

# Mid Sussex District Council

Your Services, Our Impact

2026–2027



Where your Council Tax goes  
and what it is delivering for you.



## Your Council Tax: helping to support Mid Sussex

Mid Sussex District Council is committed to building a safe and welcoming district where people feel supported and can access the services and opportunities they rely on, helping to ensure everyone in our community can flourish and thrive.

Across 129 square miles with more than 155,000 residents and 8,000 local businesses, our purpose is:

*'To be an effective Council delivering value for money services and helping to create a strong economy, environment and community'*

Every year, we work with partners, businesses, and community organisations across Mid Sussex to improve services, protect our local environment, support economic development, and foster a healthy, inclusive and supportive district.

Here's a glimpse at some of our highlights across Mid Sussex in 2025/26.

### £9m

Opened a new state-of-the-art outdoor sporting facility, The Arc, funded through Section 106 developer contributions.



### 72,000 households

Rolled out a new waste management programme, including weekly food waste collections, to more than 72,000 households across the district.



### 155,000 residents



### 129 sq miles of our rural district



### ~8,000 businesses

### 500 tonnes

More than 500 tonnes of food waste diverted from landfill and recycled in the first 4 weeks of the 1, 2, 3 waste collection programme.



### £800k

To date in 2025/26, we've awarded £800,000 in disabled facilities grants to make independent living at home possible for more residents.



### 6,578

6,578 people participated in 22 Play Days, Skate Fest and Spring into Action events, making 2025 the highest attended year on record.



### 270

More than 270 people and families received support through our Homelessness Surgeries.



## What to expect in 2026/27

**£160k**



We're spending £160,000 on car parking infrastructure including surfacing, lighting, lining and public realm improvements.

**£100k**



We've committed to provide £100,000 in community grants to support projects that contribute to a vibrant and thriving district.

**194**



We've committed to build 194 new affordable homes.

**£730k**



We're delivering £730,000 in upgrades to improve flood and drainage infrastructure.

**£350k**



We're investing £350,000 in new parking technologies to make parking easier for drivers, improve parking management and mitigate dangerous parking.

## Calculating your Council Tax

Your property is placed in one of eight valuation bands to enable the Council to calculate your Council Tax bill and is based on the value of your property as of 1 April 1991. The valuation is determined by the Valuation Office Agency — part of HM Revenue & Customs.

Valuation values	Range of band
A	Up to £40,000
B	£40,001 to £52,000
C	£52,001 to £68,000
D	£68,001 to £88,000
E	£88,001 to £120,000
F	£120,001 to £160,000
G	£160,001 to £320,000
H	£320,001 and above



## Your Council Tax explained

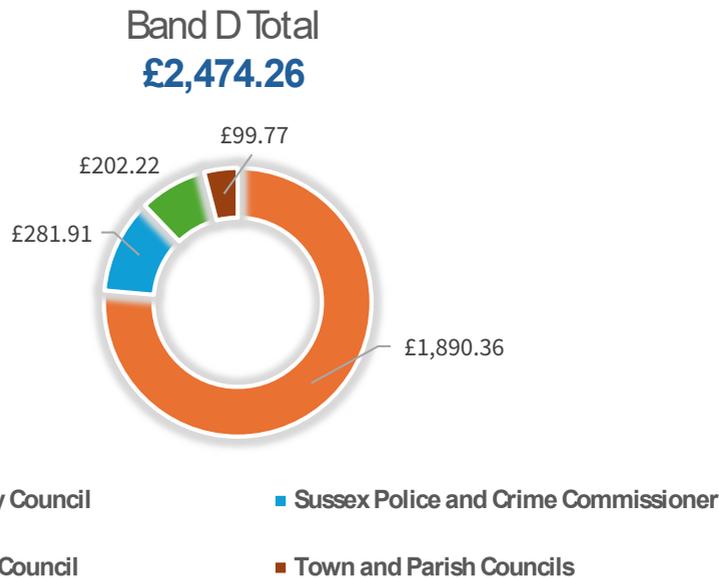
We receive some funding from central government, however most of our services are paid for through money raised locally. This includes Council Tax, business rates and charges for some services such as parking and garden waste collection.

Like all councils, we're managing our services against a challenging financial backdrop, with rising costs and increasing demand for support.

