Manchester 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.

Manchester: your area

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Band D council tax, 2026-27
+£129 (+5.9%) vs 2025-26
As of 6 April 2026

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Parking surplus, 2025-26
As of 6 April 2025

38.9%
Household waste recycled, 2024-25

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Below average
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Where your council tax goes in Manchester

£2,312.04
Band D bill, 2026-27
As of 6 April 2026

£1,837.11
Goes to Manchester itself (79%)
As of 6 April 2026

£612.03
Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

Parking income in Manchester

£17.03m
Parking surplus
−£2.45m (−12.6%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£39.13m
Parking income
−£0.63m (−1.6%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£22.11m
Spending on parking
+£1.82m (+9.0%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

Manchester: senior pay and councillor allowances

£273,961
Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service), 2025-26

55
Staff paid £100,000 or more, 2025-26

£2,491,817
Members' allowances, 2025-26

Manchester: your area

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/your-area/manchester/

Manchester sets a Band D council tax of **£2,312** for 2026-27, 234 of 296 councils in England from the highest. Police: Greater Manchester. Fire and rescue: Greater Manchester. Health: NHS Greater Manchester 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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6%
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25

39%
Reserves as a share of spending, 2025-26

What is the council tax in Manchester?

Band D is **£2,312** a year for 2026-27, and Band A, the lowest, **£1,541**. That is £99 below the England average of £2,411, 234 of 296 in England from the highest.

Of a Band D bill, **£1,873** goes to Manchester.

Every band, who gets the money and how Manchester compares

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

Manchester: senior pay and councillors' allowances

How does the council compare?

- Council tax rise this year 5.9% Higher than the England figure of 4.9%
- Council tax per head £566 Lower than the England figure of £796
- Ombudsman uphold rate 85% (34 of 40) Lower than the England figure of 86%
- Reserves as a share of net spending 39% Lower than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £7,102 Higher than the England figure of £3,474
- Accounts, 2025-26 Unsigned 4% 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 6% Higher than the England figure of 5%
- Recycling rate 38.9% Lower than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 94.3% 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 Manchester

Measure	Figure	Period
A roads where maintenance should be considered	6%	2024-25
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered	6%	2024-25
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered	15%	2024-25
Household waste reused, recycled or composted	38.9%	2024-25
Major planning decisions made on time	94.3%	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 Manchester

Authority	Year	Income	Surplus
Manchester	2025-26	£39.1m	£17.0m

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?

This force supplied no records to police.uk for this period, so there are no figures for the areas inside it. Greater Manchester Police has supplied none since 2019; its force-wide crime figures are from the Home Office.

Across the whole of Greater Manchester police force area, the Home Office's recorded crime figures for the twelve months to March 2026 come to **103.7 crimes per 1,000 residents**.

Manchester on the crime map

Your police precept

A Band D home in Manchester pays **£285.30** police precept in 2026-27. It funds **Greater Manchester**, which has £911m 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 Manchester are not what its precept bought.

Greater Manchester: funding, precept and results for the whole force

Who runs police, fire, health and ambulances here?

The bodies that serve Manchester, and their latest money

Service	Body	Latest	Per resident
Police	Greater Manchester	£911m (2026-27)	£302
Fire and rescue	Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service	£151m (2025-26)	£50.08
Ambulance	North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust	£553m (2024-25)	£71.67
NHS	NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board	£10.0bn (2028-29)	£3,301
Roads	Manchester	£16m (2025-26)	£26.69
Schools	Manchester	£610m (2026-27)	£1,037
Council spending	Manchester	£1.3bn (2025-26)	£2,278
Social care	Manchester	£546m (2024-25)	£927
Housing	Manchester	£69m (2025-26)	£118
Waste and recycling	Manchester	not published	—

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

See Manchester 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 Manchester?** Band D is £2,312 a year for 2026-27. Every band.
- **Which police force covers Manchester?** Greater Manchester police force area. Fire and rescue: Greater Manchester.

Council tax in Manchester

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/manchester/

Council tax in **Manchester** for 2026-27 is **£2,312 a year for a Band D home**, £1,541 for Band A and £4,624 for the top band. That is £99 below the England average of £2,411. It ranks 234 of 296 billing areas in England. Figures are the council's own set rates.

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As of 6 April 2026

What is the bill for each band?

Council tax by band in Manchester, bands A to H

Band	A year	A month
Band A	£1,541.36	£128.45
Band B	£1,798.25	£149.85
Band C	£2,055.15	£171.26
Band D	£2,312.04	£192.67
Band E	£2,825.83	£235.49
Band F	£3,339.61	£278.30
Band G	£3,853.40	£321.12
Band H	£4,624.08	£385.34

Who gets the money?

