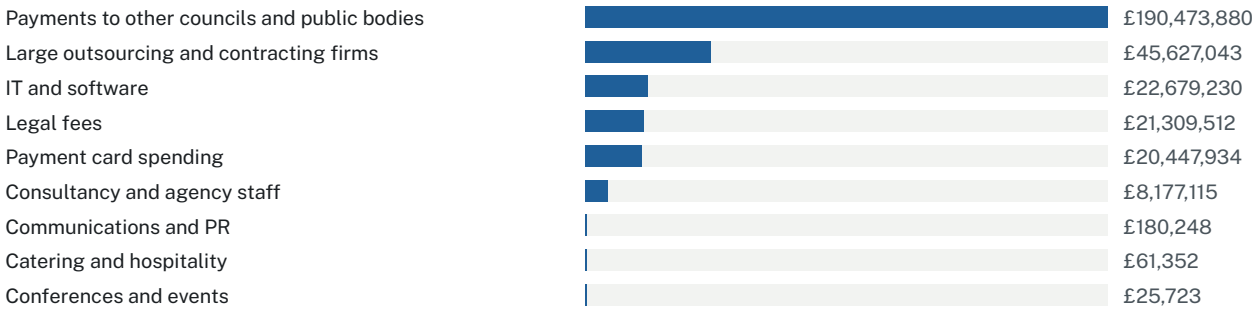
Supplier	Paid	Payments
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	£62,844,551	51
Housing Benefit	£56,712,785	44
Bradford Metropolitan Council	£38,216,297	13
Names withheld by the council	£37,562,445	12,679

Supplier	Paid	Payments
Foster Care - Bacs	£28,735,419	903
Leeds Community Healthcare Nhs Trust	£19,392,058	119
Sustainable Communities For Leeds Ltd	£19,220,181	12
MEARS LIMITED	£19,021,530	761
Kirklees Council	£18,261,136	71
Community Care Payments	£17,945,590	10
Environments For Learning Leeds Pfi One	£17,863,287	49
TAY VALLEY LIGHTING (LEEDS) LTD	£16,891,089	36
Aspire Community Benefit Society Limited	£16,296,574	104
The Secretary Of State	£16,070,143	6
Waythrough Support Services Limited	£13,562,157	30
Wakefield Council	£12,938,425	74
Yorkshire Transformations Limited	£12,082,627	12
West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service	£12,032,812	12
EDUCATION SUPPORT COMPANY (LEEDS) LTD	£11,189,011	29
Aspire Services (Leeds) Limited	£10,773,235	53
ENGIE Power Ltd	£10,495,137	23
Veolia ES Leeds Limited	£9,424,942	21
QED (Leeds) Limited	£8,636,251	36
WEIGHTMANS LLP	£8,037,784	478
Bytes Software Services Ltd	£7,870,202	72
CALDERDALE MBC	£7,528,242	29
Gipsil Limited	£7,186,847	299
WYCA General Operating Account	£6,794,863	17
Reed Specialist Recrui	£6,026,576	5,674
Pivot Academy Leeds Limited	£6,018,799	302
Rollinson Safeway Ltd	£5,628,933	748
Emm Property Solutions Ltd	£5,424,496	37
John Sisk And Son Limited	£5,249,097	10
Environments For Learning Leeds Pfi Two	£5,184,064	31
Leeds Independent Living Accommodation	£5,161,586	10
INVESTORS IN THE COMMUNITY	£5,129,260	2
Investors in the Community (Leeds Schools Ltd)	£5,039,770	6
NPS Leeds Ltd	£5,011,036	37
Investors in the Community (Leeds Schools) Limited C/O Resolis Limited	£4,990,235	2
Balfour Beatty Group Limited	£4,958,412	9
Zurich Insurance PLC	£4,675,323	17
Post Office Limited	£4,633,482	3
STARK Building Materials UK Ltd	£4,601,091	47
Keys PCE Limited	£4,482,261	243
Kier Construction Scotland	£4,330,035	17
Standard Fuel Oils Limited	£4,294,139	284
Northumbria Healthcare Nhs Foundation	£4,015,015	62
WEST YORKSHIRE PENSION FUND	£3,814,255	16
Environments For Learning Leeds Pfi	£3,777,314	20
R D Willis Properties	£3,744,444	132

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.

Leeds: payments by category (our classification)



Payments the council marks as made by purchase or credit card, where its file says so.