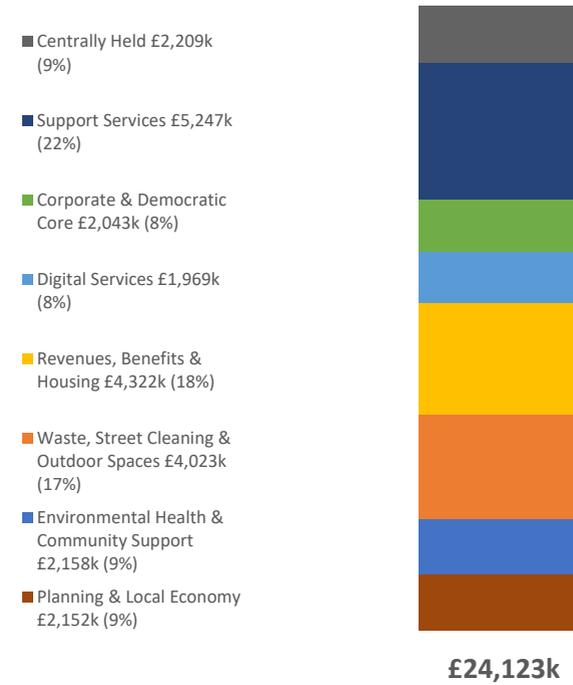
With strong financial management and carefully considered decisions, we have developed a balanced budget for 2026/27.

Your Council Tax funds a range of public services. On average only 8% of your Council Tax funds services provided by Mid Sussex District Council. The rest is spent by other organisations to provide their services.

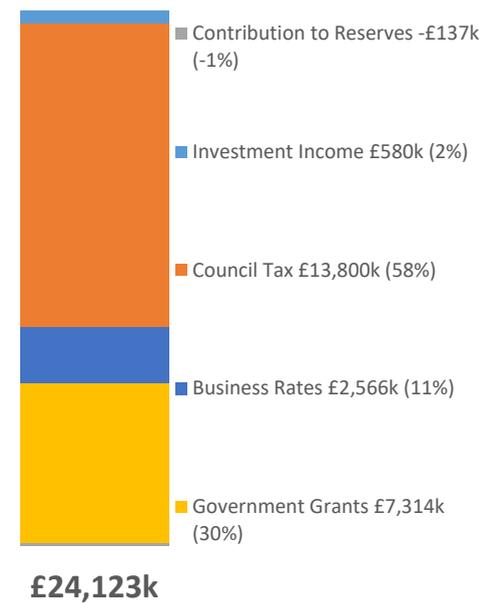
This is what this means to you. As an average household (Band D) property:



## Where the money goes



## How we're funded



## Payments by area

Mid Sussex Council Tax 2026/27.

Town / Parish area	band A £	band B £	band C £	band D £	band E £	band F £	band G £	band H £
Albourne	1,613.36	1,882.25	2,151.15	2,420.04	2,957.83	3,495.61	4,033.40	4,840.08
Ansty & Staplefield	1,646.03	1,920.36	2,194.71	2,469.04	3,017.72	3,566.39	4,115.07	4,938.08
Ardingly	1,682.87	1,963.34	2,243.83	2,524.30	3,085.26	3,646.21	4,207.17	5,048.60
Ashurst Wood	1,678.64	1,958.41	2,238.19	2,517.96	3,077.51	3,637.05	4,196.60	5,035.92
Balcombe	1,646.04	1,920.38	2,194.72	2,469.06	3,017.74	3,566.42	4,115.10	4,938.12
Bolney	1,631.31	1,903.19	2,175.08	2,446.96	2,990.73	3,534.49	4,078.27	4,893.92
Burgess Hill	1,648.58	1,923.34	2,198.11	2,472.87	3,022.40	3,571.92	4,121.45	4,945.74
Cuckfield	1,700.59	1,984.02	2,267.46	2,550.89	3,117.76	3,684.62	4,251.48	5,101.78
East Grinstead	1,659.39	1,935.95	2,212.52	2,489.08	3,042.21	3,595.33	4,148.47	4,978.16
Fulking	1,661.07	1,937.91	2,214.76	2,491.60	3,045.29	3,598.97	4,152.67	4,983.20
Hassocks	1,641.09	1,914.61	2,188.13	2,461.64	3,008.67	3,555.70	4,102.73	4,923.28
Haywards Heath	1,635.74	1,908.36	2,180.99	2,453.61	2,998.86	3,544.10	4,089.35	4,907.22
Horsted Keynes	1,657.58	1,933.84	2,210.11	2,486.37	3,038.90	3,591.42	4,143.95	4,972.74
Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common	1,653.78	1,929.41	2,205.04	2,480.67	3,031.93	3,583.19	4,134.45	4,961.34
Lindfield	1,653.04	1,928.54	2,204.06	2,479.56	3,030.58	3,581.58	4,132.60	4,959.12
Lindfield Rural	1,616.36	1,885.75	2,155.15	2,424.54	2,963.33	3,502.11	4,040.90	4,849.08
Newtimber	1,587.41	1,851.97	2,116.55	2,381.11	2,910.25	3,439.38	3,968.52	4,762.22
Poynings	1,629.23	1,900.76	2,172.31	2,443.84	2,986.92	3,529.99	4,073.07	4,887.68
Pyecombe	1,662.69	1,939.81	2,216.93	2,494.04	3,048.27	3,602.50	4,156.73	4,988.08
Slaugham	1,653.42	1,928.99	2,204.56	2,480.13	3,031.27	3,582.41	4,133.55	4,960.26
Turners Hill	1,692.27	1,974.32	2,256.37	2,538.41	3,102.50	3,666.59	4,230.68	5,076.82
Twineham	1,627.13	1,898.32	2,169.51	2,440.70	2,983.08	3,525.45	4,067.83	4,881.40
West Hoathly	1,660.27	1,936.97	2,213.69	2,490.40	3,043.83	3,597.24	4,150.67	4,980.80
Worth	1,647.95	1,922.61	2,197.27	2,471.93	3,021.25	3,570.56	4,119.88	4,943.86

