

Woking 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.

Woking: your area

£2,598

Band D council tax, 2026-27
+£116 (+4.7%) vs 2025-26
As of 6 April 2026

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Household waste recycled,
2024-25

4%

A roads where maintenance
should be considered, 2024-25
(county)

Council tax in Woking

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£1,732

Band A, the lowest
As of 6 April 2026

+£187

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

Where your council tax goes in Woking

£2,598.04

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

£307.05

Goes to Woking itself (12%)
As of 6 April 2026

£755.29

Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

Woking: your area

[Your area · Last updated 29 September 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/your-area/woking/](#)

Woking sets a Band D council tax of **£2,598** for 2026-27, 37 of 296 councils in England from the highest. Police: Surrey. Fire and rescue: Surrey. Health: NHS Surrey Heartlands 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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55.0%

Household waste recycled,
2024-25

4%

A roads where maintenance
should be considered, 2024-25
(county)

14%

Reserves as a share of spending,
2023-24

What is the council tax in Woking?

Band D is **£2,598** a year for 2026-27, and Band A, the lowest, **£1,732**. That is £187 above the England average of £2,411, 37 of 296 in England from the highest.

Of a Band D bill, **£307** goes to Woking.

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

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

[Every payment over £500 that Surrey County Council publishes](#)

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

How does the council compare?

- Council tax rise this year 4.7% Lower than the England figure of 4.9%
- Council tax per head £1,067 Higher than the England figure of £796
- Ombudsman uphold rate 67% (2 of 3) Lower than the England figure of 86%
- Reserves as a share of net spending 14% Lower than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £48,849 Higher than the England figure of £3,474
- Accounts, 2024-25 Unsigned 92% of bodies had an opinion delivered by the backstop date
- Ofsted, children's services (county) Good 73% of English councils are good or outstanding
- CQC, adult social care (county) Good 62% of assessed councils are good or outstanding
- A roads needing maintenance considered (county) 4% Lower than the England figure of 5%
- Recycling rate 55.0% Higher than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 91.7% 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 Woking

Measure	Figure	Period
A roads where maintenance should be considered (Surrey County Council)	4%	2024-25
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered	5%	2024-25
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered	22%	2024-25
Household waste reused, recycled or composted	55.0%	2024-25
Major planning decisions made on time	91.7%	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 Woking

Authority	Year	Income	Surplus
Surrey CC (county)	2025-26	£9.9m	£1.5m

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

Who is your MP?

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

How much crime is recorded here?

In the 12 months to June 2026, police recorded **61.5 crimes per 1,000 residents** in Woking, excluding anti-social behaviour, against 82.4 across England.

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

Your police precept

A Band D home in Woking pays **£352.57** police precept in 2026-27. It funds **Surrey**, which has £345m 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 Woking are not what its precept bought.

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

Who runs police, fire, health and ambulances here?

The bodies that serve Woking, and their latest money

Service	Body	Latest	Per resident
Police	Surrey	£345m (2026-27)	£275
Fire and rescue	Surrey Fire and Rescue Service	£54m (2025-26)	£43.16
Ambulance	South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust	£365m (2024-25)	£73.92
NHS	NHS Surrey and Sussex Integrated Care Board	£9.1bn (2028-29)	£3,003
Roads	Surrey County Council	£57m (2025-26)	£45.65
Schools	Surrey	£938m (2026-27)	£747
Council spending	Woking	£19m (2024-25)	£176
Social care	Surrey	£896m (2024-25)	£718
Housing	Woking	£7m (2024-25)	£64.95
Waste and recycling	Woking	not published	—

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

See Woking 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 Woking? Band D is £2,598 a year for 2026-27. [Every band](#).
- Which police force covers Woking? Surrey police force area. Fire and rescue: Surrey.

Council tax in Woking

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

Council tax in Woking for 2026-27 is **£2,598 a year for a Band D home**, £1,732 for Band A and £5,196 for the top band. That is £187 above the England average of £2,411. It ranks 37 of 296 billing areas in England. Figures are the council's own set rates.