1. Reed Specialist Recrui: £6,026,576 (5674 payments)
2. Marcher Roofing Ltd: £1,703,038 (902 payments)
3. Kelway Ltd: £1,671,542 (81 payments)
4. Evolve Construction Se: £1,222,540 (320 payments)
5. Cbmdc Corporate: £1,209,266 (36 payments)
6. Houston Group Of Companie: £1,087,592 (620 payments)
7. Kingfisher Windows: £821,405 (760 payments)
8. Travelodge Gb0000: £664,031 (1034 payments)
9. John Rodriguez Plaster: £476,230 (153 payments)
10. Canon (UK) Limited: £448,338 (14 payments)

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

1. West Yorkshire Combined Authority: £62,844,551 (51 payments)
2. Bradford Metropolitan Council: £38,216,297 (13 payments)
3. Leeds Community Healthcare Nhs Trust: £19,392,058 (119 payments)
4. Kirklees Council: £18,261,136 (71 payments)
5. Wakefield Council: £12,938,425 (74 payments)
6. Northumbria Healthcare Nhs Foundation: £4,015,015 (62 payments)
7. WEST YORKSHIRE PENSION FUND: £3,814,255 (16 payments)
8. REFUGEE COUNCIL: £3,692,581 (18 payments)
9. Owlcotes Multi Academy Trust: £2,895,278 (135 payments)
10. North Yorkshire Council Fund: £1,903,792 (46 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. ENGIE Power Ltd: £10,495,137 (23 payments)
2. Veolia ES Leeds Limited: £9,424,942 (21 payments)
3. Balfour Beatty Group Limited: £4,958,412 (9 payments)
4. Kier Construction Scotland: £4,330,035 (17 payments)
5. Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd: £3,697,044 (4 payments)
6. BALFOUR BEATTY CIVIL ENGINEERING LIMITED: £3,083,840 (2 payments)
7. Morgan Sindall Construction &: £3,007,879 (6 payments)
8. Equans Regeneration Limited: £2,621,195 (131 payments)
9. Tarmac Trading Limited: £1,192,560 (756 payments)

10. Engie Gas Limited: £1,104,426 (3 payments)

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

1. WEIGHTMANS LLP: £8,037,784 (478 payments)
2. Thompsons Solicitors: £885,377 (41 payments)
3. Ryan Property Law LLP: £699,857 (5 payments)
4. Henry Hyams Solicitors: £656,613 (6 payments)
5. EMSLEYS SOLICITORS: £639,000 (4 payments)
6. Winston Solicitors Client: £541,594 (7 payments)
7. Avery Walters Ellis Solicitors: £514,250 (3 payments)
8. Milners Solicitors Client Account: £509,408 (3 payments)
9. Morrish Solicitors Llp: £493,248 (6 payments)
10. O'Neill Patient Solicitors LLP Client Account: £484,250 (3 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. Reed Specialist Recruitment Ltd: £1,379,662 (90 payments)
2. Reed Talent Solutions Ltd: £1,226,025 (53 payments)
3. Reed Wellbeing Limited: £648,007 (5 payments)
4. GRANT THORNTON UK LLP: £606,589 (4 payments)
5. KPMG LLP Fees: £592,375 (22 payments)
6. Liquid Personnel Ltd: £460,635 (4 payments)
7. IMPOWER Consulting Limited: £256,849 (6 payments)
8. Peopletoo Limited: £248,225 (3 payments)
9. Newton Consulting Limited: £200,000 (2 payments)
10. Tile Hill Interim & Executive Ltd: £171,448 (20 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 Ltd: £7,870,202 (72 payments)
2. Telefonica Uk Limited: £1,142,858 (50 payments)
3. BT Plc: £1,081,923 (18 payments)
4. CDW Ltd: £762,173 (21 payments)
5. MOSAIC CENTRE: £731,980 (43 payments)
6. Daisy Chain Childcare Lofthouse Ltd: £712,660 (52 payments)
7. DAISY CHAIN CHILD CARE LTD: £698,105 (48 payments)
8. DVLA Company & Fleet: £610,000 (3 payments)
9. DAISY CHAIN CHILDCARE (ADEL): £592,570 (38 payments)
10. SAP (UK) LTD: £547,259 (6 payments)

