

Stoke-on-Trent 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.

Stoke-on-Trent: your area

£2,183

Band D council tax, 2026-27
+£105 (+5.0%) vs 2025-26
As of 6 April 2026

-£114,000

Parking deficit, 2025-26
As of 6 April 2025

34.3%

Household waste recycled,
2024-25

Council tax in Stoke-on-Trent

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£1,455

Band A, the lowest
As of 6 April 2026

-£228

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

Where your council tax goes in Stoke-on-Trent

£2,183.12

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

£1,749.80

Goes to Stoke-on-Trent itself
(80%)
As of 6 April 2026

£611.13

Largest line: children's social care
As of 17 September 2026

Parking income in Stoke-on-Trent UA

£-0.11m

Parking deficit
+£0.01m (+5.0%) vs 2024-25
2025-26

£5.57m

Parking income
+£0.57m (+11.4%) vs 2024-25
2025-26

£5.69m

Spending on parking
+£0.56m (+11.0%) vs 2024-25
2025-26

Stoke-on-Trent: your area

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Stoke-on-Trent sets a Band D council tax of **£2,183** for 2026-27, 274 of 296 councils in England from the highest. Police: Staffordshire. Fire and rescue: Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire. Health: NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent 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

20%

Reserves as a share of spending,
2025-26

What is the council tax in Stoke-on-Trent?

Band D is **£2,183** a year for 2026-27, and Band A, the lowest, **£1,455**. That is £228 below the England average of £2,411, 274 of 296 in England from the highest.

Of a Band D bill, **£1,784** goes to Stoke-on-Trent.

[Every band, who gets the money and how Stoke-on-Trent compares](#)

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

How does the council compare?

- Council tax rise this year 5.0% Higher than the England figure of 4.9%
- Council tax per head £557 Lower than the England figure of £796
- Ombudsman uphold rate 73% (11 of 15) Lower than the England figure of 86%
- Reserves as a share of net spending 20% Lower than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £6,626 Higher than the England figure of £3,474
- Accounts, 2024-25 Post backstop opinion delivered 92% 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 Good 62% of assessed councils are good or outstanding
- Recycling rate 34.3% Lower than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 96.2% 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 Stoke-on-Trent

Measure	Figure	Period
A roads where maintenance should be considered	—	2024-25
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered	—	2024-25
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered	—	2024-25
Household waste reused, recycled or composted	34.3%	2024-25
Major planning decisions made on time	96.2%	24 months to end of March 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 Stoke-on-Trent

Authority	Year	Income	Surplus
Stoke-on-Trent UA	2025-26	£5.6m	-£114,000

What the law lets a council spend a parking surplus on is on [parking fines and council parking income](#).

Who is your MP?

A council area can span several constituencies, so your MP depends on your address. Enter your postcode in the box at the top of this page to see your MP and what their office cost, or [find any MP by name or constituency](#).

How much crime is recorded here?

In the 12 months to June 2026, police recorded **113.9 crimes per 1,000 residents** in Stoke-on-Trent, excluding anti-social behaviour, against 82.4 across England.

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

Your police precept

A Band D home in Stoke-on-Trent pays **£302.57** police precept in 2026-27. It funds **Staffordshire**, which has £294m 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 Stoke-on-Trent are not what its precept bought.

[Staffordshire: funding, precept and results for the whole force](#)

Who runs police, fire, health and ambulances here?

The bodies that serve Stoke-on-Trent, and their latest money

Service	Body	Latest	Per resident
Police	Staffordshire	£294m (2026-27)	£248
Fire and rescue	Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service	£41m (2025-26)	£34.31
Ambulance	West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust	£456m (2024-25)	£73.76
NHS	NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board	£3.6bn (2028-29)	£3,055
Roads	Stoke-on-Trent	£8m (2025-26)	£29.75
Schools	Stoke-on-Trent	£259m (2026-27)	£949
Council spending	Stoke-on-Trent	£538m (2025-26)	£1,976
Social care	Stoke-on-Trent	£261m (2024-25)	£967
Housing	Stoke-on-Trent	£10m (2025-26)	£36.14
Waste and recycling	Stoke-on-Trent	not published	—

Each body serves a wider area than Stoke-on-Trent, 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 Stoke-on-Trent: 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 Stoke-on-Trent look against other councils?