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Rank in England, highest first
As of 6 April 2026

What is the bill for each band?

Council tax by band in Woking, bands A to H

Band	A year	A month
Band A	£1,732.03	£144.34
Band B	£2,020.70	£168.39
Band C	£2,309.37	£192.45
Band D	£2,598.04	£216.50
Band E	£3,175.38	£264.62
Band F	£3,752.72	£312.73
Band G	£4,330.07	£360.84
Band H	£5,196.08	£433.01

Who gets the money?

Band D bill in Woking by receiving body

Who receives it	Band D	Share
Woking	£307	12%
Other precepting bodies	£2,291	88%

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 **£187 above** the England average, 37 of 296 councils from the highest.

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

Torridge	£2,601
Rochdale	£2,601
Mansfield	£2,600
Croydon	£2,600
Woking (Woking)	£2,598
South Oxfordshire	£2,598
Northumberland	£2,597
East Devon	£2,595
Tandridge	£2,595

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

How does Woking compare? The report card

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

Measure	Woking	For comparison
Complaints and enquiries received	23	—
Complaints and enquiries decided	17	16 in 2024-25
Detailed investigations	3	—
Upheld	2	—
Uphold rate	67%	86% for every body the Ombudsman covers; 74% for similar councils
Upheld cases where the council had already offered a satisfactory remedy	50%	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	60%	—

An uphold rate depends on how many complaints reach a detailed investigation. With few investigations, one decision moves it a long way.

Source: [Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, Annual review of local government complaints](#), 2025-26.

The Housing Ombudsman, which handles complaints from council tenants, made 0 findings of severe maladministration against Woking Borough Council in 2025-26, out of 14 findings in 4 determinations. Its maladministration rate for this landlord was 86%.

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

How healthy are its finances?

Reserves, spending and borrowing: Woking

Measure	Woking	For comparison
Net revenue spending, 2023-24	£28.0m	—
Reserves at the end of 2023-24	£4.0m	—
Reserves as a share of net spending	14%	50% for England
Outstanding borrowing at 30 June 2026	£2.18bn	—
Borrowing per home on the valuation list	£48,849	£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.

The council has issued a section 114 report since 2018. It is under statutory intervention by the government. 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: Woking

Accounts year	Status recorded by PSAA	Opinion signed
2024-25	Unsigned	Not yet
2023-24	Unsigned	Not yet

"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 Woking 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: Woking

Measure	Woking	For comparison
Children's services, Ofsted overall effectiveness	Good (Surrey County Council)	9 May 2025. 73% of English councils judged good or outstanding
Adult social care, CQC assessment	Good (Surrey County Council)	20 November 2024. 62% of assessed councils rated good or outstanding
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	4% (Surrey County Council)	5% in England
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	5% (Surrey County Council)	7% in England
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	22% (Surrey County Council)	17% in England
Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting, 2024-25	55.0%	42.0% for England
Major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of June 2026	91.7%	91.0% for England
Non-major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of June 2026	82.4%	90.7% for England

Surrey County Council runs children's services, adult social care and most roads here, so those rows are the county council's. Inspections happen at different times, so a rating can be several years old; the date is shown with each. Planning figures are measured differently in each nation: share of decisions made within the statutory time (13 weeks for major, 8 for non-major) or an agreed extension, over 24 months. Recycling rates are measured differently in England, Scotland and Wales, so compare within a nation.

Source: [Ofsted, Children's social care: local authority inspection outcomes](#), as at 31 March 2026; [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 about the county council, Surrey County Council?

