

Flintshire County Council

# Your Council Budget

2026/27



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# Introduction

This booklet explains how the council's budget works, how council tax fits into it, and why difficult decisions sometimes must be made. It sets out where the council's money comes from, what it is spent on, and the pressures facing services.

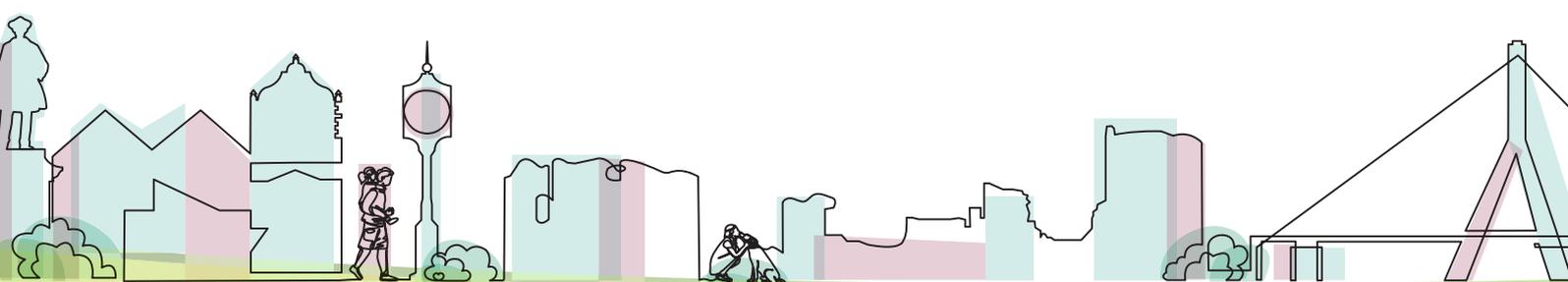
Each year, Flintshire County Council must set a balanced budget which means deciding how to pay for essential services. These decisions affect the services people rely on, the support available to vulnerable residents and how the council responds to rising demand and costs.

We know that many households are also facing financial pressures of their own. That's why the council carefully considers saving options, efficiencies and alternative funding before proposing changes to council tax. Where increases are considered, they are intended to help protect vital services and meet legal responsibilities.

Everyone who pays council tax helps fund the services that support daily life in Flintshire.

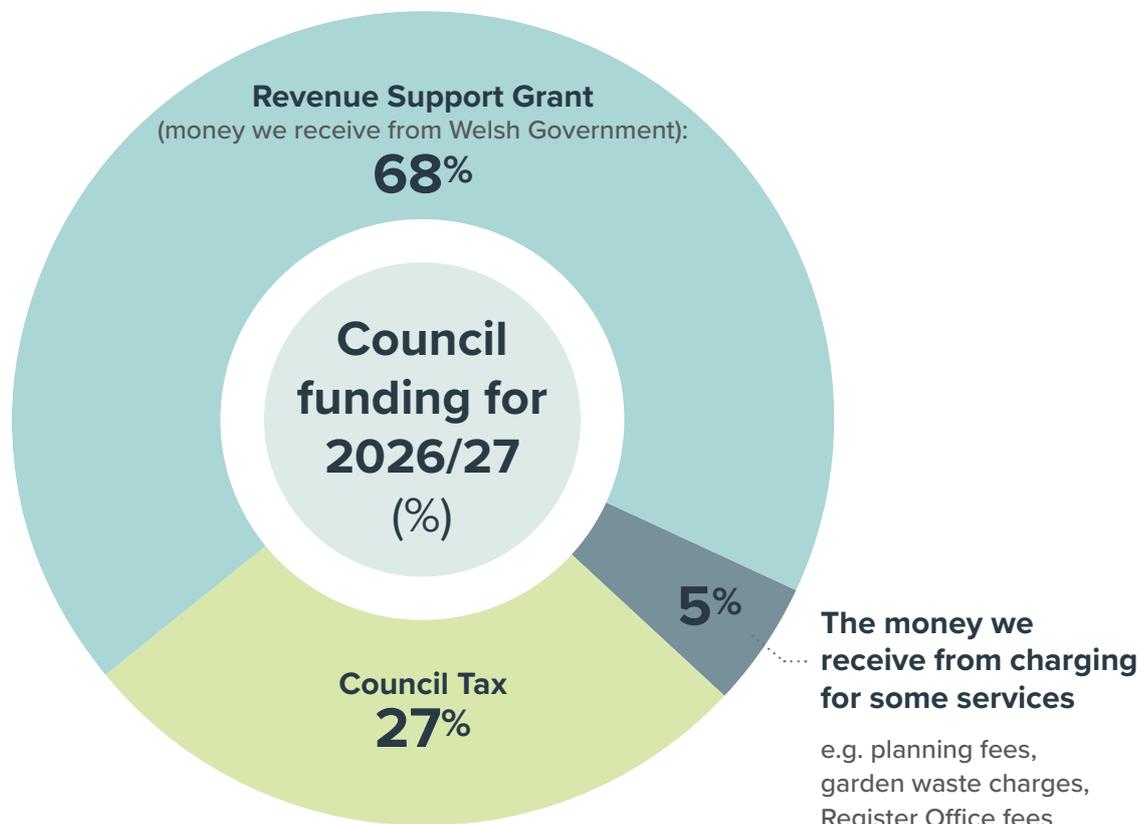
From schools and social care to waste collections, roads and libraries, council tax plays an important role in how the county is run.

