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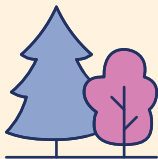
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County Council**

# Your Council Tax 2023-24

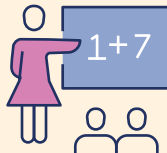
Making the most  
of your money



**Fixing  
more roads**



**A cleaner,  
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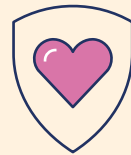
**Bright Futures  
for our children**



**Active healthy  
communities**



**Good quality  
homes and jobs**



**Care and support  
for those in need**

# Dear Resident,

The last year has seen some monumental changes both nationally and globally. The aftermath of the pandemic, the invasion of Ukraine and the rising cost of living has meant many people across Staffordshire have personally felt the effects of these events.

As a County Council, we remain focused on helping our residents, businesses and communities as they continue to cope with the rising cost of living. We are supporting the most vulnerable and working with partners to make sure people can get the advice and help they need to manage rising costs.

As a well-run, financially stable county council, we continue to invest in Staffordshire and its people. To meet our legal responsibilities, around two thirds of our budget will be spent on social care and supporting young people in 2023-24. With the added pressure of inflation, we must invest wisely, live within our means and deliver value for money.

Over the next 12 months we will continue to act on climate change and reduce our carbon emissions. We will fix and upgrade more roads and improve major gateways into our county. We will invest in our economy to make sure Staffordshire is a place that attracts new businesses and supports existing ones to grow creating more good quality jobs. Added to this, our investments in new and existing schools, skills and fibre broadband will create opportunities for our people and make a real difference to their lives.

We know that these are challenging times. People are under financial pressure and we do not want to add to the burden. However, your council tax directly funds our essential work. We must continue to care for the people who need us the most, and invest in our future, in the face of rising costs and increasing demand for support. So in April we will be increasing council tax by 4.99 per cent, the equivalent of £1.34 per week for a Band D property.

Even with this rise, Staffordshire's council tax remains one of the lowest of any county in England, and will allow us to continue helping those who need it the most.

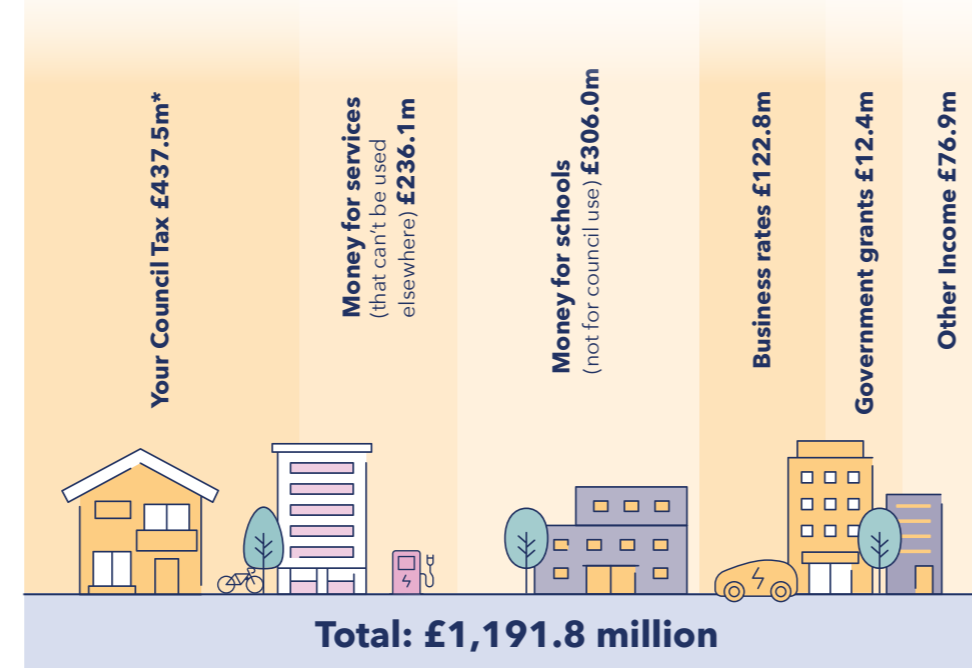
Yours Sincerely,



**Alan White**  
Leader of Staffordshire County Council

For details on Council Tax bands in Staffordshire go to: [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/CTBands](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/CTBands)

## Where our money comes from



## Out of every pound of council tax we spend...



\* Council Tax Figure for 2022/23 was £xxx.x million

## Energy and Climate Change

We are reducing our energy use and switching to green energy at every opportunity. By 2050 we aim to be a net zero organisation, meaning that we take as much carbon out of the atmosphere through things like tree planting, as we put in through our transport or buildings.

We are switching the bulbs in our street lights and buildings to LED, and running many of our gritters on vegetable oil. We are upgrading schools and buildings to be more energy efficient.

There are small things we can all do to reduce carbon emissions, and save money too:



### Switch to LED Bulbs

LEDs use less electricity, reducing your carbon footprint. Lighting makes up 11% of the average home electricity use, so making the switch will help you save too.



### Get into Composting

One of the best ways to look after the environment, reduce emissions and save money on green waste collection. You can buy a discounted compost bin for £10 at [www.getcomposting.com](http://www.getcomposting.com) by inputting your postcode.



### Turn heating down by 1 degree

This small change will reduce carbon emissions and be good for your wallet too. You can also cut your electricity bills by turning appliances off rather than leaving them on standby.



### Visit your Household Waste Recycling Centre

We recycle more than 47,000 tonnes of waste each year in Staffordshire. But lots of items that could be recycled still end up in our general waste. Learn more about what you can recycle at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Waste-and-recycling](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Waste-and-recycling), or visit your local Household Waste Recycling Centre. Our staff are always on hand to help.



More information on saving energy can be found at [staffordshire.gov.uk/heretohelp](http://staffordshire.gov.uk/heretohelp)

## Areas of Investment



Since 2014 the Council's £410 million Economic Growth Programme has helped to create more than 11,000 jobs and seen 4,500 new homes built.



The recent i54 South Staffordshire business park extension will create up to 1,700 new jobs on top of the 3,000 existing jobs on site. A £2 million transformation of Stafford's Shire Hall into a work hub is providing flexible space for small businesses.



Work is underway on the £3.1 million Chatterley Valley West near Kidsgrove, promising another 1,700 new jobs. A new roundabout on the A34 for the new Pets at Home national distribution centre in Stafford, is attracting another 800 jobs.



At the same time, we are spending £50m to repair and maintain our 6,200km of roads and footways.



We are investing £40m in public health, including weight loss schemes to cut diabetes, supporting young people's mental health, and treating drug and alcohol addiction.



We will keep improving schools and creating more places through a £45m new build, extension and upgrade programme, so that more than 90% of parents continue to secure a place at their first-choice school.

## More about the council tax

For detailed information about council tax and our spending:

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/counciltax)

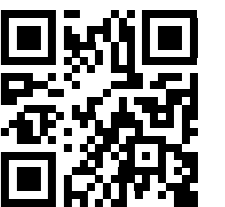
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