Leicester 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.

Leicester: your area

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As of 6 April 2026

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Where your council tax goes in Leicester

£2,528.75
Band D bill, 2026-27
As of 6 April 2026

£2,081.46
Goes to Leicester itself (82%)
As of 6 April 2026

£794.44
Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

Parking income in Leicester City UA

£4.91m
Parking surplus
+£1.11m (+29.4%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£11.56m
Parking income
+£1.65m (+16.7%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£6.66m
Spending on parking
+£0.54m (+8.8%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

Leicester: spending over £500

£546.9m
Paid in payments of £500 or more, latest year

77,117
Payments

3,164
Suppliers

Leicester: senior pay and councillor allowances

£210,266
Chief Operating Officer - Alison Greenhill (Head of Paid Service), 2025-26

19
Staff paid £100,000 or more, 2025-26

£1,113,163
Members' allowances, 2025-26

Leicester: your area

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

Leicester sets a Band D council tax of **£2,529** for 2026-27, 75 of 296 councils in England from the highest. Police: Leicestershire. Fire and rescue: Leicestershire. Health: NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland 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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4%
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25

72%
Reserves as a share of spending, 2025-26

What is the council tax in Leicester?

Band D is **£2,529** a year for 2026-27, and Band A, the lowest, **£1,686**. That is £118 above the England average of £2,411, 75 of 296 in England from the highest.

Of a Band D bill, **£2,122** goes to Leicester.

Every band, who gets the money and how Leicester compares

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

Every payment over £500 that Leicester publishes

Leicester: 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 £554 Lower than the England figure of £796
- Ombudsman uphold rate 71% (15 of 21) Lower than the England figure of 86%
- Reserves as a share of net spending 72% Higher than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £1,653 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 Requires improvement to be good 73% of English councils are good or outstanding
- CQC, adult social care Requires improvement 63% of assessed councils are good or outstanding
- A roads needing maintenance considered 4% Lower than the England figure of 5%
- Recycling rate 40.4% Lower than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 97.6% Higher than the England figure of 91.0%

Each figure is set against the figure for England as a whole. They are plain comparisons, one measure at a time: there is no overall score and no ranking of councils. Higher is not always better or worse; what each measure does and does not show is on the methodology page.

The full report card: complaints, finances, audit, pay and services

Roads, bins and planning

Roads, recycling and planning in Leicester

Measure	Figure	Period
A roads where maintenance should be considered	4%	2024-25
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered	3%	2024-25
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered	24%	2024-25
Household waste reused, recycled or composted	40.4%	2024-25
Major planning decisions made on time	97.6%	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 Leicester

Authority	Year	Income	Surplus
Leicester City UA	2025-26	£11.6m	£4.9m

What the law lets a council spend a parking surplus on is on parking fines and council parking income.

Who is your MP?

A council area can span several constituencies, so your MP depends on your address. Enter your postcode in the box at the top of this page to see your MP and what their office cost, 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 **106.1 crimes per 1,000 residents** in Leicester, excluding anti-social behaviour, against 82.5 across England.

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

Your police precept

A Band D home in Leicester pays **£315.23** police precept in 2026-27. It funds **Leicestershire**, which has £289m 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 Leicester are not what its precept bought.

Leicestershire: funding, precept and results for the whole force

Who runs police, fire, health and ambulances here?

The bodies that serve Leicester, and their latest money

Service	Body	Latest	Per resident
Police	Leicestershire	£289m (2026-27)	£245
Fire and rescue	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service	£27m (2024-25)	£23.29
Ambulance	East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust	£331m (2024-25)	£65.35
NHS	NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board	£3.2bn (2028-29)	£2,757
Roads	Leicester	£5m (2025-26)	£13.83
Schools	Leicester	£375m (2026-27)	£979
Council spending	Leicester	£848m (2025-26)	£2,213
Social care	Leicester	£318m (2024-25)	£821
Housing	Leicester City	£33m (2025-26)	£85.56
Waste and recycling	Leicester	not published	—

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

See Leicester 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 Leicester?** Band D is £2,529 a year for 2026-27. Every band.
- **Which police force covers Leicester?** Leicestershire police force area. Fire and rescue: Leicestershire.

Council tax in Leicester

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

Council tax in **Leicester** for 2026-27 is **£2,529 a year for a Band D home**, £1,686 for Band A and £5,058 for the top band. That is £118 above the England average of £2,411. It ranks 75 of 296 billing areas in England. Figures are the council's own set rates.

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

What is the bill for each band?