The council aims to help residents understand why decisions are made and how they affect Flintshire communities.



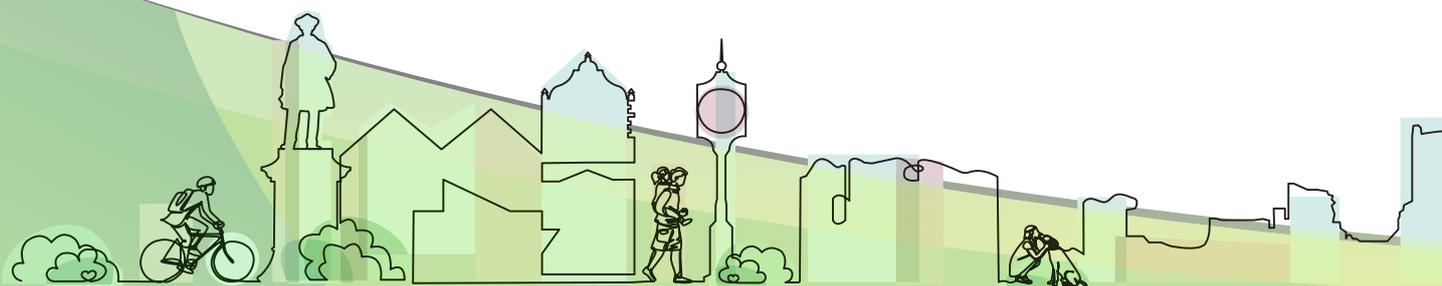
# How the Council is Funded

Did you know only **27%** of our funding comes from council tax?



## Where the money comes from

2025-26 £000s	Source	2026-27 £000s
275,984	Aggregate External Funding (RSG & NDR)	294,090
120,673	Met by Taxpayers	127,769
<b>367,808</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>421,860</b>
8,981	Balances (Brought Forward)	8,985
8,985	Balances (Carried Forward)	8,985



# What does your Council Tax pay for?

Your council tax helps towards funding the services you and your neighbours rely on.

## Flintshire County Council – local services



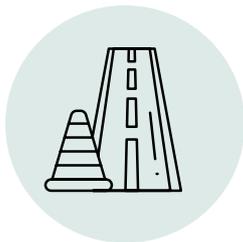
Education and schools



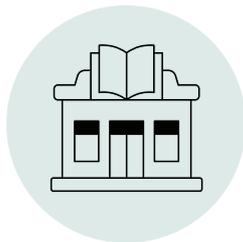
Social care



Waste and recycling



Roads and highways



Community services



Keeping services running

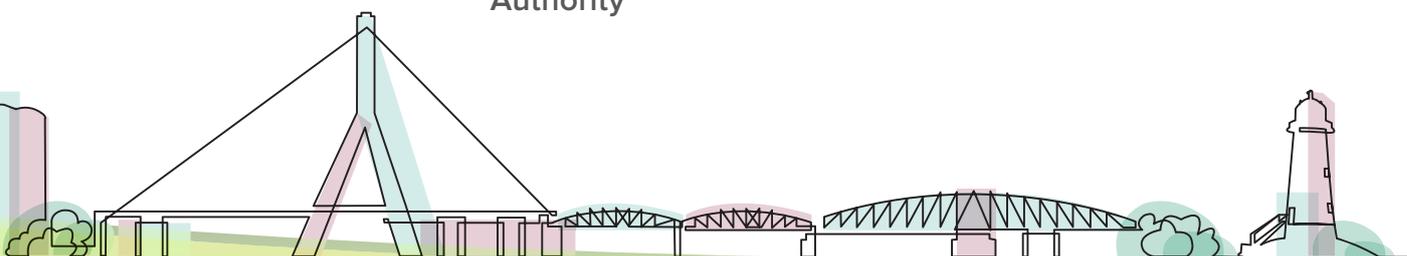
## Regional services – working across North Wales