## Who pays Council Tax

Council Tax is usually paid if one or more adults live in your property, unless they are exempt (see below). The order of responsibility is:

1. Owner of the property
2. Leaseholder
3. Statutory/secure tenant
4. Licensee
5. Resident

At a property where married couples, civil partners or joint owners / tenants are residing, there is a **joint liability** for paying Council Tax.

If no one lives at a property, the **property owner** is responsible for paying Council Tax. The owner is also liable for certain properties, including:

- **Class A:** Care homes, nursing homes, and some hostels
- **Class B:** Properties for religious communities (e.g., monasteries, convents)
- **Class C:** Properties shared by multiple households with shared facilities
- **Class D:** Properties not the owner's main home, but used by someone employed in domestic service
- **Class E:** Properties lived in by ministers of religion.

## Discounts to Council Tax

The full Council Tax bill assumes there are two adults in a home. If there is:

- **One adult:** The bill is reduced by 25%.
- **No one's main home, furnished, and job-related:** The bill is reduced by 50%.

Some people are ignored ("disregarded") when counting adults living in the property.

A full list of disregarded people can be found at:

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

If you believe you are entitled to a discount, but haven't received one, contact us. Discounts will be shown on your bill based on our current records.

## Exemptions

Some properties do not have to pay Council Tax. These include homes lived in only by students, people under 18, individuals who are severely mentally impaired, and annexes occupied by elderly or disabled relatives. The full list of exemptions is available on our website: [www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax/exemptions](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax/exemptions)

## Premiums

To encourage the use of properties and discourage vacancies, premiums may be applied to unoccupied properties. Details can be found at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax/unoccupiedproperties](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax/unoccupiedproperties)

## Reductions for disabled people

You may qualify for a reduction on your Council Tax if a disabled person lives in your home and the property includes at least one of the following:

- An extra bathroom or kitchen that is essential for the disabled person's need.
- A room that is mainly used by the disabled person and is essential for their needs and is not a bathroom, kitchen or toilet.
- Extra space inside the property for the essential use of a wheelchair by a disabled person indoors.

Additional information and application forms can be found at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax/discounts](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax/discounts)

## Council Tax appeals

If you think there's an error with your Council Tax liability, discount, exemption, or Council Tax Support, you can make an appeal. Please send your appeal in writing to the address shown on your bill.

Please continue to pay the instalments shown on your bill while we review your appeal. If you're not satisfied with our decision, we'll guide you on how to appeal to an independent tribunal.

## Penalties

It's important to inform us of any changes to your circumstances as soon as possible, so we can bill you correctly for Council Tax.

Under the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Detection of Fraud and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013, a £70 penalty may be imposed if you fail to notify the Council about a change in circumstances within 21 days, or if you don't respond to a request for information within 21 days.

## How to pay

Council Tax is normally paid over 10 months, 1 April 2026 to 1 January 2027. To pay your Council Tax bill over 12 months, you can complete the form on our website: [www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax) or email [revenue@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:revenue@midsussex.gov.uk) for more information.

Payment can be made by:

**Monthly Direct Debit** — 86% of our residents chose to pay by direct debit as the simplest and most convenient way to pay. Apply online at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/mdcselfservice](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/mdcselfservice) or telephone us on 01444 477564

**Online** through our website [www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax/makeapayment](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax/makeapayment)

**By phone** by calling our 24-hour automated payment line on 0330 088 9360

## Difficulty in paying?

Difficulty paying? Find out if you are eligible for Council Tax support or Exceptional Hardship at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax/strugglingtopay](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax/strugglingtopay) or call 01444 477264.

# Did you know...

You can now view your Council Tax Bill electronically.

## Register for E-Billing online:

[www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax/manage-your-account-online](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax/manage-your-account-online) or email: [ebilling@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:ebilling@midsussex.gov.uk)

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## Find out more about Council Tax at:

[www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/counciltax) and the impact we are having for our community by following us on:

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