See Stoke-on-Trent 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 Stoke-on-Trent?** Band D is £2,183 a year for 2026-27. [Every band](#).
- **Which police force covers Stoke-on-Trent?** Staffordshire police force area. Fire and rescue: Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire.

Council tax in Stoke-on-Trent

Your area · Last updated 23 September 2026 · <https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/stoke-on-trent/>

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Key figures

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274 of 296

Rank in England, highest first
As of 6 April 2026

What is the bill for each band?

Council tax by band in Stoke-on-Trent, bands A to H

Band	A year	A month
Band A	£1,455.41	£121.28
Band B	£1,697.98	£141.50
Band C	£1,940.55	£161.71
Band D	£2,183.12	£181.93
Band E	£2,668.26	£222.36
Band F	£3,153.40	£262.78
Band G	£3,638.53	£303.21
Band H	£4,366.24	£363.85

Who gets the money?

Band D bill in Stoke-on-Trent by receiving body

Who receives it	Band D	Share
Stoke-on-Trent	£1,784	82%
Other precepting bodies	£399	18%

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 **£228 below** the England average, 274 of 296 councils from the highest.

Stoke-on-Trent among the England councils nearest it, Band D 2026-27

Barking and Dagenham	£2,199
Solihull	£2,197
Sunderland	£2,197
Hounslow	£2,186
Stoke-on-Trent (Stoke-on-Trent)	£2,183
Doncaster	£2,168
Wigan	£2,153
Merton	£2,147
Dudley	£2,145

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

How does Stoke-on-Trent compare? The report card

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

Measure	Stoke-on-Trent	For comparison
Complaints and enquiries received	97	—
Complaints and enquiries decided	82	66 in 2024-25
Detailed investigations	15	—
Upheld	11	—
Uphold rate	73%	86% for every body the Ombudsman covers; 85% for similar councils
Upheld cases where the council had already offered a satisfactory remedy	27%	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	80%	—

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 Stoke on Trent City Council in 2025-26, out of 9 findings in 5 determinations. Its maladministration rate for this landlord was 89%.

Source: [Housing Ombudsman Service, Annual complaints review: landlord tables](#), 2025-26.

How healthy are its finances?

Reserves, spending and borrowing: Stoke-on-Trent

Measure	Stoke-on-Trent	For comparison
Net revenue spending, 2025-26	£255.8m	—
Reserves at the end of 2025-26	£50.1m	—
Reserves as a share of net spending	20%	50% for England; 19% in 2024-25
Outstanding borrowing at 30 June 2026	£794.7m	—
Borrowing per home on the valuation list	£6,626	£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.

It was agreed Exceptional Financial Support for 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27. Each is dated and linked in the events below.

What have the auditors said?

Audit of the accounts: Stoke-on-Trent

Accounts year	Status recorded by PSAA	Opinion signed
2024-25	Post backstop opinion delivered	26 March 2026
2023-24	Delivered by backstop	27 February 2025

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

Source: [Public Sector Audit Appointments, Monthly audit opinion data](#), 2024-25.

What are senior staff and councillors paid?

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

How are its services rated?

Service ratings and performance: Stoke-on-Trent

Measure	Stoke-on-Trent	For comparison
Children's services, Ofsted overall effectiveness	Requires improvement to be good	15 July 2025. 73% of English councils judged good or outstanding
Adult social care, CQC assessment	Good	13 June 2025. 62% of assessed councils rated good or outstanding
Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting, 2024-25	34.3%	42.0% for England
Major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of march 2026	96.2%	91.0% for England
Non-major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of March 2026	96.2%	90.8% 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 March 2026.

What has happened recently?

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

- 1 April 2026 Council tax [Council tax for 2026-27: Band D £2,183, up 5.0% on the year before](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 26 March 2026 Audit [Auditor's opinion on the 2024-25 accounts signed](#) PSAA records the status as "Post backstop opinion delivered"; auditor Forvis Mazars LLP. Public Sector Audit Appointments
- 27 February 2026 Audit backstop [Listed by MHCLG as not meeting the audit backstop requirements for 2024-25](#) Draft accounts published by the deadline: yes. Audit opinion delivered by the backstop date: no. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 23 February 2026 Exceptional Financial Support [Exceptional Financial Support agreed in principle for 2026-27](#) £10.5m (support agreed in-principle) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 20 February 2025 Exceptional Financial Support [Exceptional Financial Support agreed in principle for 2025-26](#) £16.8m Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 29 February 2024 Exceptional Financial Support [Exceptional Financial Support agreed in principle for 2024-25](#) £21.371m; £20.5m for 2023-24 Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 4 May 2023 Election [Local election: 44 seats won](#) Labour Party 23, Conservative and Unionist Party 14, Labour and Co-operative Party 6, City Independents 1 Democracy Club

Does the council think something here is wrong?