Council tax by band in Leicester, bands A to H

Band	A year	A month
Band A	£1,685.83	£140.49
Band B	£1,966.81	£163.90
Band C	£2,247.78	£187.32
Band D	£2,528.75	£210.73
Band E	£3,090.69	£257.56
Band F	£3,652.64	£304.39
Band G	£4,214.58	£351.22
Band H	£5,057.50	£421.46

Who gets the money?

Band D bill in Leicester by receiving body

Who receives it	Band D	Share
Leicester	£2,122	84%
Other precepting bodies	£407	16%

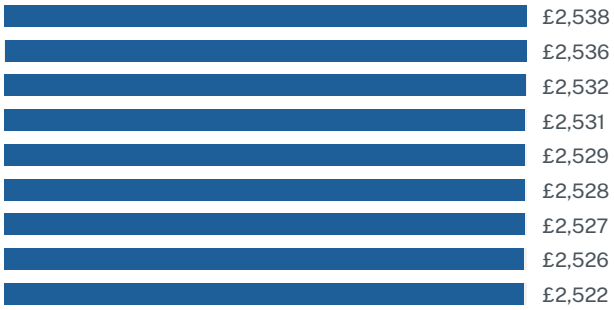
Each body sets its own precept and the council simply collects them together. The council that sends the bill keeps only its own share.

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

How does it compare?

Band D here is **£118 above** the England average, 75 of 296 councils from the highest.

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



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

How does Leicester compare? The report card

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

Measure	Leicester	For comparison
Complaints and enquiries received	203	—
Complaints and enquiries decided	143	118 in 2024-25
Detailed investigations	21	—
Upheld	15	—
Uphold rate	71%	86% for every body the Ombudsman covers; 85% 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	74%	—

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 1 finding of severe maladministration against Leicester City Council in 2025-26, out of 57 findings in 23 determinations. Its maladministration rate for this landlord was 77%.

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

How healthy are its finances?

Reserves, spending and borrowing: Leicester

Measure	Leicester	For comparison
Net revenue spending, 2025-26	£365.2m	—
Reserves at the end of 2025-26	£261.3m	—
Reserves as a share of net spending	72%	50% for England; 82% in 2024-25
Outstanding borrowing at 30 June 2026	£240.8m	—
Borrowing per home on the valuation list	£1,653	£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: Leicester

Accounts year	Status recorded by PSAA	Opinion signed
2025-26	Unsigned	Not yet
2024-25	Delivered by backstop	24 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: Leicester, from the statement of accounts

Measure	2025-26	2024-25
Employees paid £50,000 or more	1,034	790
Councillors' allowances	£1,113,163	£1,101,404

The count is up 244 on the year before. Part 2 'Higher Paid Employees': 'The number of other Council employees receiving more than £50,000 remuneration ... the table excludes the senior officers listed in the previous table. These figures include teaching, senior leadership and support staff within local authority schools.' Remuneration excludes employer's pension contributions and includes compensation for loss of office. Non-Schools, Schools and Total; counts are Total (1,034 in 2025/26; 790 in 2024/25). Dashes recorded as 0. The accounts describe the allowances figure as "Basic Allowance Payments 748,318 (2024/25 727,236); Special Responsibility Payments 364,064 (373,407); General Expense Payments 781 (761); Total 1,113,163 (1,101,404)". 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: Leicester, Draft Annual Accounts 2025/2026, PDF page 101, Note 32 Part 2. Checked 24 September 2026.

How are its services rated?

Service ratings and performance: Leicester

Measure	Leicester	For comparison
Children's services, Ofsted overall effectiveness	Requires improvement to be good	29 January 2025. 73% of English councils judged good or outstanding
Adult social care, CQC assessment	Requires improvement	16 July 2025. 63% of assessed councils rated good or outstanding
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	4%	5% in England
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	3%	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	40.4%	42.0% for England
Major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of june 2026	97.6%	91.0% for England
Non-major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of June 2026	80.4%	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 Leicester, newest first. Each links to the body that made or published it. News reports are not included.

1. 1 April 2026 Council tax Council tax for 2026-27: Band D £2,529, up 5.0% on the year before Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
2. 9 March 2026 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, homelessness Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case . Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
3. 9 October 2025 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, homelessness Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 24-005-927. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
4. 28 August 2025 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, homelessness Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case . Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
5. 15 October 2024 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, homelessness Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 23-015-268. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
6. 4 May 2023 Election Local election: 54 seats won Labour Party 31, Conservative and Unionist Party 17, Green Party 3, Liberal Democrats 3 Democracy Club

Does the council think something here is wrong?

