

# Your council tax 2026/27

A message from Cllr Ian Edwards, Leader of Hillingdon Council



Dear resident,

The council has approved its 2026/27 budget, prioritising residents by protecting and modernising frontline services while once again keeping council tax lower than neighbouring authorities and more than £300 below the national average.

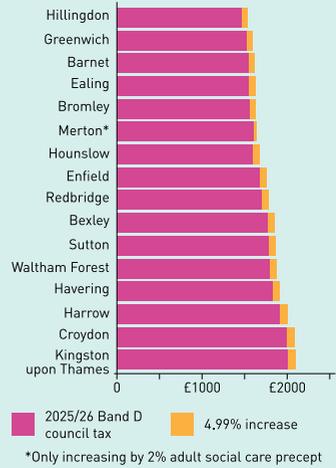
Our plans reflect careful financial management, a strong plan for the future, and a relentless drive for value for money.

During the past decade, Hillingdon's population has grown, increasing demand for social care and housing support. These pressures, alongside high inflation and government underfunding, are compounded by costs linked to Heathrow Airport, including asylum support and anti-social behaviour.

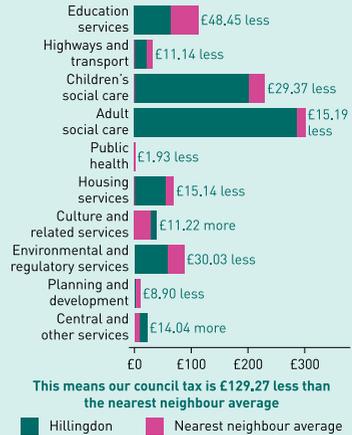
Although a long overdue new funding settlement is welcome, its phased implementation means the borough will receive £65 million less than its assessed need across the next two years, creating a short-term gap that requires Exceptional Financial Support.

Between 2026/27 and 2030/31, we will invest up to £268.5 million in services and facilities, alongside £519.4 million for regeneration and housing, delivering independently judged excellent services at some of the lowest costs in London as we continue to put residents first.

## Value for money in Hillingdon



## Spend per person 2025/26 compared to neighbouring councils



Building on our successes from previous years, which has led to us receiving 'Outstanding' and 'Good' ratings for our children's and adult social care services respectively, we continued to deliver more high quality facilities and service improvements, and again received recognition for our work in 2025/26, including:

▶ delivering new homes for established residents in Hayes

▶ receiving the highest rating by government for road maintenance

▶ introducing stronger measures to manage HMOs

▶ completing the state-of-the-art Platinum Jubilee Leisure Centre, West Drayton

▶ achieving a positive C2 grading for our housing service

▶ opening the relocated Uxbridge Library and new museum and ceremony rooms at the Civic Centre

▶ purchasing a new care facility to secure more local and cost-effective provision

▶ providing new residential homes for local children and expanding SEND facilities

▶ launching a pop-up waste collection service to make it easier to dispose of unwanted items close to home.

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## How is every £1 of your council tax spent?

In 2026/27, the council is expecting to raise £164.8 million from council tax income and here is how we expect to spend the money.

- **37p** Adult social care
- **15p** Corporate support services
- **14p** Children's social care
- **8p** Housing services
- **7p** Education services
- **7p** Waste collection and disposal
- **5p** Cultural, environmental and planning services
- **4p** Other residents' services
- **2p** Highways, parking and transport services



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