North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority



North East Wales Coroners Service

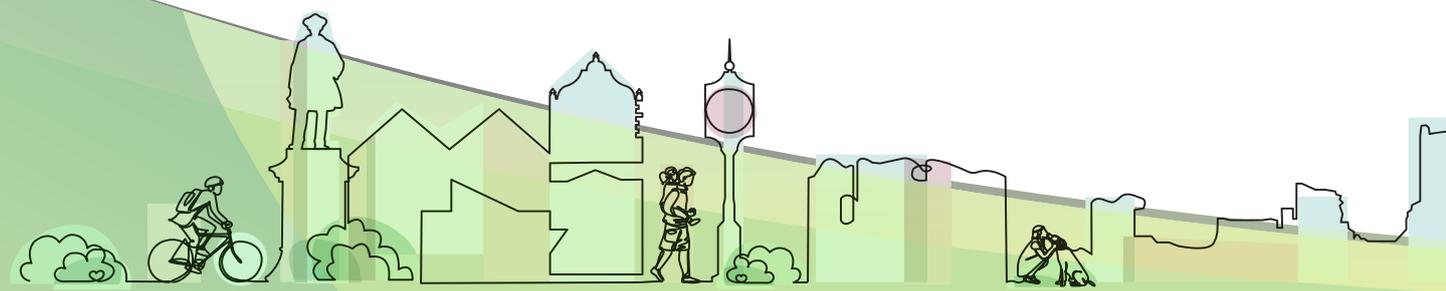
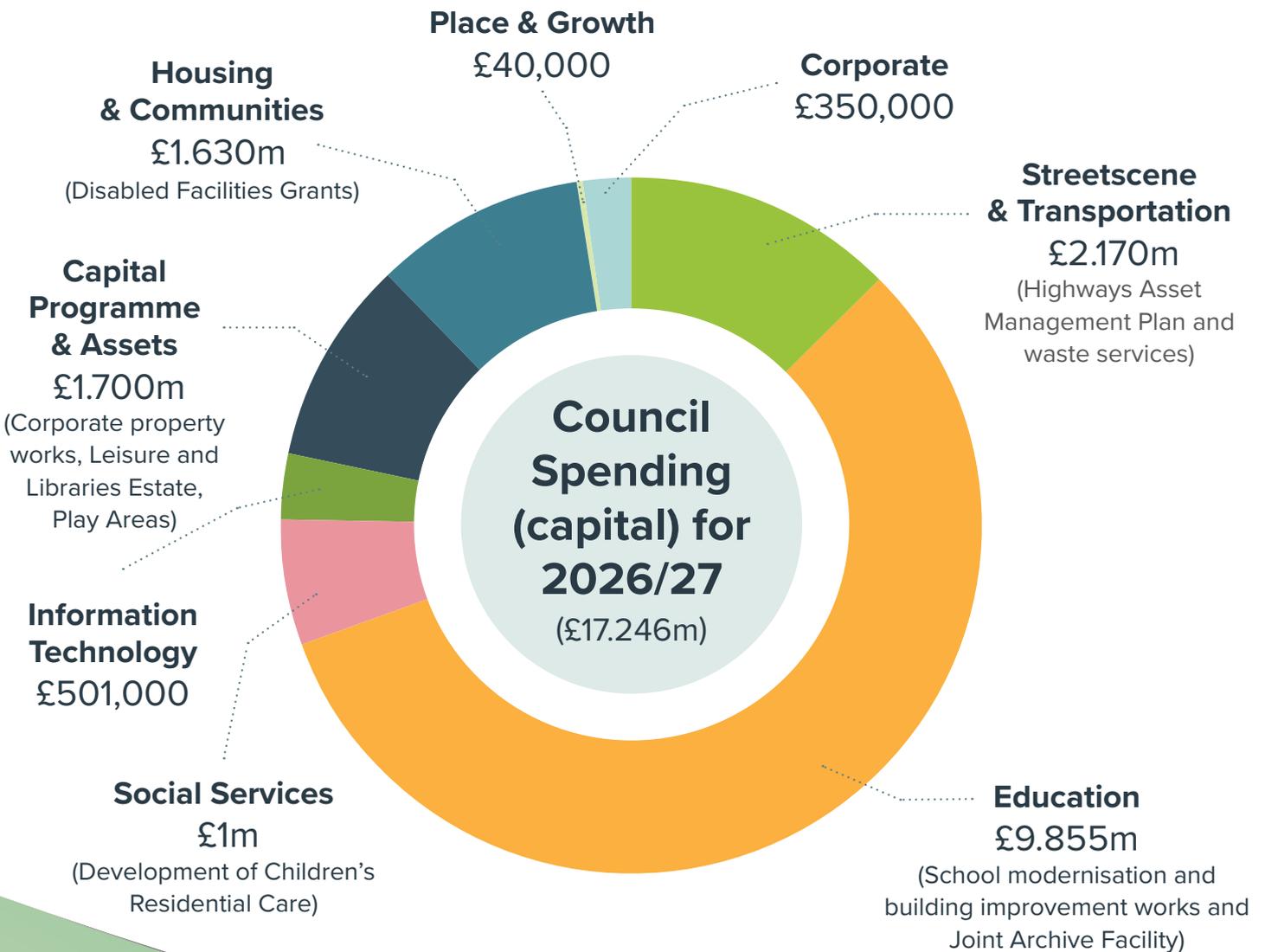