If you represent Stoke-on-Trent 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 13.7% of the money Stoke-on-Trent had to spend in 2025-26. The rest came from government grants (43.6%), business rates (12.8%) and fees, charges and other income (29.8%). 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 [Stoke-on-Trent: parking, roads, your MP and local services](#), and [Stoke-on-Trent on the council map](#).

Common questions

- **How much is council tax in Stoke-on-Trent?** Band D is £2,183 a year for 2026-27. Band A is £1,455 and the top band £4,366.
- **Is council tax in Stoke-on-Trent higher than average?** No. Band D here is £228 below the England average of £2,411.

Where your council tax goes in Stoke-on-Trent

Your area · Last updated 23 September 2026 · <https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/stoke-on-trent/where-it-goes/>

A Band D council tax bill in **Stoke-on-Trent** is **£2,183.12** for 2026-27, split between Stoke-on-Trent £1,749.80, Stoke-on-Trent: adult social care precept, this year's increase £33.98, Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable £302.57, Staffordshire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority £96.77. Shared out in proportion to what each body spends, the largest single line is children's social care at Stoke-on-Trent: **£611.13** of the bill. Council tax pays for 14% of the council's own spending; the rest is government grant, business rates and fees.

Key figures

£2,183.12

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

£1,749.80

Goes to Stoke-on-Trent itself
(80%)
As of 6 April 2026

£611.13

Largest line: children's social care
As of 17 September 2026

13.7%

Of the council's money that comes
from council tax, 2025-26
As of 17 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 Stoke-on-Trent 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.

Stoke-on-Trent, 2025-26

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£1.4m	£5.18	£18	—	down 39.6% on 2024-25
Street cleaning	£4.7m	£17	£12	£8,667 (similar: £6,584)	down 26.1% on 2024-25
Road and bridge maintenance	£1.2m	£4.28	£14	£2,153 (similar: £6,457)	down 56.7% on 2024-25
Environmental, safety and routine maintenance	£1.1m	£3.89	£9.88	£1,956 (similar: £5,406)	down 38.7% on 2024-25
Structural maintenance (resurfacing, bridges)	£107k	£0.39	£3.11	£198 (similar: £1,687)	down 88.9% on 2024-25
Winter service (gritting)	£529k	£1.94	£1.62	£978 (similar: £853)	down 41.3% on 2024-25
Street lighting (including energy)	£6.4m	£24	£9.17	£11,917 (similar: £3,798)	down 34.6% 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

Stoke-on-Trent: net spending per resident by service, 2025-26, against the median for unitary councils in England

Service	Per resident	Median
Education	£572	£718
Children's social care	£517	£300
Adult social care	£513	£478
Public health	£116	£64
Roads and transport	£77	£49
Environment and regulation	£55	£111
Running the council	£44	£52
Housing (not council homes)	£36	£33
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£31	£38
Other services	£11	£9.20
Planning and development	£4.39	£22

- Stoke-on-Trent spent **25.2%** of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2025-26 (median for unitary councils in England: 31.4%); 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 17 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 Stoke-on-Trent](#) and [everything else about Stoke-on-Trent](#).

Common questions

- **What does council tax pay for in Stoke-on-Trent?** A Band D bill of £2,183.12 is split between Stoke-on-Trent, Stoke-on-Trent: adult social care precept, this year's increase, Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable, Staffordshire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority. In proportion to spending, the largest line is children's social care, £611.13.
- **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 Stoke-on-Trent UA

Your area · Last updated 23 September 2026 · <https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/parking/stoke-on-trent-ua/>

In 2025–26 Stoke-on-Trent UA took **£5.6m** in parking income and spent **£5.7m**, a **deficit of £0.1m** against £-0.1m in 2024–25 (+5%), the 266th largest of 290 councils in England. Penalty charges brought in **£1.1m**. Figures are from the council's own return to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Key figures