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

1. PeopleScout Limited: £66,032 (59 payments)
2. Leopold Marketing Limited: £15,000 (1 payment)
3. Animo PR: £13,725 (3 payments)
4. CAN Digital Solutions Limited: £10,500 (4 payments)
5. Bauer Media Outdoor UK Ltd: £8,745 (2 payments)
6. Story + Limited: £7,075 (3 payments)
7. POP ART (LEEDS) LTD: £6,585 (3 payments)
8. UX Global Limited: £5,611 (1 payment)

9. Iconic Media Group Limited: £5,190 (1 payment)
10. JCDecaux Uk Ltd: £5,120 (3 payments)

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

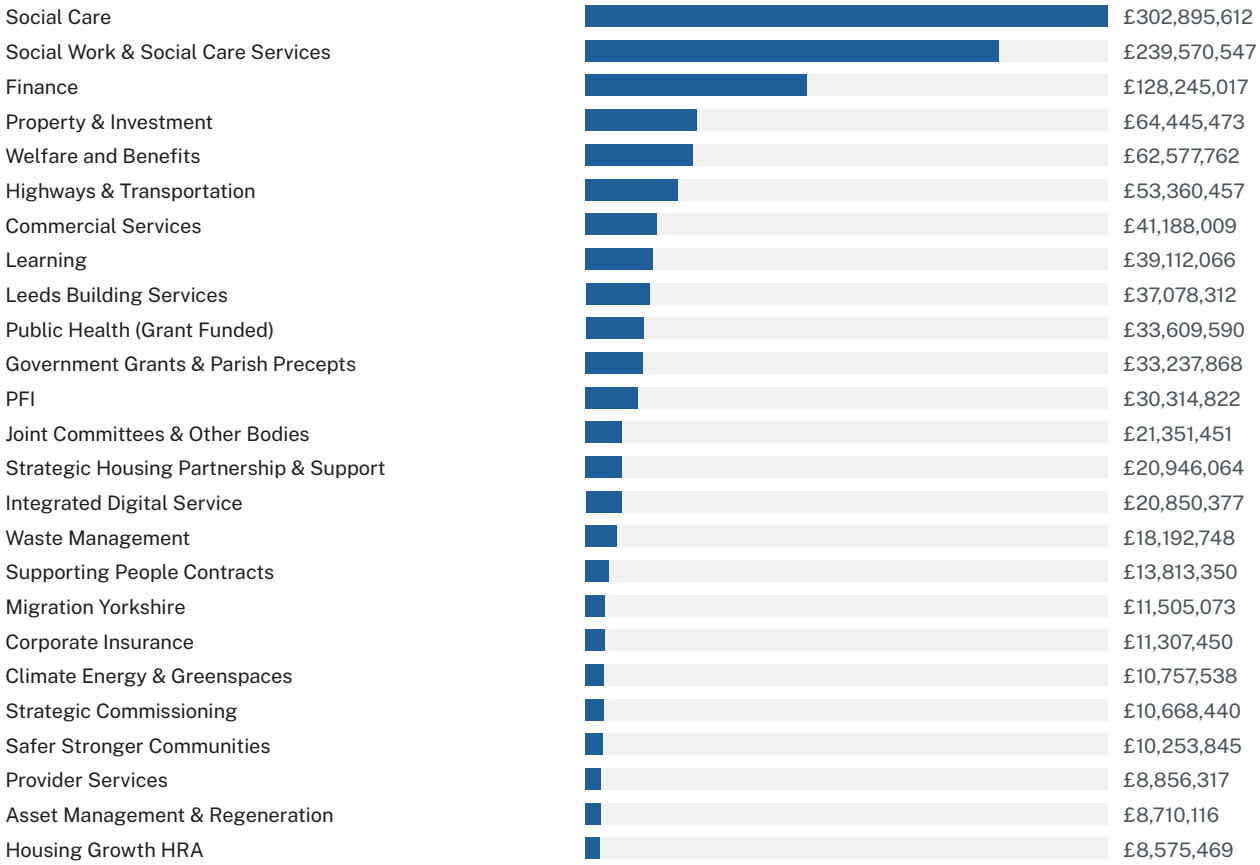
1. Leap Confronting Conflict: £5,000 (1 payment)
2. The Association Of Directors Of: £4,555 (2 payments)
3. Brintex: £4,536 (1 payment)
4. QUALITY LEISURE MANAGEMENT LTD: £3,090 (1 payment)
5. Better Leeds Communities: £2,986 (1 payment)
6. Foreign Payments: £2,647 (1 payment)
7. NATIONAL YOUTH AGENCY: £1,140 (1 payment)
8. Health For All (Leeds): £1,104 (1 payment)
9. MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION: £665 (1 payment)

