

Paying your Council Tax

Council Tax charges 2023/24

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 or call them on **0131 344 2500**.

This year councillors agreed a 5% increase across all bands. Your monthly instalments may have increased by more than this **if you received the £150 cost of living payment in 2022/23** and your bill was reduced by this amount.

Band	Council Tax 2022/23	Council Tax 2023/24
A	£919.17	£965.13
B	£1,072.36	£1,125.98
C	£1,225.56	£1,286.84
D	£1,378.75	£1,447.69
E	£1,811.52	£1,902.10
F	£2,240.47	£2,352.50
G	£2,700.05	£2,835.06
H	£3,377.94	£3,546.84

Scottish Water

Scottish Water's household water and waste water (sewerage) charges increased by 5%. 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, email help@scottishwater.co.uk or call their free 24 hour helpline on **0800 0778778**.

Band	Council Tax 2023/24	Water	Sewerage	Total
A	£965.13	£154.98	£179.88	£1,299.99
B	£1,125.98	£180.81	£209.86	£1,516.65
C	£1,286.84	£206.64	£239.84	£1,733.32
D	£1,447.69	£232.47	£269.82	£1,949.98
E	£1,902.10	£284.13	£329.78	£2,516.01
F	£2,352.50	£335.79	£389.74	£3,078.03
G	£2,835.06	£387.45	£449.70	£3,672.21
H	£3,546.84	£464.94	£539.64	£4,551.42

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 1st, 5th, 16th 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- call us on **0131 608 1111**

How your Council Tax is spent

On 23 February 2023, councillors passed a budget for 2023/24 focussed on 'getting the basics right' and making Edinburgh a 'cleaner and greener city'.

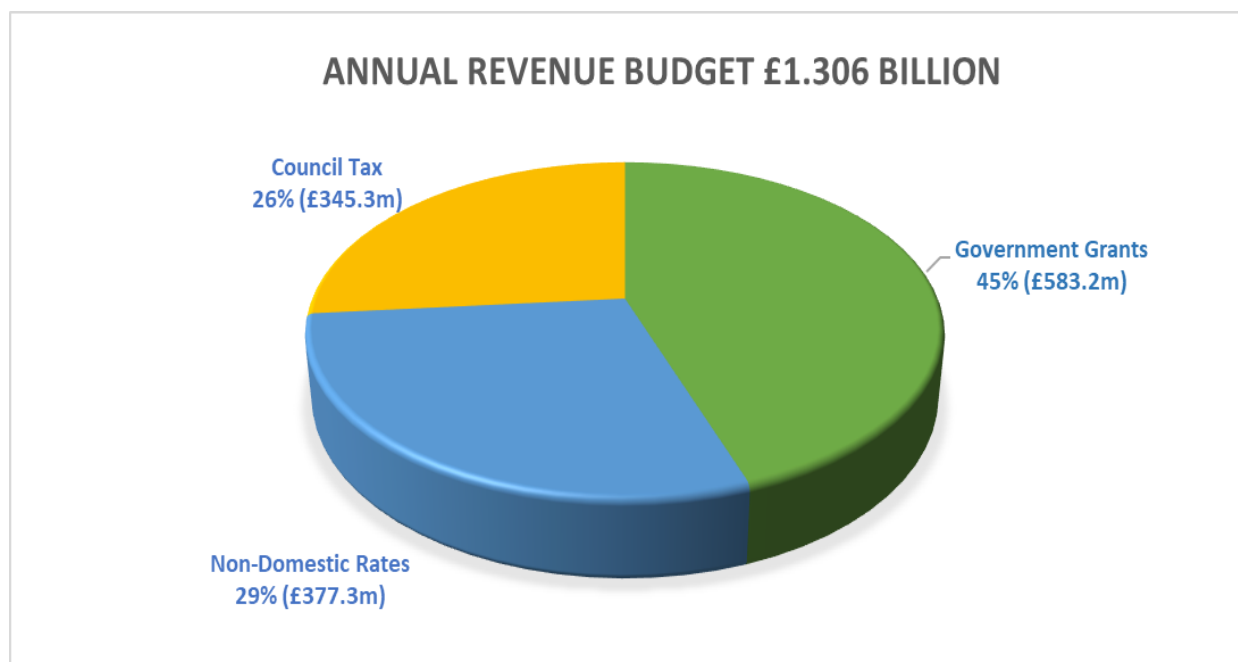
While rejecting a series of savings proposals in education and speech and language therapy, councillors agreed to allocate substantial additional money to improve roads, paths and pavements and carry out additional resurfacing works for the long term.

Additional funding will also be made available for the city's parks and greenspaces, tackling fly tipping, graffiti removal and street sweeping. Flood defences and gully cleaning will also benefit from additional investment in light of the increasing impacts of climate change.

The Climate and Sustainability Team will also be bolstered, enabling a greater focus on the city's ambition of becoming net zero by 2030.

As proposed by all political groups, the much-loved King's Theatre will also benefit from funding to secure its future, with £3m set aside, subject to confirmation of other partner contributions and verification of overall project cost estimates

Where our income comes from



The Council Tax funding is gross of £28.6m of Council Tax Reduction Scheme funding.