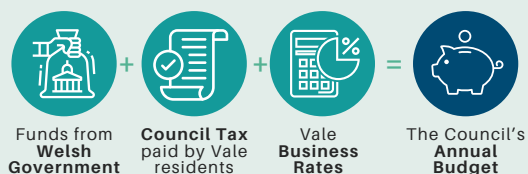




# COUNCIL TAX

## Budget news

2025 / 2026



### What is Council Tax?

Council Tax is a tax on your property, but also considers who lives in the property. The property part is based on the value of the property. The personal part looks at how many people over 18 live there and can offer discounts in certain situations.

### Where does my Council Tax go?

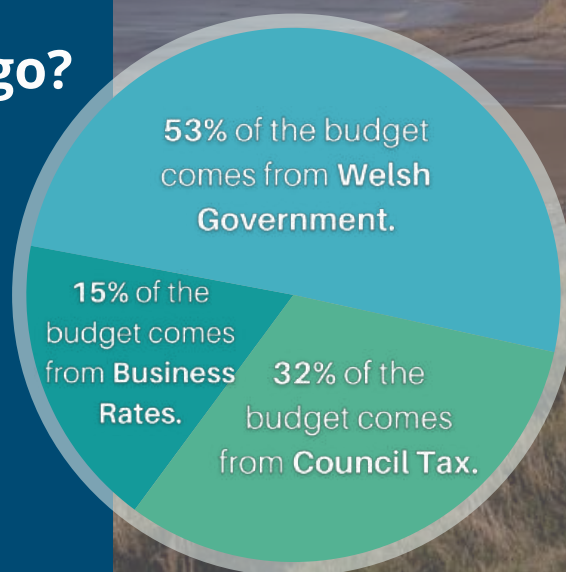
Council tax makes up **one-third** of the Council's annual budget.

The rest of the budget comes from a grant from Welsh Government, which includes a portion of the business rates collected across Wales.

**The 2025/26 budget is 332 million.**

This figure represents the net expenditure, meaning it includes both the costs of services and the money made from charges for some services.

The budget is split across many services with social care and schools having the largest allocation (71% of the overall budget).



**3%** on Waste & Recycling



**2%** on Highways



**1%** on Democratic services

### Have questions about your Council Tax billing?

Take a look at our FAQ's or submit your enquiry online: [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/CouncilTax](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/CouncilTax)

# Income and Expenditure For 2025/26 and 2024/25

**Gross expenditure** = The total amount spent before deductions or income are accounted for.

**Income** = The total amount of money received by the Council.

**Net expenditure** = The total amount spent after subtracting any revenue or income received.

Council Services	Gross Expenditure		Income		Net Expenditure	
	2025 / 26 £000's	2024 / 25 £000's	2025 / 26 £000's	2024 / 25 £000's	2025 / 26 £000's	2024 / 25 £000's
Education (inc. Libraries and School Transport)	£186,974	£170,530	£37,461	£30,504	149,513	£140,026
Social Services	£126,822	£114,555	£20,303	£18,312	£106,519	£96,243
Housing, inc. benefits, revenue and other	£58,443	£60,861	£56,311	£57,796	£2,132	£3,065
Council tax relief	£12,335	£11,335	£0	£500	£12,335	£10,835
Regeneration and Development	£5,236	£5,216	£2,358	£2,152	£2,878	£3,064
Neighbourhood and Transport Services	£9,323	£10,170	£3,104	£4,966	£6,219	£5,204
Waste Services	£12,656	£12,995	£3,449	£3,098	£9,207	£9,897
Highways Services	£8,615	£8,356	£2,138	£1,556	£6,477	£6,800
Regulatory Services	£1,711	£1,638	£0	£0	£1,711	£1,638
Policy and Corporate Resources	£19,008	£19,973	£2,042	£2,307	£16,966	£17,666
Member Services	£1,729	£1,666	£0	£0	£1,729	£1,666
Borrowing and Investments	£8,122	£8,672	£0	£1,050	£8,122	£7,622
Capital and Other Expenditure met from Revenue	£0	£3,851	£0	£3,851	£0	£0
Fire Levy	£8,761	£8,192	£0	£0	£8,761	£8,192
Other Precepts and Levies	£0	£119	£0	£0	£0	£119
Town & Community Council Precepts	£3,851	£3,652	£0	£0	£3,851	£3,652
Transfer to / (from) General and Specific Reserves	-£800	0	£485	£3,467	-£1,285	-£3,467
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£462,786</b>	<b>£441,781</b>	<b>£127,651</b>	<b>£129,559</b>	<b>£335,135</b>	<b>£312,222</b>

Funding	2025/26 £000's	2024/25 £000's
Discretionary Non-Domestic Rate Reliefs	-£290	-£290
Revenue Support Grant	£176,793	£161,928
National Non-Domestic Rate Pool	£47,654	£47,853
Council Tax incl Town and Community Council Precepts	£110,978	£102,732
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£335,135</b>	<b>£312,223</b>

Budget totals	2025/26 £000's	2024/25 £000's
Total expenditure	£462,431	£441,781
Less: income	£127,651	£129,559
Net transfer from Reserves	£355	£7,395
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>£335,135</b>	<b>£312,222</b>

# Council Tax rates

**Town/Community Council Precept** = the money your local town/community council charges residents to fund local services.