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

1. Rethink Food CIC: £23,750 (1 payment)
2. Give A Gift: £20,400 (1 payment)
3. Ls-Ten Ltd: £4,426 (1 payment)
4. Westgate Frozen Foods Ltd: £4,273 (4 payments)
5. Cute Little Drinks Van: £2,750 (1 payment)
6. WILLIAM TAYLOR & SON (PIG SALESMEN) LTD: £2,175 (2 payments)
7. SPUDZ 3 LTD: £1,200 (1 payment)
8. CAFEOLOGY LTD: £1,186 (1 payment)
9. Grays Of Leeds Ltd: £660 (1 payment)
10. JL Brooks Ltd: £532 (1 payment)

Spending by the council's own service areas

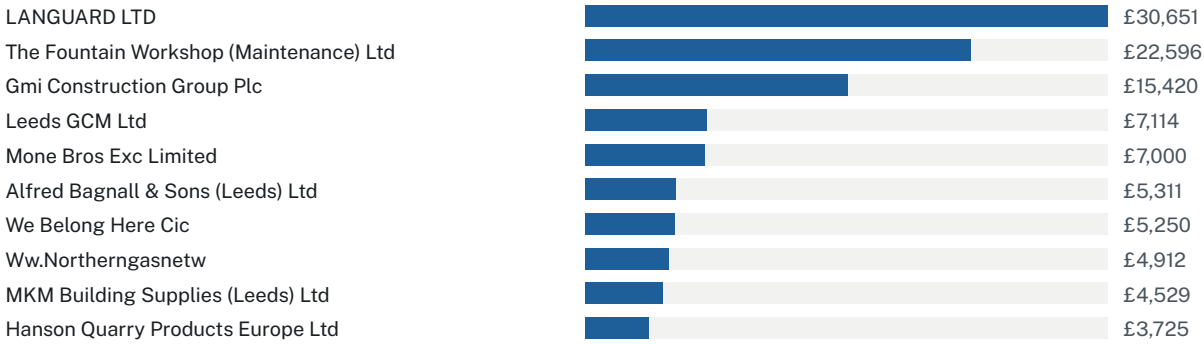
Leeds: payments by service area, as the council labels them



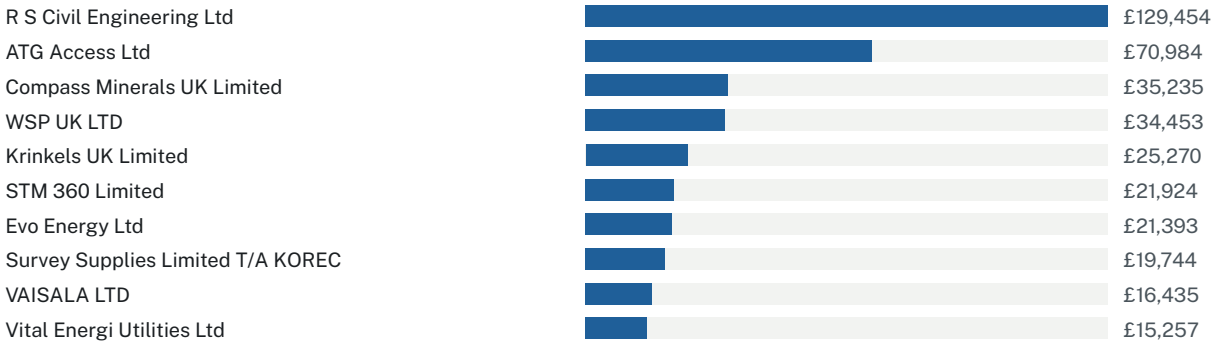
Who is paid for grounds, street cleaning, roads and bins?

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



Road and bridge maintenance: largest suppliers



Consultancy and agency against the pay bill

Payments we classify as consultancy and agency staff came to **0.9%** of Leeds's own staff costs in its 2025-26 revenue return, against a median of 9.9% for the other metropolitan borough councils 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.