Band D bill in Manchester by receiving body

Who receives it	Band D	Share
Manchester	£1,873	81%
Other precepting bodies	£439	19%

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 **£99 below** the England average, 234 of 296 councils from the highest.

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



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

How does Manchester compare? The report card

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

Measure	Manchester	For comparison
Complaints and enquiries received	300	—
Complaints and enquiries decided	241	177 in 2024-25
Detailed investigations	40	—
Upheld	34	—
Uphold rate	85%	86% for every body the Ombudsman covers; 83% for similar councils
Upheld cases where the council had already offered a satisfactory remedy	24%	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	79%	—

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 Manchester City Council in 2025-26, out of 52 findings in 22 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: Manchester

Measure	Manchester	For comparison
Net revenue spending, 2025-26	£714.6m	—
Reserves at the end of 2025-26	£278.3m	—
Reserves as a share of net spending	39%	50% for England; 44% in 2024-25
Outstanding borrowing at 30 June 2026	£1.80bn	—
Borrowing per home on the valuation list	£7,102	£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: Manchester

Accounts year	Status recorded by PSAA	Opinion signed
2025-26	Unsigned	Not yet
2024-25	Delivered by backstop	27 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: Manchester, from the statement of accounts

Measure	2025-26	2024-25
Employees paid £50,000 or more	1,459	1,237
Councillors' allowances	£2,491,817	—

The count is up 222 on the year before. Two tables: 'Non schools-based staff' (totals 1,037 in 2025/26; 870 in 2024/25) and 'Schools based staff' (totals 422; 367). Counts used are each table's 'Total' column (staff who have and have not received severance or other related payments). The note says the disclosure is 'excluding the remuneration details of the Council's senior employees, which are disclosed separately' and that 'figures have been aggregated or suppressed where necessary to prevent the potential identification of individuals'. The accounts describe the allowances figure as "". 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: Manchester, Annual Statement of Accounts 2025/26, PDF pages 114-116. Checked 24 September 2026.

How are its services rated?

Service ratings and performance: Manchester

Measure	Manchester	For comparison
Children's services, Ofsted overall effectiveness	Outstanding	11 November 2025. 73% of English councils judged good or outstanding
Adult social care, CQC assessment	Good	5 August 2026. 63% of assessed councils rated good or outstanding
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	6%	5% in England
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	6%	7% in England
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	15%	17% in England
Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting, 2024-25	38.9%	42.0% for England
Major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of june 2026	94.3%	91.0% for England
Non-major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of June 2026	93.1%	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 Manchester, newest first. Each links to the body that made or published it. News reports are not included.

1. 7 May 2026 Election Local election: 32 seats won Green Party 18, Reform UK 7, Labour Party 5, Labour and Co-operative Party 1, Liberal Democrats 1 Democracy Club
2. 1 April 2026 Council tax Council tax for 2026-27: Band D £2,312, up 5.9% on the year before Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
3. 8 November 2024 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, homelessness Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 23-017-649. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
4. 2 May 2024 Election Local election: 33 seats won Labour Party 25, Labour and Co-operative Party 5, Green Party 1, Liberal Democrats 1, Workers Party of Britain 1 Democracy Club
5. 4 May 2023 Election Local election: 33 seats won Labour Party 26, Labour and Co-operative Party 4, Liberal Democrats 2, Green Party 1 Democracy Club
6. 5 May 2022 Election Local election: 32 seats won Labour Party 26, Labour and Co-operative Party 4, Green Party 1, Liberal Democrats 1 Democracy Club
7. 29 July 2021 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, alternative provision Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 19-021-158. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman

Does the council think something here is wrong?

If you represent Manchester 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 **12.0%** of the money Manchester had to spend in 2025-26. The rest came from government grants (41.4%), business rates (21.1%) and fees, charges and other income (24.2%), with 1.3% 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 Manchester: parking, roads, your MP and local services, and Manchester on the council map.

Common questions

- **How much is council tax in Manchester?** Band D is £2,312 a year for 2026-27. Band A is £1,541 and the top band £4,624.
- **Is council tax in Manchester higher than average?** No. Band D here is £99 below the England average of £2,411.

Where your council tax goes in Manchester

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/manchester/where-it-goes/

A Band D council tax bill in **Manchester** is **£2,312.04** for 2026-27, split between Manchester £1,837.11, Manchester: adult social care precept, this year's increase £35.68, Greater Manchester Police £285.30, Greater Manchester Combined Authority £153.95. Shared out in proportion to what each body spends, the largest single line is adult social care at Manchester: **£612.03** of the bill. Council tax pays for 12% of the council's own spending; the rest is government grant, business rates and fees.