**Town/Community Council charge for Band D** = the money charged by the town or community council for a Band D property, which helps fund local services.

**Total Council Tax for Band D** = the total council tax that a typical Band D property will pay for the year (which includes the town/community council precept)

Area	Town / Community Council Precept		Town / Community Council charge (Band D property)	Total Council Tax (Band D property)
	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26	2025/26
Barry	£1,357,630	£1,297,012	£63.34	£2,097.11
Colwinston	£20,650	£19,861	£53.64	£2,087.41
Cowbridge with Llanblethian	£354,528	£335,495	£117.51	£2,151.28
Dinas Powys	£153,471	£142,672	£37.86	£2,071.63
Ewenny	£24,000	£23,000	£52.75	£2,086.52
Llancarfan	£17,143	£14,960	£34.63	£2,068.40
Llandough	£72,997	£63,952	£74.56	£2,108.33
Llandow	£12,000	£12,000	£27.09	£2,060.86
Llanfair	£5,920	£5,843	£15.06	£2,048.83
Llangan	£11,784	£11,553	£25.07	£2,058.84
Llanmaes	£14,122	£14,514	£56.04	£2,089.81
Llantwit Major	£317,856	£277,406	£72.50	£2,106.27
Michaelston	£7,795	£7,568	£31.95	£2,065.72
Penarth	£1,068,390	£1,031,901	£90.24	£2,124.01
Pendoylan	£9,500	£8,500	£25.89	£2,059.66
Penllyn	£16,250	£14,500	£13.76	£2,047.53
Peterston-Super-Ely	£24,000	£23,500	£43.72	£2,077.49
Rhose	£0	£0	£0	£2,033.77
St.Athan	£87,800	£85,243	£50.00	£2,083.77
St Brides Major	£34,592	£26,640	£23.00	£2,056.77
St.Donats	£5,183	£5,306	£24.45	£2,058.22
St.Georges and St.Brides-Super-Ely	£7,500	£6,971	£31.12	£2,064.89
St.Nicholas and Bonvilston	£67,770	£67,770	£87.45	£2,121.22
Sully and Lavernock	£99,400	£99,400	£34.89	£2,068.66
Welsh St.Donats	£8,000	£7,000	£24.02	£2,057.79
Wenvoe	£43,333	£40,880	£27.72	£2,061.49
Wick	£9,000	£9,000	£16.27	£2,050.04

# Reserves

The council's budget reserves are savings set aside to cover unexpected costs or future projects.

## Estimated Financial Reserves as at 31 March:

	2026 £000's	2025 £000's
General Fund	£13,240	£13,240
Insurance	£4,878	£4,878
Service Reserves	£6,705	£9,195
Risk and Smoothing Reserves	£14,788	£17,443
Capital Reserves	£2,104	£7,751
Schools Deficit Reserve	-£4,000	-£4,000
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Schools (Ringfenced for ICT)	£673	£673
Housing Revenue Account	£4,232	£4,192
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£46,620</b>	<b>£57,372</b>

Of the £76 million in reserves at the start of 2024/25:

- £4 million is for council tenants as part of the housing revenue accounts.
- £5 million is ring fenced for schools.
- £15 million retained to manage risk in case of emergency.

**The remaining £52 million would only cover Council operations for 9 weeks.**



# The Capital Programme

A council's capital programme outlines the council's long-term investment in major projects, such as the construction or renovation of buildings, infrastructure improvements, or purchasing large assets.

The programme details how the council will allocate resources over a set period (often several years) to fund these capital projects, which are usually designed to improve the community or provide essential services.

Programme	2025/26 £000's	2024/25 £000's
Learning and Skills	£19,342	£17,444
Social Services	£1,373	£2,021
Environment	£16,784	£13,977
Housing	£31,737	£35,005
Place	£13,612	£7,484
Resources	£312	£2,238
City Deal	£157	£0
Pipeline Schemes	£23,389	£2,251
<b>Total</b>	<b>£106,706</b>	<b>£80,420</b>

Financed	2025/26 £000's	2024/25 £000's
Capital Receipts	£3,194	£2,807
Reserves/Revenue Contribution	£14,790	£13,277
Grants	£54,393	£37,730
S106	£1,935	£4,730
Borrowing	£32,394	£21,876
<b>Total</b>	<b>£106,706</b>	<b>£80,420</b>