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Leeds: senior pay and councillor allowances

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In its draft statement of accounts for 2025-26, Leeds reports total remuneration of **£233,069** for its chief executive (including employer pension contributions), a year in which the post changed hands, **51** employees paid £100,000 or more, and **£2,696,000** paid in members' allowances.

Key figures

£233,069
Chief Executive, 2025-26

51
Staff paid £100,000 or more, 2025-26

£2,696,000
Members' allowances, 2025-26

£18,937
Basic allowance per councillor, 2025-26

Chief Executive

Total remuneration of **£233,069** in 2025-26, including employer pension contributions. Excluding pension contributions: £202,115. The post changed hands, or the figure covers part of a year, so it is not compared with the year before.

From the accounts: 2025/26: Chief Executive (Ed Whiting), 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026: salary, fees and allowances 202,115; employer's pension 30,954; total 233,069. 2024/25 lines as printed: Chief Executive (Tom Riordan), 1 April 2024 to 22 September 2024, 94,833 / 14,943 / 109,776 (plus £38.3k as Returning Officer for national elections, stated as additional); Chief Executive (Ed Whiting), 7 January 2025 to 31 March 2025, 47,996 / 7,583 / 55,579. The Director of Strategy & Resources held the post of Acting Chief Executive from 23 September 2024 to 6 January 2025 (her 2024/25 total 211,286 reflects both roles). totalExclPension is the printed 'Salary, Fees and Allowances' column.

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Employees paid £50,000 or more

2,153 employees in 2025-26, up 21.2% on 2024-25 (1,776). 51 were paid £100,000 or more, 6.1 per 100,000 residents. The median among the 4 other metropolitan borough councils collected so far is 8.0 per 100,000.

Leeds: employees by pay band, as printed

Band	2025-26	2024-25
£50,000 to £54,999	1,049	868
£55,000 to £59,999	377	287
£60,000 to £64,999	224	222
£65,000 to £69,999	156	114
£70,000 to £74,999	94	94
£75,000 to £79,999	74	53
£80,000 to £84,999	44	29
£85,000 to £89,999	52	42
£90,000 to £94,999	19	18
£95,000 to £99,999	13	15
£100,000 to £104,999	13	7
£105,000 to £109,999	10	6
£110,000 to £114,999	8	8
£115,000 to £119,999	7	9
£120,000 to £159,999	10	4
£160,000 to £189,999	3	0

Includes schools staff. Senior officers listed separately are not in these counts. From the accounts: 'Other employee remuneration in excess of £50,000': 'employees whose total remuneration is above £50,000 but who are not included in the detailed disclosure for senior employees'. Split into Teachers and Other Staff; counts are the Total column (2,153 in 2025/26; 1,776 in 2024/25). Above £120,000 the council combines bands (£120,000-£159,999; £160,000-£189,999; 2024/25 shows '-' for the top band). Includes 1 teacher and 18 other staff (2024/25: 1 and 8) normally paid under £50k who received Early Leavers Initiative lump sums.

Source: Leeds, Statement of Accounts 2025/26 Unaudited Draft figures approved 2nd July 2026 (draft), PDF page 67 (printed page 52). Read by hand; checked 2026-09-24.

Councillors' allowances

£2,696,000 in 2025-26, up 2.5% on 2024-25 (£2,630,000), or £3.21 per resident. The median among the 4 other metropolitan borough councils collected so far is £3.26 per resident.

Leeds: allowances paid, 2025-26, from its published list

Paid as	Total
Basic allowances	£1,864,794
Special responsibility allowances	£831,480
Expenses	not printed
All	£2,696,274

The basic allowance for each councillor is £18,937 a year (2025-26).

From the accounts: "Members' Allowances (£000s): Basic Allowance 1,865 (2024/25 1,824); Special Responsibility Allowance 831 (806); total 2,696 (2,630)" (PDF page 73 (printed page 58), note 12.9)

Published allowances: Members Allowances 25-26 (Leeds City Council, published on Data Mill North).

What this data does and doesn't show

- Every figure is as Leeds 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 metropolitan borough councils read so far; no national figure is published for England.
- Published 2025/26 allowances list prints no column totals; basic and SRA are our sums of the per-member values and agree with the accounts note (£1,865k and £831k). The 'Dependant carers/travel and subsistence allowance' column carries no values in the list, so expenses is left null. Basic rate is the full-year Basic figure (18,937) shown for councillors in the 2025/26 list; the allowances scheme itself was not checked.

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