# How we spend the capital funding

## What is capital funding?

Capital funding is the money the council uses to buy or build things that last a long time.

For the financial year April 2026 to March 2027, the council has a capital budget of £17.246 million. Below is how that money is spent:

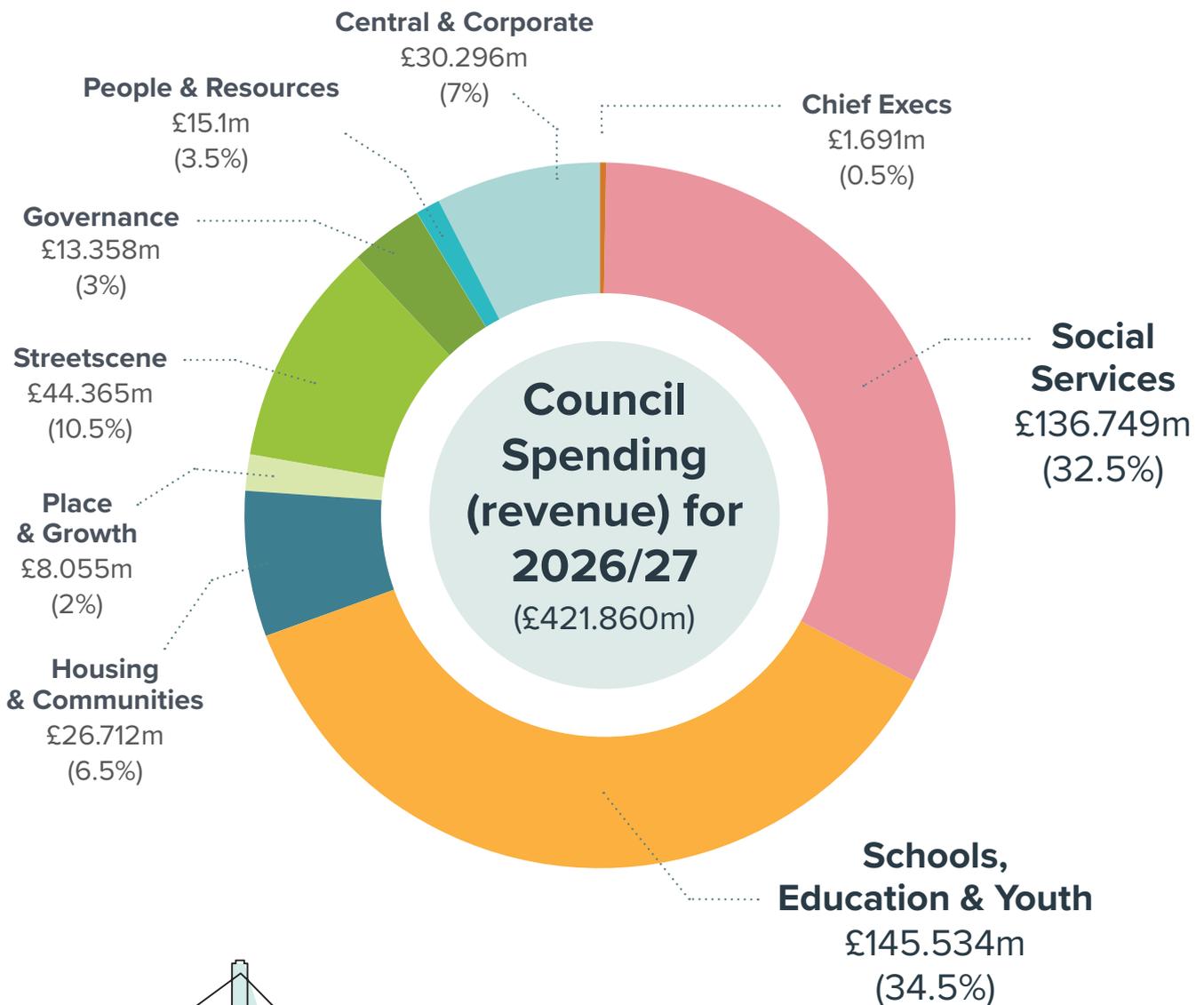


# How we spend the revenue funding

## What is revenue funding?

Revenue funding is money the council uses to run services day to day.

For the financial year April 2026 to March 2027, the council has a revenue budget of £421.860 million. Below is how that money is spent:



# Our biggest spending pressures

Flintshire County Council is facing increasing pressures on its budget. This is not unique to Flintshire. Local authorities across Wales are seeing costs rise faster than funding.

The greatest pressures are in services where demand is growing and where the council has legal responsibilities to provide support.



## Social Care

### What's happening:

- More children, families and adults need support
- Needs are more complex
- Care placements and specialist services cost more

### Why it matters:

- Social care services are a legal duty. The council must provide them, whatever the cost.



## Education

### Cost pressures include:

- Additional Learning Needs support
- School transport
- Staffing costs

### Why it matters:

- Education is one of the council's largest commitments and demand continues to grow.



# Help with paying your Council Tax

## Council Tax Discounts and Reductions



### A Guide for Residents

Council Tax is usually worked out on the assumption that two adults (aged 18 or over) live in a property. Some people are disregarded for Council Tax purposes, which means they are not counted when working out the charge.



### Single Person Discount

If you are the only adult living in your home, you may be entitled to a 25% Council Tax discount.