If you represent Leicester 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 **14.3%** of the money Leicester had to spend in 2025-26. The rest came from government grants (50.8%), business rates (13.0%) and fees, charges and other income (20.4%), with 1.4% taken from reserves. That is why a grant cut can raise your bill even when the council has not changed what it does. See where it goes.

Where can I find out more?

What council tax is and why it works this way, including why the bands are still based on 1991 property values in England and Scotland, and how every area compares, everything else on Leicester: parking, roads, your MP and local services, and Leicester on the council map.

Common questions

- **How much is council tax in Leicester?** Band D is £2,529 a year for 2026-27. Band A is £1,686 and the top band £5,058.
- **Is council tax in Leicester higher than average?** Yes. Band D here is £118 above the England average of £2,411.

Where your council tax goes in Leicester

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

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Key figures

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

£2,081.46
Goes to Leicester itself (82%)
As of 6 April 2026

£794.44
Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

14.3%
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.

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 Leicester City 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.

Leicester City, 2025-26

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£5.4m	£14	£16	—	down 21.3% on 2024-25
Street cleaning	£5.2m	£14	£8.92	£10,035 (similar: £2,423)	down 3.1% on 2024-25
Road and bridge maintenance	£2.5m	£6.52	£18	£4,815 (similar: £5,042)	down 3.1% on 2024-25
Environmental, safety and routine maintenance	£360k	£0.94	£9.57	£694 (similar: £2,684)	down 1.6% on 2024-25
Structural maintenance (resurfacing, bridges)	£2.1m	£5.58	£6.79	£4,121 (similar: £1,902)	down 3.3% on 2024-25
Winter service (gritting)	£164k	£0.43	£2.84	£316 (similar: £665)	up 14.7% on 2024-25
Street lighting (including energy)	£2.7m	£6.96	£8.83	£5,135 (similar: £1,933)	down 23.4% on 2024-25

Miles of road: Department for Transport road lengths, 2025; locally managed major roads and all minor roads. More on what council tax does and doesn't pay for.

What it adds up to

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

Service	Per resident	Median
Education	£928	£712
Adult social care	£549	£478
Children's social care	£298	£309
Public health	£98	£64
Environment and regulation	£97	£111
Housing (not council homes)	£86	£33
Running the council	£62	£51
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£47	£38
Roads and transport	£43	£49
Planning and development	£23	£21
Other services	£-17.37	£10

- Leicester City spent **37.3**% of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2025-26 (median for unitary councils in England: 31.1%); the rest went on suppliers, contractors, grants, benefits and other running costs.
- Its published payments of £500 or more came to **£546.9m** 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 **4.9**% of its staff costs (median among the 6 other unitary councils in England whose £500 data is read: 8.4%). The two come from different sources and periods, so this is a guide to scale, not an exact share.

What this data does and doesn't show

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

Sources

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

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

Common questions

- **What does council tax pay for in Leicester?** A Band D bill of £2,528.75 is split between Leicester, Leicester: adult social care precept, this year's increase, Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable, Leicestershire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority. In proportion to spending, the largest line is adult social care, £794.44.
- **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 Leicester City UA

Your area · Last updated 21 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/parking/leicester-city-ua/

In 2025–26 Leicester City UA took **£11.6m** in parking income and spent £6.7m, a **surplus of £4.9m** against £3.8m in 2024–25 (+29%), the 64th largest of 290 councils in England. Penalty charges brought in £5.4m. Figures are from the council's own return to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Key figures

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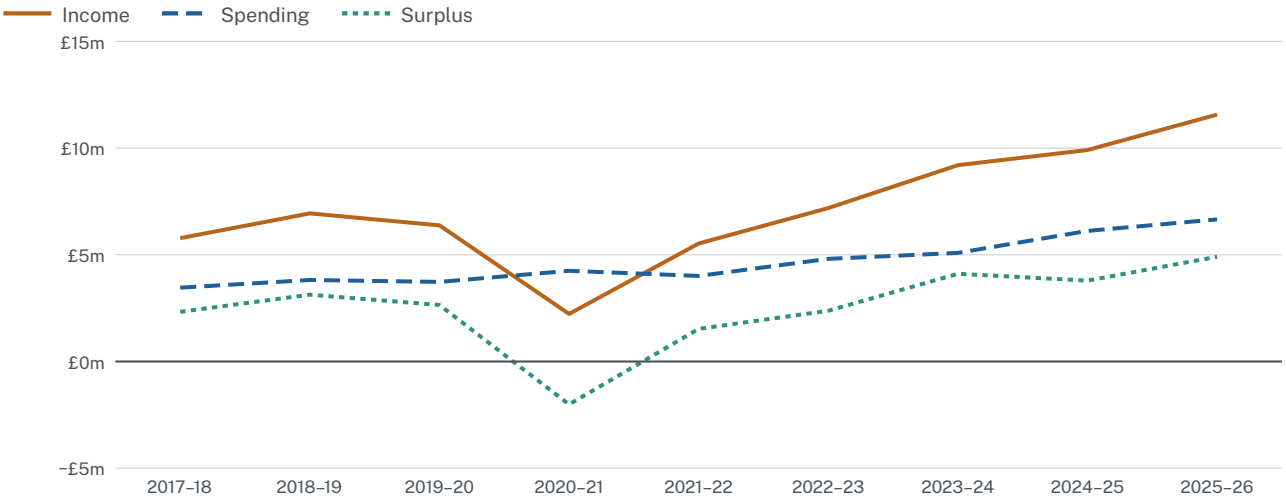
£6.66m
Spending on parking
+£0.54m (+8.8%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£5.39m
Penalty charge income
+£0.58m (+12.0%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