Surrey County Council sets its own share of the council tax bill here and runs social care, children's services, most roads and waste disposal. Its own figures:

Surrey County Council: its own figures

Measure	Surrey County Council	Detail
Ombudsman uphold rate	89%	307 complaints decided, 2025-26
Reserves as a share of net spending	31%	2025-26
Outstanding borrowing	£1.27bn	at 30 June 2026
Accounts, 2024-25	Delivered by backstop	Signed 28 November 2025
Employees paid £50,000 or more, 2025-26	2,704	2024-25: 2,167. Statement of accounts

Official events for Surrey County Council:

- 28 November 2025 Audit [Auditor's opinion on the 2024-25 accounts signed](#) PSAA records the status as "Delivered by backstop"; auditor Ernst & Young LLP. Public Sector Audit Appointments
- 8 January 2024 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, special educational needs](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 23-000-875. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
- 12 January 2023 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, special educational needs](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 22-000-826. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
- 10 February 2021 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, residential care](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 19-020-697. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman

Source: [Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, Annual review of local government complaints](#), 2025-26; [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: revenue outturn time series](#), 2025-26; [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Local authority borrowing and investment live table](#), 30 June 2026; [Public Sector Audit Appointments, Monthly audit opinion data](#), 2024-25.

What has happened recently?

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

- 1 April 2027 Reorganisation [Council to be replaced](#) From 2027 this area becomes part of West Surrey, a new unitary council that will also take over Surrey County Council's services in the area. legislation.gov.uk, SI 2026/264, the Surrey (Structural Changes) Order 2026
- 1 April 2026 Council tax [Council tax for 2026-27: Band D £2,598, up 4.7% on the year before](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 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](#) £58.1m (support agreed in-principle) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

5. 11 December 2025 Intervention report [Ministerial response to Commissioners' fifth report](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
6. 11 December 2025 Intervention report [Commissioners' fifth report](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
7. 6 March 2025 Intervention report [Ministerial response to Commissioners' fourth report](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
8. 6 March 2025 Intervention report [Commissioners' fourth report](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
9. 20 February 2025 Exceptional Financial Support [Exceptional Financial Support agreed in principle for 2025-26](#) £74.6m (support agreed in-principle); Note: For support agreed in-principle for 2024-25, this has been revised to £93.6m (from £95.6m) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
10. 20 November 2024 Intervention report [Ministerial response to Commissioners' third report](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
11. 20 November 2024 Intervention report [Commissioners' third report](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
12. 2 May 2024 Election [Local election: 11 seats won](#) Liberal Democrats 10, Independent 1 Democracy Club
13. 1 April 2024 Council tax limit [Council tax referendum limit for 2024-25 set at 10%](#) Set for this council in the government's referendum principles report, above the standard limit. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
14. 29 February 2024 Exceptional Financial Support [Exceptional Financial Support agreed in principle for 2024-25](#) £95.6m (support agreed in-principle); This was subsequently revised to: £93.6m (support agreed in-principle for 2024-25); £235.1m agreed in-principle for 2023-24 Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
15. 13 December 2023 Intervention report [Ministerial response to Commissioners' second report](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
16. 13 December 2023 Intervention report [Commissioners' second report](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
17. 13 December 2023 Intervention report [Letter to the Chief Executive following the commissioners' second report and appointments made to the commissioner team](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
18. 19 October 2023 Intervention report [Commissioners' first report](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
19. 7 June 2023 Section 114 report [Section 114\(3\) report issued](#) Woking Borough Council
20. 25 May 2023 Statutory intervention [Directions made under the Local Government Act 1999](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
21. 4 May 2023 Election [Local election: 10 seats won](#) Liberal Democrats 8, Independent 1, Labour Party 1 Democracy Club
22. 5 May 2022 Election [Local election: 10 seats won](#) Liberal Democrats 7, Independent 2, Labour Party 1 Democracy Club

Does the council think something here is wrong?

If you represent Woking and think a figure here is wrong, out of date or unfairly presented, email hello@whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk with this page's address and the source you would point to. Every correction is logged, with its date, on the [corrections page](#).

How much of the council's spending does this cover?

Council tax paid for 16.2% of the money Woking had to spend in 2024-25. The rest came from government grants (30.2%), business rates (7.0%) and fees, charges and other income (46.6%). 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 [Woking: parking, roads, your MP and local services](#), and [Woking on the council map](#).