### Disregarded Persons

You may still qualify for a discount if other people live in your home but are not counted for Council Tax purposes. This includes people who are:

- Living with a significant cognitive impairment
- Aged 18 and still covered by Child Benefit
- School or college leavers aged 18–19 (disregarded until 1 November after leaving)
- Full-time students and student nurses
- Apprentices earning or in receipt of the National Minimum Wage for workers to whom the apprenticeship rate applies
- Persons in detention, either, in a prison, hospital, or another place of detention (except for non-payment of Council Tax)
- Living permanently in an NHS hospital or registered care home
- Residents of care homes, nursing homes or hostels receiving care or treatment
- Certain carers who meet qualifying conditions
- Care workers earning no more than £44 per week
- Care leavers aged 18–25 who were looked after by a local authority after age 16
- Members of religious communities whose main occupation is prayer, education, or relieving suffering

***If all but one adult in a household is disregarded, a 25% discount will normally apply.***



### **Disabled Band Reduction**

A Council Tax reduction may apply if a disabled person living in the property needs extra space or facilities. This is based on the layout and use of the property, not simply on disability registration. If awarded, Council Tax is charged at one band lower than the property's actual band



### **Foster Carers**

Approved local authority foster carers receive a 50% Council Tax discount. Foster carers living outside the local authority area receive equivalent financial assistance.



### **Council Tax Reduction Scheme**

If you are responsible for paying Council Tax and are on a low income, you may qualify or help with some or all of your Council Tax bill. If you would like more information, please contact our Benefits team at [benefits@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@flintshire.gov.uk) or on 01352 704848 by pressing option 3.

