

Salisbury City Council

About your Council Tax 2023-2024

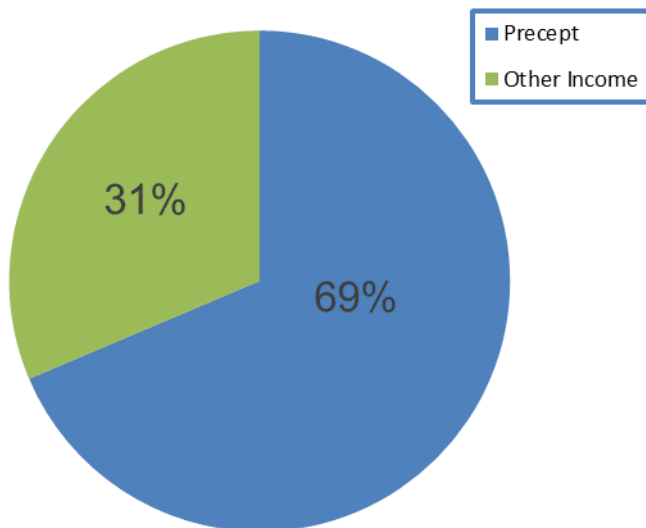
This leaflet tells you about your contribution to the City Council made through your council tax.

For a Band D property, you will pay £335 per year, this is 92p per day or £6.44 a week to help pay for services provided by the City Council.

The City Council funding is only a small proportion of the total amount you pay in council tax. Wiltshire Council, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service and Wiltshire Police receive the rest of your council tax (approx. 84%).

Income 2023/2024

The City Council has two sources of income:



- Money from the precept (the City Council part of council tax) and

- Money it earns through the sale of goods and services. For example property rental, crematorium fees, sponsorship of events, income from the camping and caravan site, and Lush House parking charges, and so on.

The City Council does not receive any funding from the government and does not receive any local business rates.

The expected Total Income for 23/24 is

£7,509,453

Expenditure 2023/2024

The expected Total Expenditure for 23/24 is **£7,476,291**. This is the **revenue budget**, which is money spent on services and activity, and the **capital budget**, which is money spent on equipment and maintenance projects.

In 2023/2024 the income exceeds the expenditure, so this is a **balanced budget**, which rebuilds the reserves for future years as well as providing services this year.

Capital Expenditure 2023/2024

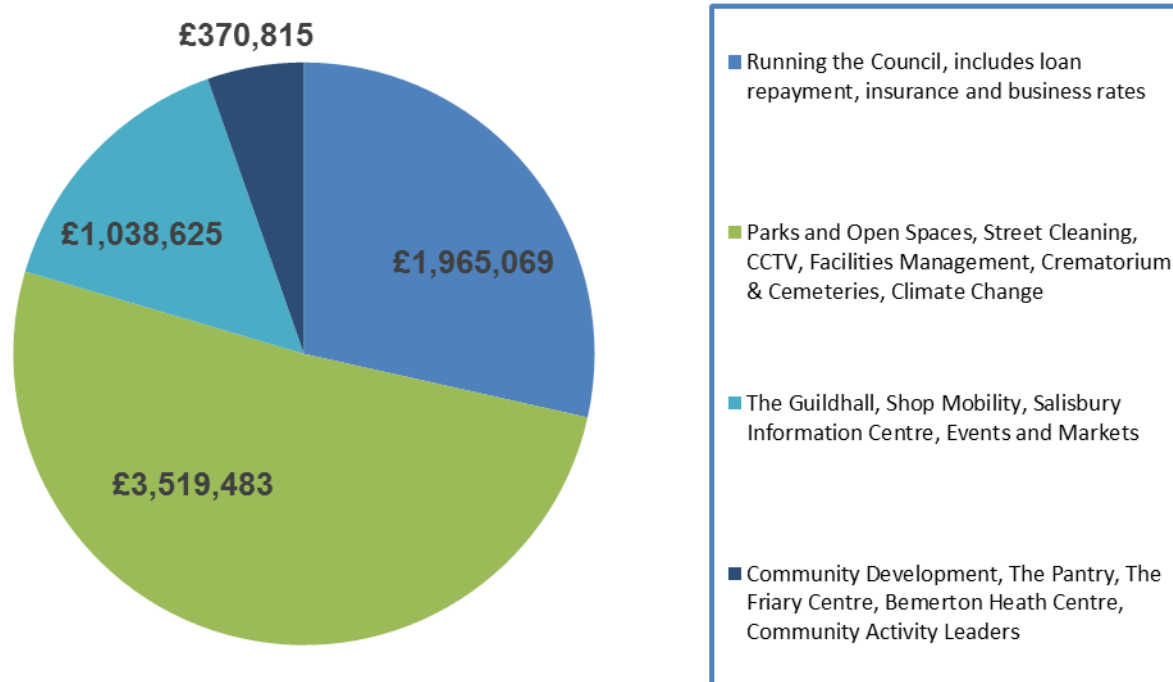
The Council plans to spend **£582,299** on capital projects. This year's project priorities are:

