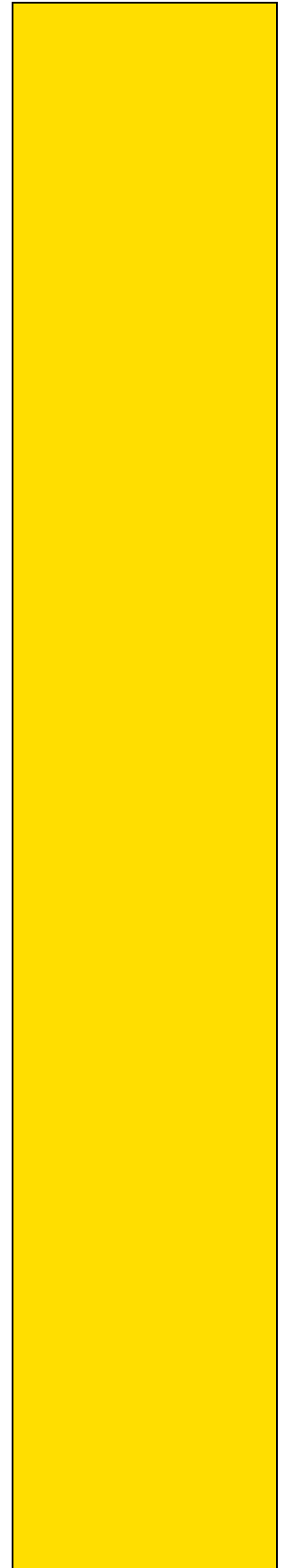




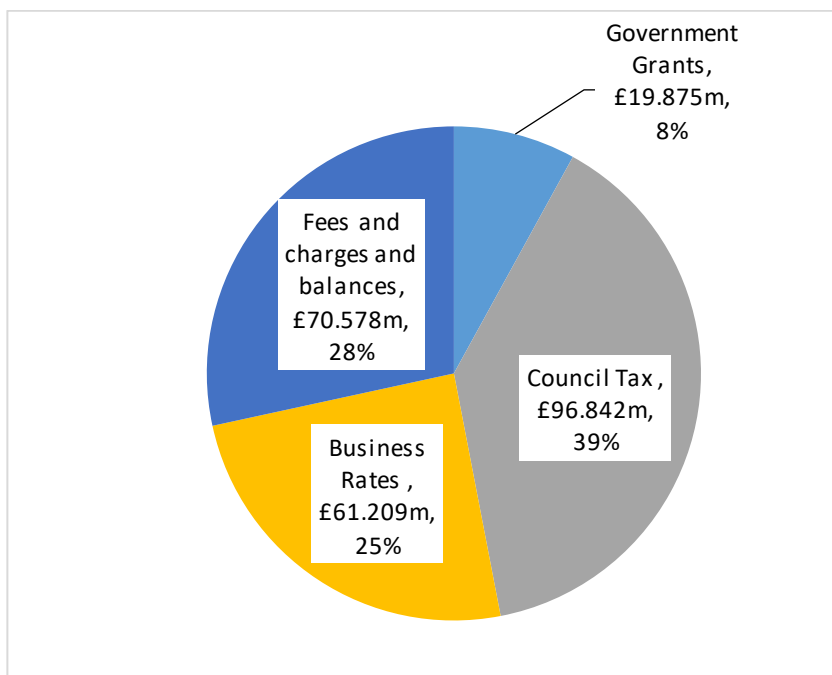
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# Council Budgets & Your Council Tax 2022-23



## Bury Council's income for 2022-23

Our income for 2022-23 is **£248.504 million** and our revenue funding comes from



We also receive a Dedicated Schools Grant of **£202.629 million** which funds our Schools Planned Expenditure

## How the budget compares with last year

Bury's net budget requirement has increased by £5.632m from £171.851m to £177.483m and this is funded by increased resources.

	<b>£m</b>
Previously agreed changes	1.742
Pay Award	4.407
Inflation	9.343
Demand	4.843
Reprofiled Savings	2.873
Budget realignment	(0.188)
Reversal of Income losses	(4.088)
Labour amendments to Feb 22 budget net increase	0.875
Planned Use of Reserves per February 21 report	(14.355)

Contribution to reserves for 22/23 per February 21 amendment	1.129
Contribution to Social Care Grant Reserve	0.683
Contribution to Smoothing Reserve	2.996
Contribution to Business Rates Risk Reserve	1.388
Planned Use of Central Reserves to fund labour amendments to budgets	(0.875)
Savings	(5.142)
<b>TOTAL NET INCREASE</b>	<b>5.632</b>

## Bury Council's spending for 2022-23

Your council tax helps to fund local services, with an element going towards funding the police and fire services along with other mayoral responsibilities. The Mayor of Greater Manchester is responsible for setting these charges. This is explained in detail at <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/who-we-are/accounts-transparency-and-governance/council-tax/>

How we spend your money:-

	2021-22 Net Budget (£m)	2022-23 Net Budget (£m)
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Adult Care Services	72.110	68.568
Children's Services	45.960	41.432
Waste collection/disposal/recycling	20.233	30.788
Transport charge	13.650	13.650
Culture & Leisure (inc. Parks)	3.540	3.193
Public Health	10.395	10.957
Highways	4.887	4.887
Borrowing to support Capital works	8.078	10.168
Other Services (inc. technical adjustments)	5.955	2.874
Planned Use of Reserves	(12.958)	(9.034)
	<b>178.854</b>	<b>177.483</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Business Rates Retained inc. Top Up	(59.204)	(61.209)
Other Grants	(21.586)	(19.432)
<b>Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>98.064</b>	<b>96.842</b>

## How we work out your bill

The amount you have to pay depends on which of the eight Council Tax bands your home is in. A Government body called the Valuation Office Agency decides which band your property is in. Your bill tells you which band you are in.