£-0.11m

Parking deficit
+£0.01m (+5.0%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£5.57m

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2025–26

£5.69m

Spending on parking
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2025–26

£1.15m

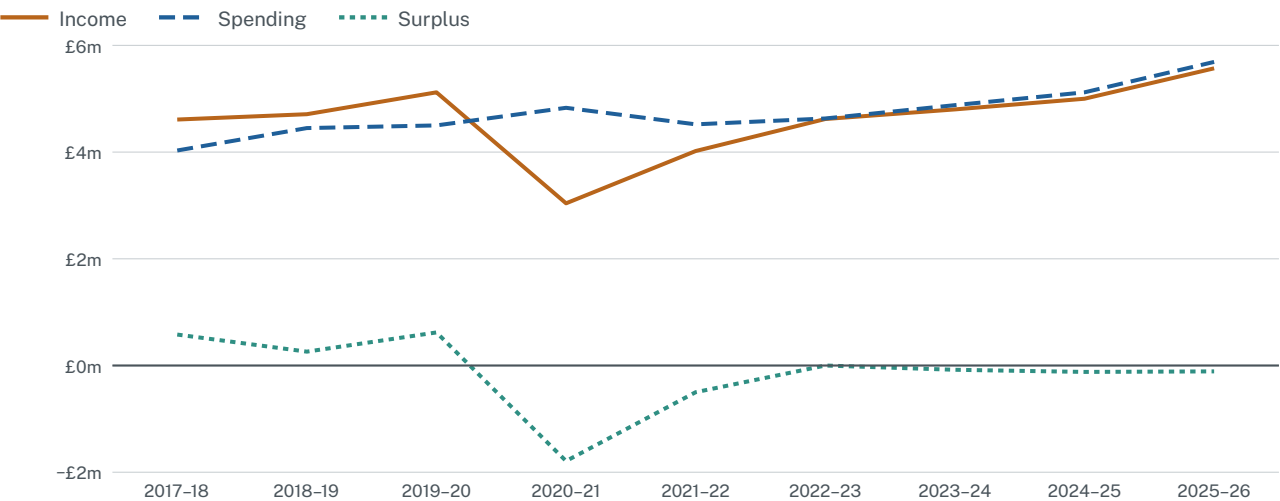
Penalty charge income
+£0.28m (+32.4%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

266 of 290

Rank in England, largest surplus
first
2025–26

How much has Stoke-on-Trent UA made from parking each year?

Stoke-on-Trent UA: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million



Stoke-on-Trent UA: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million. Income: £4.61m in 2017–18, £5.57m in 2025–26. Spending: £4.03m in 2017–18, £5.69m in 2025–26. Surplus: £0.58m in 2017–18, £-0.11m in 2025–26.

Stoke-on-Trent UA: on-street and car park accounts

Year	On-street income	On-street spending	Car park income	Car park spending	Penalty income
2017-18	£2.35m	£2.13m	£2.26m	£1.90m	£0.54m
2018-19	£2.48m	£2.64m	£2.23m	£1.81m	£0.70m
2019-20	£2.81m	£2.85m	£2.31m	£1.65m	£0.77m
2020-21	£1.97m	£2.73m	£1.07m	£2.10m	£0.46m
2021-22	£2.56m	£2.79m	£1.45m	£1.73m	£0.69m
2022-23	£2.78m	£2.86m	£1.84m	£1.76m	£0.84m
2023-24	£2.96m	£3.00m	£1.84m	£1.87m	£0.84m
2024-25	£3.06m	£3.52m	£1.94m	£1.61m	£0.86m
2025-26	£3.30m	£3.28m	£2.27m	£2.41m	£1.15m

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

What can Stoke-on-Trent 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 Stoke-on-Trent UA compare with other councils?**Stoke-on-Trent UA among the England councils nearest it, parking surplus 2025-26**

Hyndburn BC	£0.09m
Vale of White Horse DC	£0.09m
South Derbyshire	£0.10m
Ashfield	£0.10m
Stoke-on-Trent UA (Stoke-on-Trent UA)	£0.11m
Broxbourne	£0.14m
Halton UA	£0.15m
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority	£0.16m
Stockton-on-Tees UA	£0.16m

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. A deficit means parking cost the council more than it brought in; the law requires the gap to be met from the general fund.

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