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

How much has Leicester City UA made from parking each year?

Leicester City UA: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million



Leicester City UA: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million. Income: £5.78m in 2017–18, £11.57m in 2025–26. Spending: £3.46m in 2017–18, £6.66m in 2025–26. Surplus: £2.33m in 2017–18, £4.91m in 2025–26.

Leicester City UA: on-street and car park accounts

Year	On-street income	On-street spending	Car park income	Car park spending	Penalty income
2017–18	£3.90m	£2.22m	£1.89m	£1.24m	£1.99m
2018–19	£4.70m	£2.55m	£2.24m	£1.27m	£2.81m
2019–20	£4.23m	£2.63m	£2.15m	£1.09m	£2.22m
2020–21	£1.60m	£2.86m	£0.63m	£1.39m	£0.72m
2021–22	£3.78m	£2.85m	£1.75m	£1.15m	£2.15m
2022–23	£4.84m	£3.78m	£2.35m	£1.04m	£2.95m
2023–24	£6.50m	£4.09m	£2.69m	£1.00m	£4.15m
2024–25	£7.21m	£4.99m	£2.70m	£1.13m	£4.81m
2025–26	£8.43m	£5.55m	£3.13m	£1.11m	£5.39m

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

What can Leicester City UA spend a surplus on?

On-street parking charges and all council parking penalty charges (England and Wales)

Ring-fenced by law a ring-fenced parking account. A surplus may only be spent on parking, public transport, highway and environmental improvements and similar purposes; a deficit is made good from the general fund.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s55, as applied in England by SI 2022/71, regs 25 and 27

Council car park (off-street) tariffs

Kept by the body that collects it the council's general fund. Section 55 covers on-street parking and enforcement income, not car park fees. Not verified

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s55(1), and DfT statutory guidance on civil parking enforcement

How does Leicester City UA compare with other councils?

Leicester City UA among the England councils nearest it, parking surplus 2025–26



Ranked largest surplus first; a negative figure is a deficit. Every council is in the full tables.

Every council's parking surplus, penalty charge levels and the national trend.

Leicester: spending over £500

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Leicester published **77,117 payments** of £500 or more between November 2025 and October 2026, worth **£546.9m** in all, to 3,164 suppliers. The largest total went to Biffa Waste Services Ltd: £21.4m across 110 payments. These are the council's own published records; the gaps in them are listed below.

Key figures

£546.9m
Paid in payments of £500 or more, latest year

77,117
Payments

3,164
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:

- 3.6% of payments (£8,984,549) have the supplier name withheld or redacted by the council, usually because the payee is an individual.
- 1667 credits and refunds (negative amounts, £7,989,423 in all) are included, so totals are net.

