

Council budgets & your Council Tax 2020-21



A summary of how we work out the Council's budget, what your money is spent on, how this differs from last year, and how we work out the Council Tax.

Bury Council's income for 2020-21

	Source of income	Amount
Our income for 2020-21 is estimated to be: £263,794,000	Fees, charges and balances	£98,903,500 (37.5%)
	Council Tax	£89,020,000 (33.7%)
	Business rates	£61,795,000 (23.4%)
	Government grants	£14,075,500 (5.3%)

We also receive a Dedicated Schools Grant of **£177,704,600**, which funds our Schools Planned Expenditure.

Bury Council's spending for 2020-21

We intend to spend this income as follows:

	Gross expenditure (£ millions)	Income from fees, charges & balances (£ millions)	Net expenditure (£ millions)
Adult Care Services	110.2	42.0	68.2
Children's Services	39.6	6.6	33.1
Other services	35.4	30.6	4.8
Rubbish collection/disposal/recycling	19.2	0.9	18.3
Transport charge	13.5	0.0	13.5
Culture & Leisure	10.9	5.9	5.1
Public Health	10.4	0.3	10.0
Highways	8.0	3.2	4.7
Planning/economic development/markets	6.3	7.7	-1.4
Borrowing & capital works	5.8	0.0	5.8
Environmental Health	2.1	0.8	1.3
Housing	1.9	0.8	1.1
Climate agenda	0.4	0.0	0.4
	263.8	98.9	164.9
Mayoral Police & Crime Commissioner Precept	11.5		11.5
Mayoral General Precept (inc. Fire Services)	5.0		5.0
	280.3	98.9	181.4

Changes from last year

Bury Council's spending in 2019-20

	Gross expenditure (£ millions)	Income from fees, charges & balances (£ millions)	Net expenditure (£ millions)
Adult Care Services	90.5	36.8	53.7
Children's Services	36.1	6.0	30.1
Other services	34.9	40.2	-5.3
Rubbish collection/disposal/recycling	23.4	0.9	22.5
Transport charge	13.3	0.0	13.3
Highways	11.2	6.4	4.8
Public Health	10.3	0.0	10.3
Culture & Leisure	9.2	5.0	4.2
Planning/economic development/markets	7.7	9.0	-1.3
Borrowing & capital works	5.0	0.0	5.0
Housing	1.4	0.9	0.5
Environmental Health	1.3	0.3	1.0
	244.3	105.5	138.8
Mayoral Police & Crime Commissioner Precept	10.6		10.6
Mayoral General Precept (inc. Fire Services)	4.1		4.1
	259.0	105.5	153.5

Changes to costs from 2019-20

Increased costs	
Inflation - pay	£2,400,000
Inflation - prices including Adult Social Care Costs	£5,000,000
Increases in demand	£2,900,000
Losses on Protected Specific Grants	£1,600,000
Budget re-alignment	-£1,900,000
Service Improvement Costs	£2,000,000
Other/use of balances	£800,000
	£12,800,000
Reduced costs	
On-going savings	-£5,200,000
	-£5,200,000
Total changes in costs	£7,600,000

Changes to Net Budget from 2019-20

Opening Net Budget for 2019-20	£138,800,000
Adjusted Budget for grants & reserves	£18,500,000
Total changes in costs	£7,600,000
Net Budget for 2020-21	£164,900,000

Working out your Council Tax in 2020-21

We take into account the amount of money we need to spend less the money we get from the Government and.....

...first we work out the total amount of Council Tax we need to charge....

Estimated gross budget	£263,794,000
Less: Income	-£98,904,000
Bury Council Budget requirement	£164,891,000
Less: NNDR Income	-£61,795,000
Grants	-£14,076,000
Council Tax requirement	£89,020,000

...next we work out the charge for a band D property.....

(In 2020-21 we estimate there will be the equivalent of 55,222 band D properties in the borough)

Divide Council Tax requirement by the equivalent number of band D properties	55,222
	£1,612.05
Add: Mayoral Police & Crime Commissioner Precept	£208.30
Mayoral General Precept (including Fire Services)	£90.95
Band D Council Tax	£1,911.30

...finally we work out the charge for each band.

(The amounts charged for each of the eight Council Tax bands are always in the same proportion to one another. For example a band A property is always two thirds the amount of a band D property.)

Valuation band	Proportion of band D	Council Tax
A	6/9	£1,274.19
B	7/9	£1,486.56
C	8/9	£1,698.92
D	9/9	£1,911.30
E	11/9	£2,336.02
F	13/9	£2,760.76
G	15/9	£3,185.49
H	18/9	£3,822.60

Changes to your Council Tax in 2020-21

This year's Council Tax has increased as follows:

	2019-20	2020-21	Change
Equivalent number of band D properties (also known as the Council Tax base)	53,600	55,222	1622
Council Tax requirement	£83,130,128	£89,020,625	£5,890,497

The majority of the Council Tax goes towards the services provided by Bury Council, and the rest is used for regional services in Greater Manchester. Looking at the amounts for a band D property.....

	2019-20	2020-21	Change	
...the total allocated to Bury Council has increased by 3.94% ...	Council Tax paid to Bury Council for a band D property	£1,550.94	£1,612.05	£61.11
....this is split so that 1.94% goes to fund all Bury Council services...	All Bury Council services	£1,441.54	£1,471.63	£30.09
..and 2.00% goes towards providing social care for adults...	Adult Social Care Precept	£109.40	£140.42	£31.02
....the contribution to regional policing has increased by 5.04% ...	Mayoral Police & Crime Precept	£198.30	£208.30	£10.00
....the rest of the money for regional services has increased by 18.19% ...	Mayoral General Precept (including Fire Services)	£76.95	£90.95	£14.00
..this gives a total increase of 4.66% ...	Total Council Tax	£1,826.19	£1,911.30	£85.11

Capital spending

In 2020-21 we estimate our spending on new facilities and improving assets is going to cost:

£53.4 million

Type of spending	Amount (£ millions)
Highways	10.8
Housing	9.8
Children & Young People	8.5
Operational Fleet	7.0
ICT & Digital	5.0
Regeneration & Growth	4.5
Sports & Leisure	3.4
Estate Management	1.8
Communities & Wellbeing	1.7
Climate Initiative	0.9

Financial balances

We estimate our financial balances will increase by £8.8 million from:

£7.7 million on 31 March 2019
to **£16.5 million** on 1 April 2020

Staffing

We estimate the number of full time equivalent staff we employ will reduce by 261 from:

4,456 in 2019-2020
to **4,195** in 2020-21

Amounts owed

We estimate that by 31 March 2020 we will owe:

£212.9 million