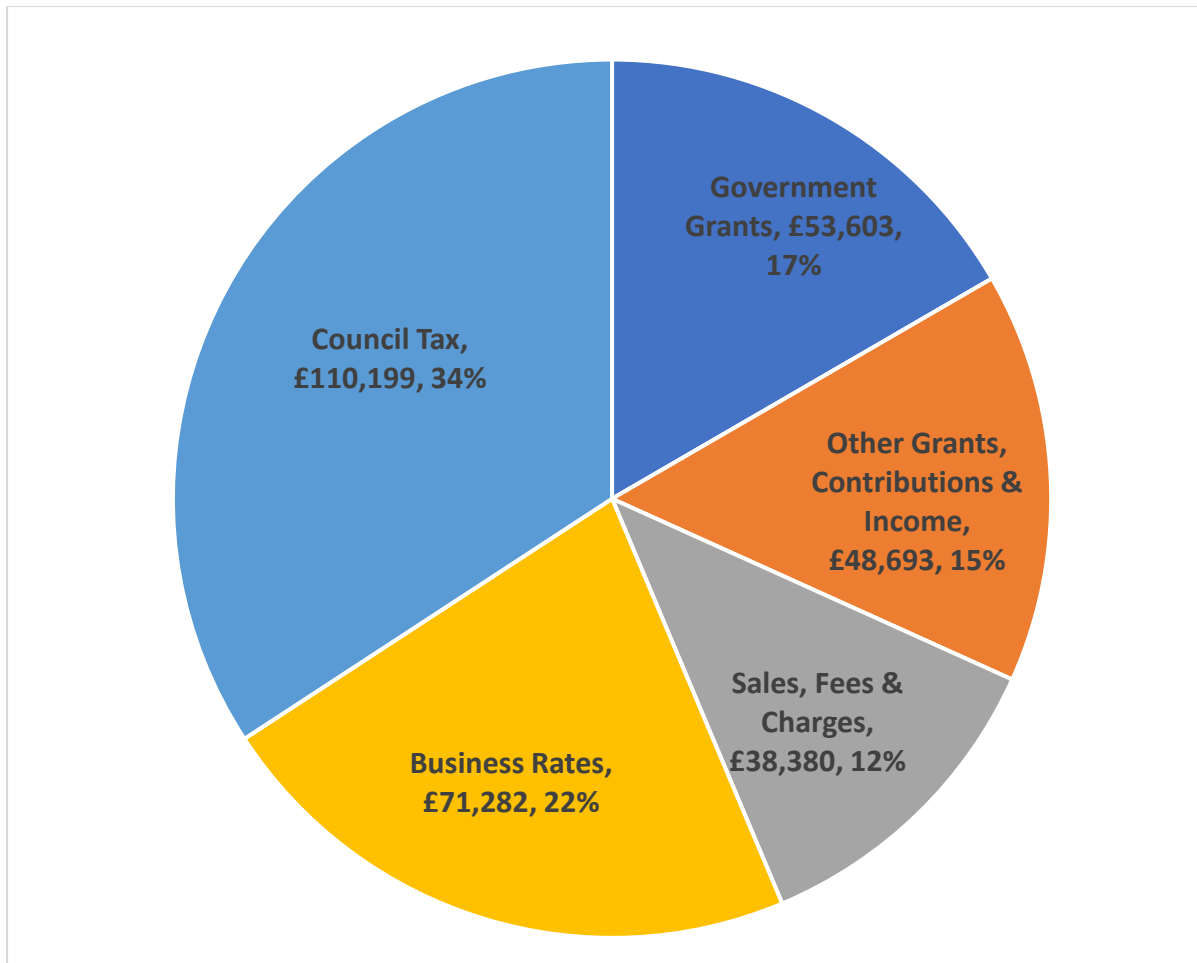


**Council Budgets &  
your Council Tax  
2024-25**

## Bury Council's income for 2024-25

Our income for 2024/25 is **£322.156 million** and our revenue funding comes from:



We also receive a Dedicated Schools Grant of **£215.781 million** which funds our Schools Planned Expenditure.

## How the budget compares with last year

Bury's net budget requirement has increased by £19.334m from £190.274m to £209.608m, this includes the planned use of reserves of £15.131m.

	£m
Reversal of planned Use of Reserves in 2023/24	4.802
Pay Award	5.807
Pay Base Movements	1.713
Agency Staff	1.400
Contractual Inflation	6.558
Real Living Wage	6.656
General Inflation	0.428
Demand/Volume/Activity Base Movements	13.502
Precepts & Levies	0.751
Grants, Contributions & Income Recovery	(1.249)
Sales, Fees & Charges Levels	(0.315)
Recharges HRA, School, Capital & Internal	(1.037)
Service Reserve Movements	(0.146)
Treasury & Capital	0.569
Provisions & Contingency	1.854
Other	0.620
Approved Budget Proposals	(5.368)
Approved Policy Proposals	(2.080)
<b>Total Budget Assumptions &amp; Proposals</b>	<b>34.465</b>
Planned Use of Reserves in 2024/25	(15.131)
<b>Total Net Budget Increase</b>	<b>19.334</b>

## Bury Council's spending for 2024-25

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

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2023-24 net Budget (£m)</b>	<b>2024-25 net Budget (£m)</b>
Adult Care Services	72.946	75.505
Children's Services	51.122	56.846
Waste collection/disposal/recycling	19.430	20.386
Transport charge	13.435	12.695
Culture & Leisure (inc. Parks)	3.034	3.208
Public Health	10.856	10.500
Highways	5.073	5.212
Borrowing to support Capital works	6.238	6.056
Other Services (inc. technical adjustments)	12.943	34.332
Planned Use of Reserves	(4.802)	(15.131)
	<b>190.274</b>	<b>209.608</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Business Rates Retained inc. Top Up	(63.811)	(71.282)
Other Grants	(22.783)	(28.128)
<b>Council Tax requirement</b>	<b>103.680</b>	<b>110.198</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)

### Council Tax bands for 2024/25

<b>Band</b>	<b>2024/25*</b>	<b>Value at 1 April 1991</b>
A	£1,525.87	Up to £40,000
B	£1,780.17	£40,001 - £52,000
C	£2,034.49	£52,001 - £68,000
D	£2,288.80	£68,001 - £88,000
E	£2,797.42	£88,001 - £120,000
F	£3,306.04	£120,001 - £160,000
G	£3,814.66	£160,001 - £320,000
H	£4,577.60	£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

	<b>% change</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Council	3.44	£1,642.45
Adult Social Care	15.20	£277.10
Mayoral Police & Crime Commissioner Precept	5.34	£256.30
Mayoral General Precept (including Fire Services)	4.63	£112.95
<b>Total</b>		<b>£2,288.80</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.

In 2024/25 councils that provide adult social care services have been given the option of adding a precept of 2%, specifically to help fund adult care services. As we have an aging population it is important that we continue to meet the cost. This means that our Council Tax increase of 4.99% is made up of a 2.99% increase to fund services in general and a 2% increase to specifically fund adult social care.

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.

## Council Tax 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)

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

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

## 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.

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