- Fixing the leaking roof at the Crematorium before it gets any worse

- Refurbishing the toilet blocks at the Hudson's Field Campsite to ensure bookings don't reduce due to poor facilities and to add some new electrical hook-ups to increase all-year income.
- Improving the open space near The Crescent at Rowbarrow in Harnham. Local people have collaborated with the council on the design for this area. This money for this project and its maintenance comes from developer's contributions and not the precept.

Our Services and Activities 2023/2024

The City Council plans to spend **£ 6,893,992** on delivering its services and activities.



Did you know??

- 11 Craft Fairs, 30 Conferences, 9 Weddings, 2 Wedding Fairs, 2-Week Celebrate Voice Festival, 5 Wakes and 35 Council Meetings took place in the Guildhall in 2022/2023
- 4,915 people played croquet during Fair on the Square in the summer
- 481 people used the table tennis during Fair on the Square
- 3,069 children visited Santa in his grotto
- 6,500 people (approx.) walked the Christmas Trail
- Salisbury City Council has a brand-new website www.salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk
- The council had 700 new Facebook followers in 2022/23, and made over 500 posts on Facebook
- 6 'scooter scoots' took place, where Shop Mobility services users go out and about the city together – look out for these again this year
- There were 3,503 shops this year at the Salisbury Pantry, 867 Pantry members in total, we served 1,381 adults and 953 children through those shops

- We collected the rubbish from over 400 bins in parks & open spaces and from bins on pavements

- Our roll out of recycling bins encourages and supports recycling

- We inspected, repaired and maintained 37 playgrounds across the city

- Our wildflower areas across the city added colour and improved biodiversity

- We looked after over 12,500 trees across the city

- 60 new trees were planted in 2022/2023 and we will be planting at least 100 more in 2023/2024

- We reduced our carbon footprint from 457.93 tCO2e in 2019/20 to 427.98 tCO2e in 2021/22. This is helping to deliver on our climate change commitments

- Refurbishing the Fisherton Rec toilets will coincide with the completion of the River Park, with a changing places toilet provided too. Changing places toilets are larger than standard accessible toilets with extra features and more space to meet these needs of those who use them.

- The first phase of the restoration of the Poultry Cross has taken place.

- Working with volunteers, we created a new wildlife meadow at Fisherton grazing paddocks.

- This year we will cut twice the amount of grass we cut last year across every ward in the parish, with the new inhouse team– it will take about us about 4 weeks to cut all that grass once!

- We are proud to provide a first-class local crematorium and cemeteries

- Twice a week the Charter Market is held on the Market Square with over 60 stalls, plus Street Sellers markets on some Sundays and Car Boot sales in the summer

- Every week our Information Centre team talk to hundreds of visitors and local people, providing helpful and interesting information on all that is going on in the City

- With joint funding from Salisbury Business Improvement District (BID), we provide CCTV and the city centre security officers

- Over 9,900 financial transactions a year go through our books

- Councillors look at every planning application submitted in the city at a public meeting about every three weeks

- Working with volunteers, we are bringing the Neighbourhood Plan forward to a referendum

- Working with partners across the city, we are actively promoting the city and its attractions to visitors and residents alike – go to the [Experience Salisbury](#) for full details

www.experiencesalisbury.co.uk

Fun Facts

- *340 metres of lights are used to wrap the trees on the Market Place & Guildhall Square*


- *201 4 foot Christmas trees are put up around city buildings and we use 2000 metres of lights on them*

- *2915 metres of festoon lights were installed around the city*

- Looking forward in 2023/2024, there will be over 30 council meetings held in public at the Guildhall, there are full details on our website – come along to hear the discussion

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