Top 50 suppliers by value

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

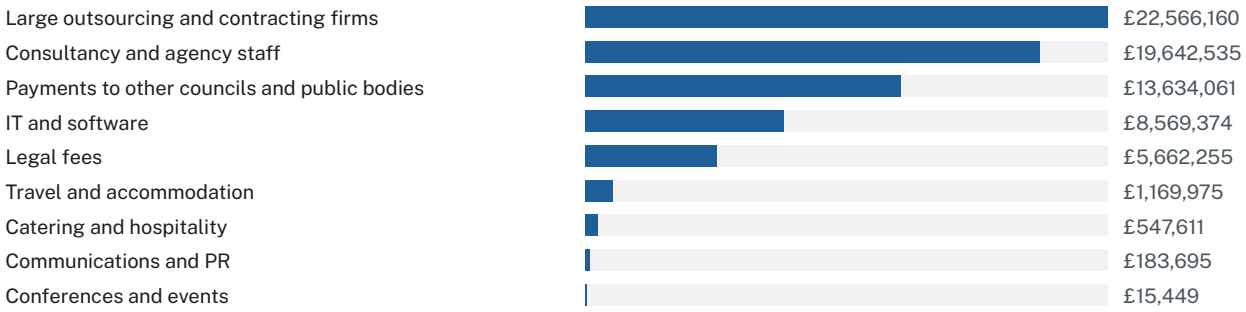
Supplier	Paid	Payments
Biffa Waste Services Ltd	£21,354,552	110
Click Travel Ltd T/A Perk UK Ltd	£16,112,085	77
Lovell Partnerships Ltd	£12,909,103	23
Arriva Midlands Ltd	£9,258,882	21
Names withheld by the council	£8,984,549	2,761
Leicester BSF Company 2 Ltd	£8,575,729	60
Leicester BSF Company 1 Ltd	£8,575,670	68

Supplier	Paid	Payments
Turning Point Services Ltd FA SL&FSB	£7,175,756	42
Gap Property Services (Leicester) Ltd	£6,178,876	139
Medequip Assistive Technology Ltd	£5,412,138	17
Oliveti Construction Ltd	£4,544,847	512
Reed Specialist Recruitment Ltd	£4,261,615	52
Lifeways Community Care Ltd FA SL&FSB	£4,239,974	1,007
Community Integrated Care FA SL&FSB	£3,918,015	472
Aspire UK	£3,721,762	2,121
Hicare Ltd	£3,716,151	1,212
Bluewood Healthcare	£3,651,819	1,790
Carers Direct Homecare Ltd	£3,622,364	1,704
Total Gas & Power Ltd	£3,542,979	875
Platform Childcare Ltd	£3,537,453	188
GEDA Construction Company Ltd	£3,513,738	8
Nylah Homes Ltd	£3,466,477	802
Leicester District Energy Ltd	£3,407,887	42
Speller Metcalfe Malvern Ltd	£3,369,209	15
7 Formation Ltd	£3,275,498	12
Uk Gas Services Ltd	£3,248,165	61
Holcim UK Limited	£3,056,161	59
DSAT Millgate School Academy	£2,984,218	10
IBC Quality Solutions Ltd	£2,976,969	1,380
Freeths LLP	£2,976,498	543
Bright Bees Nursery Ltd	£2,938,436	199
The Herewoode Academy	£2,924,079	8
Affinity Trust FA SL&FSB	£2,924,066	416
DSAT Ash Field Academy	£2,853,950	13
NDH CARE LTD	£2,456,855	1,335
Happy Group Limited	£2,438,438	139
ARTHUR J GALLAGHER INSURANCE BROKERS LTD	£2,401,879	17
Changing Lives Care Group Ltd	£2,363,071	68
Rent Connect	£2,348,846	23
Leicestershire County Council	£2,331,045	72
Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	£2,318,719	10
Cambian Childcare Limited	£2,221,114	106
Your Chapter Ltd	£2,170,295	94
A Zoom Ltd	£2,108,544	78
Leicester Citybus Ltd t/a First bus group	£2,063,739	21
CLARENDON MEWS CARE LIMITED	£2,053,339	458
DSAT Keyham Lodge School Academy	£2,007,195	6
Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust	£1,983,178	13
Help At Home	£1,965,301	1,513
Centennial Property Ltd t/a The Housing Network	£1,887,333	121

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.

Leicester: 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. Leicestershire County Council: £2,331,045 (72 payments)
2. Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust: £2,318,719 (10 payments)
3. Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust: £1,983,178 (13 payments)
4. Taylor Road Primary (Academy) – part of Aspire Learning Partnership (ALP) Multi Academy Trust (MAT): £1,267,273 (9 payments)
5. Learning Without Limits Academy Trust (Babington Academy): £1,036,385 (11 payments)
6. The City of Leicester College (Academy) – part of Aspire Learning Partnership (ALP) Multi Academy Trust (MAT): £481,211 (18 payments)
7. Soar Valley College (Academy) – part of Aspire Learning Partnership (ALP) Multi Academy Trust (MAT): £478,937 (6 payments)
8. Department For Energy Security & Net Zero: £459,519 (1 payment)
9. St Mary's Fields Academy (part of the LEAD Academy Trust): £377,364 (15 payments)
10. Harborough District Council: £322,130 (4 payments)