## **Council Tax Exemptions – Quick Guide**

In certain circumstances, you may not have to pay Council Tax. Some exemptions apply only to unoccupied properties, while others apply when a property is occupied. This leaflet provides a clear overview of all exemption types.



### **Exemptions with a Time Limit**

- Class A – Major Repairs / Structural Alteration: Unoccupied property needing or undergoing major repairs. Exempt up to 12 months, then full charge + long-term empty premium.
- Class B – Charity-Owned Property: Unoccupied and last used for charitable purposes. Exempt up to 6 months.
- Class C – Unoccupied & Unfurnished Properties: Empty and unfurnished properties, including new builds are exempt up to 6 months.
- Class F – After the Grant of Probate: Property left empty following the owner's death. Exempt until 12 months after probate, or until sold, occupied, or re-let.
- Class H – Awaiting occupation by a minister of religion. Exempt up to 12 months, then full charge + long-term empty premium.



## Unoccupied Property Exemptions (Ongoing)

- Class D – Owner/tenant detained in prison
- Class E – Resident permanently moved to hospital or care home
- Class G – Occupation prohibited by law
- Class I – Owner moved elsewhere to receive personal care
- Class J – Owner moved elsewhere to provide personal care
- Class K – Owned and last occupied by a student
- Class L – Repossessed property
- Class Q – Owner is bankrupt
- Class R – Empty caravan pitch or boat mooring
- Class T – Unoccupied annexe that cannot be let separately under planning rules



## Occupied Property Exemptions

- Class M – Student halls of residence
- Class N – Property occupied solely by full-time students
- Class O – Armed Forces accommodation owned by the Ministry of Defence
- Class P – Occupied by visiting forces or international defence personnel
- Class S – All residents are under 18
- Class U – All residents have a significant cognitive impairment
- Class V – Main UK residence of someone with diplomatic privileges
- Class W – Annexe occupied by an elderly or disabled relative
- Class X – Care leavers (exempt until age 25)
- Class Y – Women's refuge

## Need Help or Want to Apply?

For advice or more information, please visit our website at [www.flintshire.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/counciltax), or to apply for a Council Tax discount or exemption, go to [www.flintshire.gov.uk/ctforms](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/ctforms)