Key figures

£2,312.04
Band D bill, 2026-27
As of 6 April 2026

£1,837.11
Goes to Manchester itself (79%)
As of 6 April 2026

£612.03
Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

12.0%
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.

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 Manchester 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.

Manchester, 2025-26

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£1.0m	£1.76	£13	—	down 75.2% on 2024-25
Street cleaning	£11.8m	£20	£14	£13,594 (similar: £7,079)	up 16.0% on 2024-25
Road and bridge maintenance	£8.2m	£14	£16	£9,458 (similar: £8,125)	up 32.1% on 2024-25
Environmental, safety and routine maintenance	£9.2m	£16	£12	£10,626 (similar: £6,059)	up 26.0% on 2024-25
Structural maintenance (resurfacing, bridges)	−£1.0m	£-1.72	£1.27	£-1167.00 (similar: £514)	—
Winter service (gritting)	£1.0m	£1.78	£3.06	£1,209 (similar: £1,282)	up 6.4% on 2024-25
Street lighting (including energy)	£6.4m	£11	£13	£7,413 (similar: £6,417)	down 8.6% 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

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

Service	Per resident	Median
Education	£902	£869
Adult social care	£536	£480
Children's social care	£370	£337
Housing (not council homes)	£118	£39
Public health	£99	£88
Environment and regulation	£88	£93
Running the council	£62	£59
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£56	£49
Planning and development	£48	£28
Roads and transport	£-0.43	£29

- Manchester spent **36.5%** 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.

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 Manchester and everything else about Manchester.

Common questions

- **What does council tax pay for in Manchester?** A Band D bill of £2,312.04 is split between Manchester, Manchester: adult social care precept, this year's increase, Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Combined Authority. In proportion to spending, the largest line is adult social care, £612.03.
- **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 Manchester

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/parking/manchester/

In 2025–26 Manchester took **£39.1m** in parking income and spent £22.1m, a **surplus of £17.0m** against £19.5m in 2024–25 (−13%), the 22nd largest of 290 councils in England. Penalty charges brought in £15.0m. Figures are from the council's own return to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Key figures

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Parking surplus
−£2.45m (−12.6%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

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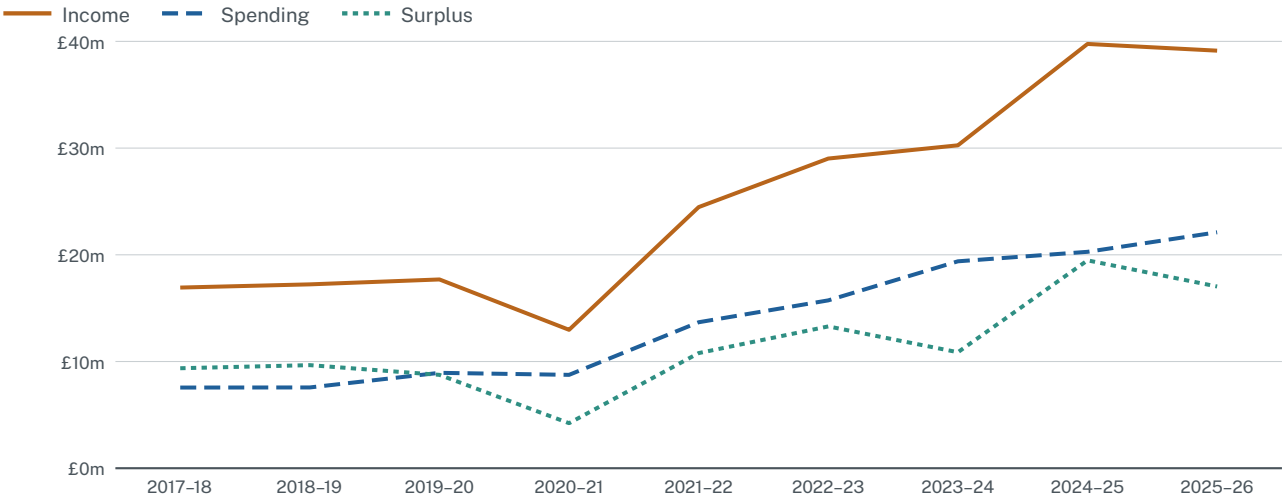
£22.11m
Spending on parking
+£1.82m (+9.0%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£14.97m
Penalty charge income
+£0.22m (+1.5%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

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

How much has Manchester made from parking each year?

Manchester: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million



Manchester: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million. Income: £16.93m in 2017–18, £39.13m in 2025–26. Spending: £7.56m in 2017–18, £22.11m in 2025–26. Surplus: £9.37m in 2017–18, £17.03m in 2025–26.