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

1. Biffa Waste Services Ltd: £21,354,552 (110 payments)
2. Amey OW Limited: £472,660 (22 payments)
3. Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd: £314,272 (1 payment)
4. OCS Group UK Limited: £241,230 (32 payments)
5. Tarmac Ltd: £88,075 (130 payments)
6. Kier Construction Ltd: £87,253 (1 payment)
7. Capita Business Services LTD: £3,895 (1 payment)
8. CAPITA PENSION SOLUTIONS LTD: £2,296 (1 payment)
9. G4S FACILITIES MANAGEMENT(UK) Limited: £991 (19 payments)
10. G4S Cash Solutions (UK) Ltd: £936 (1 payment)

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

1. Freeths LLP: £2,976,498 (543 payments)
2. Names withheld by the council: £642,736 (358 payments)
3. Amicus Law (South West) LLP – Trading as AmicusLaw: £594,838 (3 payments)
4. Wilkin Chapman Rollits T/A Wilkin Chapman LLP Client: £137,693 (19 payments)
5. Anthony Collins Solicitors Llp: £119,696 (14 payments)
6. Traffic Enforcement Centre -TEC: £100,000 (5 payments)

7. Sharpe Pritchard LLP: £95,964 (11 payments)
8. Greenhalgh Kerr Solicitors Limited: £79,098 (24 payments)
9. Fletchers Solicitors: £74,333 (7 payments)
10. Weightmans LLP: £66,176 (30 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: £4,261,615 (52 payments)
2. LANGDALE HOUSE LTD T/A EVERDALE GRANGE: £1,170,000 (13 payments)
3. Perfect Circle JV Ltd: £676,690 (35 payments)
4. Randstad Solutions Limited: £638,120 (701 payments)
5. Grant Thornton Uk Llp: £587,594 (7 payments)
6. Arcadis Consulting (UK) Ltd: £511,709 (33 payments)
7. Hicare Ltd: £376,405 (152 payments)
8. Impower Consulting Limited: £333,829 (4 payments)
9. Danaher & Walsh (C E) Ltd: £294,063 (6 payments)
10. Rider Levett Bucknall (UK) Ltd: £292,500 (9 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. CDW Limited: £1,697,405 (28 payments)
2. Boxxe Ltd: £1,013,441 (7 payments)
3. Bauer Media Outdoor (was Clear Channel): £939,808 (2 payments)
4. Bytes Software Services: £620,835 (2 payments)
5. Llquidlogic Ltd: £543,354 (10 payments)
6. Softcat Ltd: £502,978 (16 payments)
7. Civica UK Ltd: £371,639 (13 payments)
8. Blossom Care Group Ltd – Daisy House: £241,389 (9 payments)
9. Post Office Ltd: £240,801 (5 payments)
10. Mosaic 1898 Ltd: £233,988 (165 payments)

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

1. Reach Publishing Services Limited: £46,202 (55 payments)
2. The Brush Bus ltd: £16,263 (6 payments)
3. Narrative Alchemy Ltd: £13,500 (1 payment)
4. AMS International: £10,184 (11 payments)
5. Names withheld by the council: £8,800 (4 payments)
6. Global Media Group Services Ltd: £7,973 (3 payments)
7. Diversified Business Communications UK Limited: £7,062 (1 payment)
8. Arch Creative Consultants Ltd: £7,049 (6 payments)
9. read - The Reading Agency: £6,573 (1 payment)
10. Primary Times: £5,100 (6 payments)

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

1. Built Environment Networking Limited: £4,995 (2 payments)
2. UNICEF UK Baby Friendly Initiative: £3,705 (1 payment)
3. NSPCC Training Centre: £2,113 (1 payment)
4. Big Shed Enterprises Ltd.: £1,011 (1 payment)
5. PPMA (Public Sector People Managers Association: £960 (1 payment)

6. MET Events Limited: £917 (1 payment)
7. Landor Links Ltd: £650 (1 payment)
8. Local Government Association: £599 (1 payment)
9. School Development Support Agency (SDSA): £500 (1 payment)