You may have to pay the full amount, or you may be able to get money off (for example if you live on your own, people in your household qualify for a discount or exemption, or you are on a low income and qualify for Council Tax Support)

Band	2022/23*	Value at 1 April 1991
A	£1,381.76	Up to £40,000
B	£1,612.06	£40,001 - £52,000
C	£1,842.35	£52,001 - £68,000
D	£2,072.66	£68,001 - £88,000
E	£2,533.24	£88,001 - £120,000
F	£2,993.82	£120,001 - £160,000
G	£3,454.42	£160,001 - £320,000
H	£4,145.31	£320,001 and over

\* This includes the Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner Precept and the Mayoral General Precept (including Fire Services)

## Example of the breakdown for Council Tax band D

	% change	2022-23
Council	1.94	£1,533.71
Adult Social Care	1.00	£205.70
Mayoral Police & Crime Commissioner Precept	4.58	£228.30
Mayoral General Precept (including Fire Services)	13.19	£102.95
<b>Total</b>		<b>£2,072.66</b>

## **Statement concerning adult social care funding.**

The Secretary of State made an offer to adult social care authorities. ("Adult social care authorities" are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014, namely county councils in England, district councils for an area in England for which there is no county council, London borough councils, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.)

The offer was the option of an adult social care authority being able to charge an additional "precept" on its council tax without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting its expenditure on adult social care from the financial year 2016-17. It was originally made in respect of the financial years up to and including 2019-20. If the Secretary of State chooses to renew this offer in respect of a particular financial year, this is subject to the approval of the House of Commons.

This offer was extended for the 2022-23 financial year.

Bury Council have included an ASC precept at 1% in 2022/23, in addition to the 1.94% increase in the basic rate of Council Tax.

The Adult Social Care Precept is calculated in the same way as an increase on general council tax i.e. the percentage increase multiplied by the total council tax amount for the previous year.

## Discounts

The full Council Tax bill assumes that two or more adults are living in a property. If only one adult lives there we will reduce your bill by 25%.

We will not count the following people when we count the number of adults living in a property:

- full-time students and some student nurses
- apprentices and youth trainees
- patients who live in hospital
- people who are being looked after in care homes
- people who are severely mentally impaired
- people staying in hostels for the homeless or night shelters
- 18 and 19 year-olds who are in full time education
- care workers on low pay
- people caring for someone with a disability who is not their partner, or a child under 18
- member of visiting forces
- members of religious communities (including monks and nuns)
- people in prison (except for those in prison for not paying their Council Tax or a fine)

## Exemptions

Occupied properties are exempt if they are:

- annexes occupied by an elderly or disabled relative
- armed forces accommodation such as barracks
- halls of residence
- visiting forces accommodation

Some properties are exempt because all the people living there are:

- students or school leavers
- people aged under 18
- severely mentally impaired
- diplomats

**For more information about discounts and exemptions, please visit [www.bury.gov.uk/helpwithcounciltax](http://www.bury.gov.uk/helpwithcounciltax)**

If your bill shows that you have a discount or an exemption, you need to tell us if something changes which affects this. If you do not tell us within 21 days, you may have to pay a penalty of £70.

## Care leaver discount

If you have been in care then you may be entitled to a 100% discount on your Council Tax until you are 25.

### **Special Constables discount**

If you are a Special Constable living in the borough you may be entitled to a 50% discount on your Council Tax

### **Reductions for disabled people**

You may also be eligible for a reduced bill if you, or someone who lives with you, is disabled and needs any of the following:

- a room of their own
- an extra bathroom or kitchen
- extra space in your property

### **Council Tax Support**

We have a scheme to help towards your Council Tax if you have a low

**Find out more about Council Tax Support at [www.bury.gov.uk/counciltaxsupport](http://www.bury.gov.uk/counciltaxsupport)**

income. You can claim whether you own your home or rent, or whether you're working or unemployed.

### **Appeals**

If you disagree with the band your property has been placed in you have six months to appeal from when:

- you become a new taxpayer at the property
- the Listing Officer or the court changes the band of your property

If more than 6 months have passed you can only appeal against your banding if:

- your property is demolished
- your house is changed into flats
- there are changes to your local area which would affect the value of your property

**Appeals should be made to the Valuation Office Agency, who can be contacted at [www.gov.uk/contact-voa](http://www.gov.uk/contact-voa) or phone 03000 501 501**

You can also appeal if you think that you should not be responsible for paying Council Tax. This could be because do not live at the address, you believe your property should be exempt, or you think we have made a mistake on your bill.

You must pay your Council Tax while your appeal is being looked at. If your appeal is successful, we will pay back any overpayments.

**If you want to appeal because you think you should not be responsible for paying the Council Tax please either email [counciltax@bury.gov.uk](mailto:counciltax@bury.gov.uk), or write to Council Tax, Bury Town Hall, Knowsley Street, Bury, BL9 0SW.**