

## Paying your Council Tax

### Council Tax charges 2022/23

How much you pay depends on which band your house is in. The Lothian Valuation Joint Board (LVJB) decides which band each home is in. You can check your band on the Scottish Assessors website at [www.saa.gov.uk](http://www.saa.gov.uk) or call them on **0131 344 2500**.

This year councillors agreed a 3% increase across all bands.

Band	Council Tax 2021/22	Council Tax 2022/23
A	£892.39	£919.17
B	£1,041.13	£1,072.36
C	£1,189.86	£1,225.56
D	£1,338.59	£1,378.75
E	£1,758.76	£1,811.52
F	£2,175.21	£2,240.47
G	£2,621.41	£2,700.05
H	£3,279.55	£3,377.94

### Scottish Water

Scottish Water's household water and waste water (sewerage) charges increased by 4.2%. You'll see these charges on your Council Tax bill because we collect them on behalf of Scottish Water.

For more information go to [www.scottishwater.co.uk/charges](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/charges), email [help@scottishwater.co.uk](mailto:help@scottishwater.co.uk) or call their free 24 hour helpline on **0800 0778778**.

Band	Council Tax 2022/23	Water	Sewerage	Total
A	£919.17	£147.60	£171.36	£1,238.13
B	£1,072.36	£172.20	£199.92	£1,444.48
C	£1,225.56	£196.80	£228.48	£1,650.84
D	£1,378.75	£221.40	£257.04	£1,857.19
E	£1,811.52	£270.60	£314.16	£2,396.28
F	£2,240.47	£319.80	£371.28	£2,931.55
G	£2,700.05	£369.00	£428.40	£3,497.45
H	£3,377.94	£442.80	£514.08	£4,334.82

## How to pay your Council Tax

### Direct debit

Most people pay by direct debit – it's the quickest, safest and easiest way to pay your Council Tax. You can pay over 10 or 12 months on 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> or last day of the month or pay in one annual instalment on 30 April every year.

- set up your direct debit at [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/counciltaxdirectdebit](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/counciltaxdirectdebit)
- call us on **0131 608 1111**

### Other ways to pay

- pay each instalment online using a credit or debit card at [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/paycounciltax](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/paycounciltax)
- make a bank payment – sort code: 830608, account number: 00740589
- use our 24-hour payment line **0800 783 1719** and select option 1
- pay at the Post Office or PayPoint – contact us for a payment card on **0131 608 1111**

## Help in paying your Council Tax

You may be able to get help in paying your Council Tax if you are on a low income and you have less than £16,000 in savings.

You might also be able to get a discount or an exemption, for example if you are the only person living in your property or live with someone who is a student or severely mentally impaired.

For a full list of reductions and how to apply:

- see the back of your bill
- go to [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/counciltax)
- call us on **0131 608 1111**.

## Help in paying your rent

If you are finding it hard to pay your rent due to 'under occupancy' or your housing benefit / universal credit housing costs doesn't cover all your rent, we might be able to help with a discretionary housing payment.

- [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/discretionaryhousingpayments](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/discretionaryhousingpayments)
- call us on **0131 608 1111**

## How your Council Tax is spent

The budget for 2022/23 is designed to support residents through the 'cost-of-living crisis' and invest in local communities:

### A fair city

- an extra £1.1 million towards easing the cost of living crisis for the city's most vulnerable and £150 for 33,000 low-income households across the city at a total cost of £4.95 million
- an extra £100 will be provided for every child within a low-income home (identified via free school meals qualifications)
- an additional £0.450m will be made available by the Council in crisis grant funding
- £0.112m has been earmarked to make sure every school in the city is equipped with a life-saving defibrillator
- £1 million of additional funding will be provided for children's services

### A welcoming city

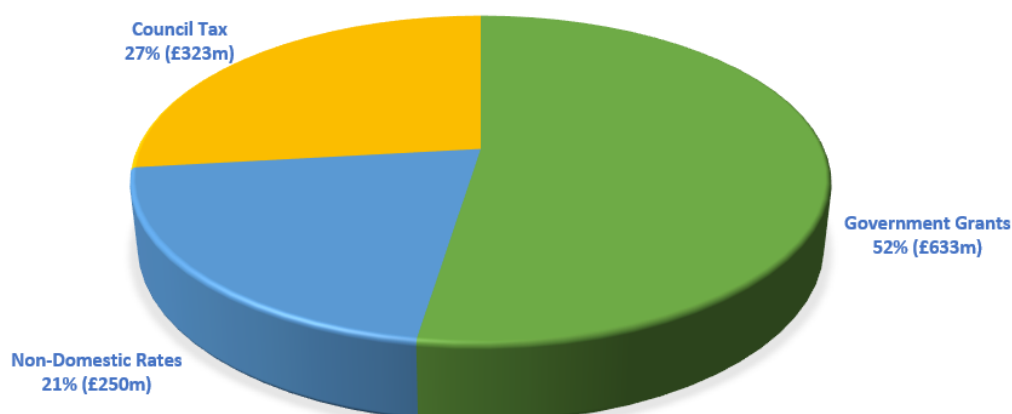
- a one-off £1.1 million 'deep clean' will remove graffiti and address street cleansing in the city centre and local wards
- £0.250m will see a new neighbourhood action team created to tackle hot spot areas of unkept land and deal with issues like overgrowth and fly tipping
- an extra £1 million will be set aside for road and pavement maintenance to improve movement around the city
- £0.450m will help to improve park facilities, creating even better green spaces in every ward and improved lighting
- an extra £0.325m will be invested in playparks
- £0.130m will be allocated to expand food growing facilities across the city
- £0.150m will be spent on regulating and monitoring short-term lets in Edinburgh and related issues of anti-social behaviour

### A thriving and sustainable city

- an additional £0.500m will support Edinburgh's Net Zero ambitions, accelerating the city's One Million Tree City programme, and £0.200m will be invested in Energy for Edinburgh, the Council's publicly owned energy service company, to allow a zero-carbon energy project to move forward
- up to £0.100m will be spent to develop participatory budgeting, supporting local communities to be involved in the running of the city
- £0.200m will be used to support local community festivals, including Edinburgh's Diwali and the Leith Festival.

## Where our income comes from

### ANNUAL REVENUE BUDGET £1.206 BILLION



The Council Tax funding is gross of £28.8m of Council Tax Reduction Scheme funding