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

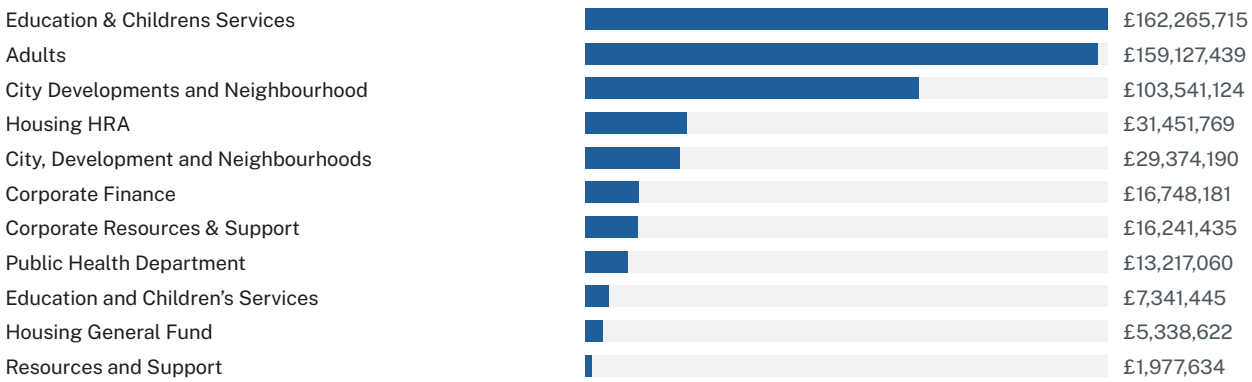
1. Hansom Taxis T/a Hansom Airport Taxis Ltd: £276,136 (37 payments)
2. Adams Transport: £190,453 (43 payments)
3. A Zoom Ltd: £148,956 (55 payments)
4. NMI TAXIS LIMITED: £140,102 (33 payments)
5. Skyline Taxis (Mids) Ltd: £132,933 (31 payments)
6. Fullcroft Limited T/A Victoria Cabs: £124,659 (53 payments)
7. HMB (LEIC) LTD: £32,004 (24 payments)
8. Everest Taxis: £21,752 (16 payments)
9. City Rides Leicester Ltd: £18,830 (9 payments)
10. Aizel Cabs Ltd: £18,026 (10 payments)

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

1. Molson Coors: £128,470 (52 payments)
2. Leicestershire Citizens Advice Bureau: £121,637 (3 payments)
3. Crowndale Foods Ltd: £76,067 (36 payments)
4. Elldeli Foods Ltd: £72,788 (43 payments)
5. Names withheld by the council: £40,537 (23 payments)
6. Snackline Direct Ltd: £20,995 (28 payments)
7. Grays Coffee Shop & Kitchen: £19,120 (20 payments)
8. Decadent Catering Ltd: £10,816 (8 payments)
9. Winstanley House Ltd.: £10,150 (15 payments)
10. Braund Limited T/A Copper Events: £7,785 (2 payments)

Spending by the council's own service areas

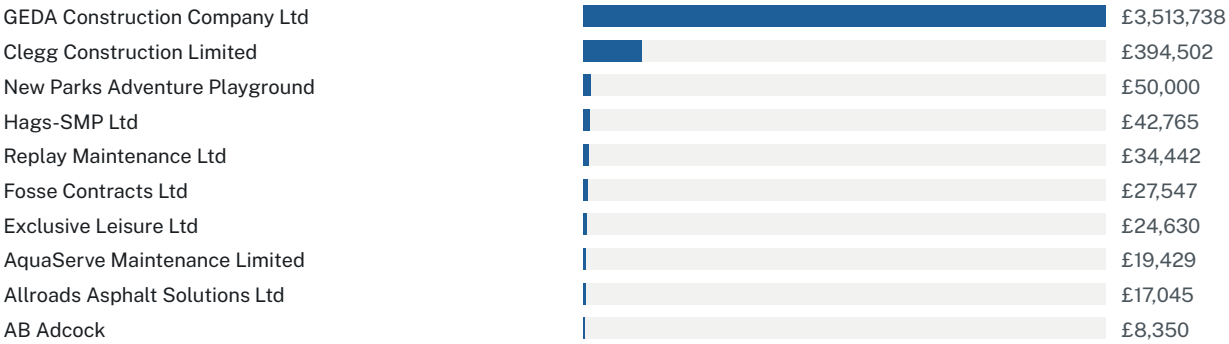
Leicester: payments by service area, as the council labels them



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



Consultancy and agency against the pay bill

Payments we classify as consultancy and agency staff came to **4.9%** of Leicester's own staff costs in its 2025-26 revenue return, against a median of 8.4% for the other unitary councils in England read so far. The payments and the staff costs come from different sources and periods, so this is a guide to scale.

Search every payment

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

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

What this data does and doesn't show

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

Sources

Leicester, spending over £500, published here. Licence as the council states it: Open Government Licence v3.0. Checked 2026-09-24; files read 2026-11-21.

- export: 64,455 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-21.
- export: 75,017 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-21.