# Band D Council Tax / Treth y Cyngor Band D

		COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED	Tax Base 26/27 Treth Sylfaenol 26/27	Flintshire County Council Cyngor Sir y Fflint	Police & Crime Commissioner North Wales Comisynydd Heddlu a Throsedd Gogledd Cymru	Community Council Cyngorau Cymuned	Council Tax at Band D Treth Y Cyngor yn ol Band D	Property in Anedd yn	You Pay Byddwch yn Talu
2025/26 £	2026/27 £		Properties Anheddau	£	£	£	£	BAND A	6/9ths of the Band D Charge in your community 6/9fed o daliad Band D yn eich cymuned
80,786	87,983	Argoed	2,578.82	1,914.92	398.25	34.12	2,347.29	BAND B	7/9ths of the Band D Charge in your community 7/9fed o daliad Band D yn eich cymuned
48,050	47,732	Bagillt	1,479.42	1,914.92	398.25	32.26	2,345.43	BAND C	8/9ths of the Band D Charge in your community 8/9fed o daliad Band D yn eich cymuned
162,863	180,000	Broughton & Bretton - Brychdyn a Bretton	2,772.72	1,914.92	398.25	64.92	2,378.09	BAND D	The charge for your community in the table Y taliad yn eich cymuned a ddangosir yn y tabl
41,229	43,290	Brynford - Brynffordd	473.38	1,914.92	398.25	91.45	2,404.62	BAND E	11/9ths of the Band D Charge in your community 11/9fed o daliad Band D yn eich cymuned
398,378	458,135	Buckley - Bwcle	6,866.71	1,914.92	398.25	66.72	2,379.89	BAND F	13/9ths of the Band D Charge in your community 13/9fed o daliad Band D yn eich cymuned
44,500	49,500	Caerwys	641.64	1,914.92	398.25	77.15	2,390.32	BAND G	15/9ths of the Band D Charge in your community 15/9fed o daliad Band D yn eich cymuned
30,800	32,340	Cilcain	750.01	1,914.92	398.25	43.12	2,356.29	BAND H	Twice the Band D Charge in your community Dwywaith cyfanswm taliad Band D yn eich cymuned
451,421	475,995	Connah's Quay - Cei Connah	6,253.85	1,914.92	398.25	76.11	2,389.28	BAND I	21/9ths of the Band D Charge in your community 21/9fed o daliad Band D yn eich cymuned
299,529	305,763	Flint - Y Fflint	5,089.01	1,914.92	398.25	60.08	2,373.25		
36,500	39,750	Gwernaffield & Pantymwyn - Y Waun	1,016.06	1,914.92	398.25	39.12	2,352.29		
24,500	31,000	Gwernymynydd	592.59	1,914.92	398.25	52.31	2,365.48		
53,000	63,000	Halkyn - Helygain	1,375.04	1,914.92	398.25	45.82	2,358.99		
367,243	406,189	Hawarden - Penarlâg	6,416.38	1,914.92	398.25	63.31	2,376.48		
36,584	36,611	Higher Kinnerton	889.55	1,914.92	398.25	41.16	2,354.33		
307,000	359,500	Holywell - Treffynnon	3,443.65	1,914.92	398.25	104.40	2,417.57		
135,781	137,630	Hope - Yr Hôb	1,858.01	1,914.92	398.25	74.07	2,387.24		
84,000	86,000	Leeswood - Coed-llai	852.54	1,914.92	398.25	100.88	2,414.05		
76,245	76,245	Llanasa	2,039.99	1,914.92	398.25	37.38	2,350.55		
35,200	37,500	Llanfynydd	882.45	1,914.92	398.25	42.50	2,355.67		
338,881	360,614	Mold - Yr Wyddgrug	4,611.82	1,914.92	398.25	78.19	2,391.36		
41,647	43,715	Mostyn	741.83	1,914.92	398.25	58.93	2,372.10		
15,650	16,500	Nannerch	285.71	1,914.92	398.25	57.75	2,370.92		
21,000	22,000	Nercwys	313.02	1,914.92	398.25	70.28	2,383.45		
42,360	43,496	Northop - Llaneurgain	1,596.53	1,914.92	398.25	27.24	2,340.41		
39,116	42,299	Northop Hall	842.02	1,914.92	398.25	50.24	2,363.41		
124,611	133,112	Pen-y-ffordd	2,332.13	1,914.92	398.25	57.08	2,370.25		
40,000	46,000	Queensferry	725.40	1,914.92	398.25	63.41	2,376.58		
91,19	95,221	Saltney	1,937.75	1,914.92	398.25	49.14	2,362.31		
64,000	64,000	Sealand	1,777.48	1,914.92	398.25	36.01	2,349.18		
187,953	199,000	Shotton	2,219.67	1,914.92	398.25	89.65	2,402.82		
27,135	28,854	Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor	423.38	1,914.92	398.25	68.15	2,381.32		
42,000	45,500	Treuddyn	772.46	1,914.92	398.25	58.90	2,372.07		
62,500	68,000	Whitford - Chwitffordd	1,181.06	1,914.92	398.25	57.58	2,370.75		
38,920	40,866	Ysceifiog	690.92	1,914.92	398.25	59.15	2,372.32		
<b>3,890,580</b>	<b>4,203,340</b>	<b>TOTAL / CYFANSWM</b>	<b>66,723.00</b>						
<b>AVERAGE / CYFARTALEDD</b>				<b>1,914.92</b>	<b>398.25</b>	<b>63.00</b>	<b>2,376.17</b>		
Charge on Collection Fund / I'w Godi o'r Gronfa Gasglu				<b>127,769,207</b>	<b>26,572,435</b>	<b>4,203,340</b>	<b>158,544,982</b>		

The table above is for Band D properties only. If your property falls within another property band, use the table to find out how much you pay. The Tax Base is the estimated income that will be received for each £1 of Council Tax. It is expressed as a "Band D equivalent" and takes into account the number of properties within each band, in each community area.

Ar gyfer anheddau ym Mand D yn unig y mae'r tabl uchod. Os yw eich annedd chi mewn band arall, defnyddiwch y tabl i ganfod beth fydd eich bil treth. Amcangyfrif o'r incwm a dderbynnir am bob £1 o Dreth y Cyngor yw'r Dreth Sylfaenol. Mynegir hyn fel "cyfwerth â Band D", gan gymryd i ystyriaeth nifer yr anheddau o fewn pob band, ym mhob ardal gymunedol.