Common questions

- How much is council tax in Woking? Band D is £2,598 a year for 2026-27. Band A is £1,732 and the top band £5,196.
- Is council tax in Woking higher than average? Yes. Band D here is £187 above the England average of £2,411.

Where your council tax goes in Woking

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

A Band D council tax bill in **Woking** is **£2,598.04** for 2026-27, split between Woking £307.05, Surrey County Council £1,901.52, Surrey County Council: adult social care precept, this year's increase £36.90, Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable £352.57. Shared out in proportion to what each body spends, the largest single line is adult social care at Surrey County Council: **£755.29** of the bill. Council tax pays for 16% of the council's own spending; the rest is government grant, business rates and fees.

Key figures

£2,598.04

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

£307.05

Goes to Woking itself (12%)
As of 6 April 2026

£755.29

Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

16.2%

Of the council's money that comes
from council tax, 2024-25
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 Woking and Surrey County Council spent, net of income, on the lines readers ask about most. Roads and street cleaning are also shown per mile of road the council looks after, where it is the highway authority. Gully cleaning and verge cutting are inside routine maintenance; no return splits them out.

Woking, 2024-25

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£1.4m	£13	£14	—	up 20.8% on 2023-24
Street cleaning	£1.1m	£9.98	£9.06	—	down 12.5% on 2023-24
Road and bridge maintenance	£576k	£5.42	£0.70	—	down 10.6% on 2023-24
Environmental, safety and routine maintenance	£576k	£5.42	£0.69	—	down 10.6% on 2023-24

Surrey County Council, 2025-26

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£5.9m	£4.73	£2.67	—	down 12.8% on 2024-25
Road and bridge maintenance	£37.5m	£30	£25	£11,298 (similar: £6,251)	up 15.8% on 2024-25
Environmental, safety and routine maintenance	£29.6m	£24	£21	£8,928 (similar: £3,956)	up 13.7% on 2024-25
Structural maintenance (resurfacing, bridges)	£7.9m	£6.27	£2.51	£2,370 (similar: £739)	up 24.2% on 2024-25
Winter service (gritting)	£2.8m	£2.23	£2.94	£844 (similar: £781)	down 5.7% on 2024-25
Street lighting (including energy)	£17.0m	£14	£6.60	£5,124 (similar: £1,704)	up 2.6% 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

Woking: net spending per resident by service, 2024-25, against the median for district councils in England

Service	Per resident	Median
Housing (not council homes)	£65	£24
Running the council	£62	£41
Environment and regulation	£48	£56
Planning and development	£20	£22
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£20	£23
Adult social care	£19	£2.79
Children's social care	£9.04	£0.96
Roads and transport	£-20.81	£-4.18
Other services	£-46.43	£2.66

- Woking spent **51.0%** of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2024-25 (median for district councils in England: 39.3%); the rest went on suppliers, contractors, grants, benefits and other running costs.

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

Service	Per resident	Median
Education	£762	£714
Adult social care	£440	£457
Children's social care	£210	£242
Roads and transport	£78	£65
Environment and regulation	£71	£57
Fire and rescue	£43	£48
Public health	£39	£53
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£18	£16
Running the council	£11	£23
Planning and development	£4.62	£5.56
Housing (not council homes)	£4.22	£2.98

- Surrey County Council spent **27.0%** of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2025-26 (median for county councils: 28.8%); the rest went on suppliers, contractors, grants, benefits and other running costs.
- Its published payments of £500 or more came to **£2.47bn** between 2025-07 and 2026-06. 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 **2.7%** of its staff costs (median among the 1 other county councils whose £500 data is read: 4.0%). 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.

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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 Woking](#) and [everything else about Woking](#).

Common questions

- **What does council tax pay for in Woking?** A Band D bill of £2,598.04 is split between Woking, Surrey County Council, Surrey County Council: adult social care precept, this year's increase, Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable. In proportion to spending, the largest line is adult social care, £755.29.
- **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.

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