Manchester: on-street and car park accounts

Year	On-street income	On-street spending	Car park income	Car park spending	Penalty income
2017–18	£12.96m	£5.43m	£3.98m	£2.13m	£6.14m
2018–19	£13.49m	£5.73m	£3.74m	£1.84m	£5.78m
2019–20	£13.57m	£6.62m	£4.12m	£2.32m	£5.83m
2020–21	£9.14m	£6.16m	£3.83m	£2.59m	£4.93m
2021–22	£13.90m	£6.36m	£10.56m	£7.32m	£5.87m
2022–23	£17.38m	£8.98m	£11.64m	£6.76m	£7.27m
2023–24	£18.44m	£11.39m	£11.81m	£8.00m	£8.55m
2024–25	£25.53m	£13.90m	£14.23m	£6.39m	£14.75m
2025–26	£27.54m	£15.53m	£11.59m	£6.58m	£14.97m

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

What can Manchester 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 Manchester compare with other councils?

Manchester 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.

Manchester: senior pay and councillor allowances

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In its draft statement of accounts for 2025-26, Manchester reports total remuneration of **£273,961** for its chief executive (head of paid service) (including employer pension contributions), a year in which the post changed hands, **55** employees paid £100,000 or more, and **£2,491,817** paid in members' allowances.

Key figures

£273,961
Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service), 2025-26

55
Staff paid £100,000 or more, 2025-26

£2,491,817
Members' allowances, 2025-26

£20,703
Basic allowance per councillor, 2025-26

Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service)

Total remuneration of **£273,961** in 2025-26, including employer pension contributions. 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: Tom Stannard, salary 233,755, employer's pension 40,206, total including pension 273,961. 2024/25 lines as printed: Tom Stannard (commenced 3 February 2025) total 42,664; Joanne Roney, Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service), left 8 September 2024, salary 128,732, pension 17,099, total 145,831; Eamonn Boylan, Interim Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service), 27 August 2024 to 31 January 2025, total 63,240. Total excluding pension is not printed as a separate column.

PDF pages 117-118

Employees paid £50,000 or more

1,459 employees in 2025-26, up 17.9% on 2024-25 (1,237). 55 were paid £100,000 or more, 9.4 per 100,000 residents. The median among the 4 other metropolitan borough councils collected so far is 6.4 per 100,000.

Manchester: employees by pay band, as printed

Band	2025-26	2024-25
£50,000 to £54,999	667	542
£55,000 to £59,999	308	253
£60,000 to £64,999	187	163
£65,000 to £69,999	0	61
£70,000 to £74,999	111	38
£75,000 to £79,999	42	44
£80,000 to £84,999	26	32
£85,000 to £89,999	31	26
£90,000 to £94,999	20	21
£95,000 to £99,999	12	22
£100,000 to £104,999	26	13
£105,000 to £109,999	10	2
£110,000 to £114,999	2	7
£115,000 to £119,999	3	7
£120,000 to £124,999	9	0
£125,000 to £129,999	1	2
£130,000 to £134,999	1	2
£135,000 to £139,999	1	1
£140,000 and over	2	1

Includes schools staff. Senior officers listed separately are not in these counts. From the accounts: Two tables: 'Non schools-based staff' (totals 1,037 in 2025/26; 870 in 2024/25) and 'Schools based staff' (totals 422; 367). Counts used are each table's 'Total' column (staff who have and have not received severance or other related payments). The note says the disclosure is 'excluding the remuneration details of the Council's senior employees, which are disclosed separately' and that 'figures have been aggregated or suppressed where necessary to prevent the potential identification of individuals'.

Source: Manchester, Annual Statement of Accounts 2025/26 (draft), PDF pages 114-116. Read by hand; checked 2026-09-24.

Councillors' allowances

£2,491,817 in 2025-26, or £4.24 per resident. The median among the 4 other metropolitan borough councils collected so far is £3.20 per resident.

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

Paid as	Total
Basic allowances	£2,074,430
Special responsibility allowances	£417,207
Expenses	£180
All	£2,491,817

The basic allowance for each councillor is £20,703 a year (2025-26).

Published allowances: 2025/26 Members' Allowances Scheme - Notice of money paid by Manchester City Council to each Councillor in the financial year 2025/26.

What this data does and doesn't show

- Every figure is as Manchester 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.
- Accounts treated as draft: no auditor's report found in the document. No members' allowances total was found in the accounts by text search (related parties note only states there were no material transactions with Members). The published 2025/26 notice lists each councillor without a column total; basic, SRA, expenses and total are our sums of the per-councillor columns (row totals reconcile). Basic rate shown is the full-year Basic Allowance paid to most councillors in the 2025/26 notice; the allowances scheme PDF (democracy.manchester.gov.uk s56513) was not publicly retrievable. Manchester website blocks automated downloads; the accounts were read in a browser.

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