Leicester: senior pay and councillor allowances

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In its draft statement of accounts for 2025-26, Leicester reports total remuneration of **£210,266** for its chief operating officer - alison greenhill (head of paid service) (including employer pension contributions), **19** employees paid £100,000 or more, and **£1,113,163** paid in members' allowances.

Key figures

£210,266
Chief Operating Officer - Alison Greenhill (Head of Paid Service), 2025-26

19
Staff paid £100,000 or more, 2025-26

£1,113,163
Members' allowances, 2025-26

£13,646
Basic allowance per councillor, 2026-27

Chief Operating Officer - Alison Greenhill (Head of Paid Service)

Total remuneration of **£210,266** in 2025-26, including employer pension contributions. That is up 3.3% on 2024-25 (£203,533). The median among the 4 other unitary councils in England collected so far is £244,922.

From the accounts: Leicester's head of paid service is titled Chief Operating Officer. 2025/26: salary, fees and allowances 167,084; pension 43,182; compensation for loss of office -; total 210,266. 2024/25: 161,909; 41,624; -; 203,533. Total excluding pension is not printed.

PDF page 100, Note 32 Part 1

Employees paid £50,000 or more

1,034 employees in 2025-26, up 30.9% on 2024-25 (790). 19 were paid £100,000 or more, 5.0 per 100,000 residents. The median among the 7 other unitary councils in England collected so far is 4.9 per 100,000.

Leicester: employees by pay band, as printed

Band	2025-26	2024-25
£50,000 to £54,999	481	368
£55,000 to £59,999	242	158
£60,000 to £64,999	101	74
£65,000 to £69,999	54	61
£70,000 to £74,999	36	35
£75,000 to £79,999	50	44
£80,000 to £84,999	28	14
£85,000 to £89,999	7	9
£90,000 to £94,999	14	6
£95,000 to £99,999	2	4
£100,000 to £104,999	4	7
£105,000 to £109,999	7	3
£110,000 to £114,999	2	2
£115,000 to £119,999	0	2
£120,000 to £124,999	2	3
£125,000 to £129,999	3	0
£130,000 to £134,999	1	0

Includes schools staff. Senior officers listed separately are not in these counts. From the accounts: Part 2 'Higher Paid Employees': 'The number of other Council employees receiving more than £50,000 remuneration ... the table excludes the senior officers listed in the previous table. These figures include teaching, senior leadership and support staff within local authority schools.' Remuneration excludes employer's pension contributions and includes compensation for loss of office. Non-Schools, Schools and Total; counts are Total (1,034 in 2025/26; 790 in 2024/25). Dashes recorded as 0.

Source: Leicester, Draft Annual Accounts 2025/2026 (draft), PDF page 101, Note 32 Part 2. Read by hand; checked 2026-09-24.

Councillors' allowances

£1,113,163 in 2025-26, up 1.1% on 2024-25 (£1,101,404), or £2.91 per resident. The median among the 7 other unitary councils in England collected so far is £3.81 per resident.

The basic allowance for each councillor is £13,646 a year (2026-27).

From the accounts: "Basic Allowance Payments 748,318 (2024/25 727,236); Special Responsibility Payments 364,064 (373,407); General Expense Payments 781 (761); Total 1,113,163 (1,101,404)" (PDF page 99, Note 31)

Published allowances: .

What this data does and doesn't show

- Every figure is as Leicester printed it, in accounts that have not yet been audited. Counts in the £100,000 figure are our sum of the council's bands.
- Comparisons are with the other unitary councils in England read so far; no national figure is published for England.
- Leicester has an elected City Mayor; the head of paid service is the Chief Operating Officer. The council's scheme page states 'The scheme detailed here has been in force since 1 April 2026' with a basic allowance of '£13,646 per annum for each Member'. The 2025/26 scheme PDF on cabinet.leicester.gov.uk could not be downloaded. Allowances paid are published as an open-data dataset (not summed here).

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https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/council-tax-statistics				
Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: revenue outturn multi-year data set (RO2 parking)	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	the 2025–26 financial year	Open Government Licence v3.0	Leicester: your area; Parking income in Leicester City UA
https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/local-authority-revenue-expenditure-and-financing-england-revenue-outturn-multi-year-data-set				
Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: Revenue Outturn multi-year data set	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	28 September 2026	Open Government Licence v3.0	Where your council tax goes in Leicester
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legislation.gov.uk and official guidance, provision by provision	legislation.gov.uk	22 September 2026	Open Government Licence v3.0 (legislation.gov.uk)	Parking income in Leicester City UA
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