
The council tax contribution towards our 2021-22 budget for a Band D property is £1,343.83, a rise of 2.50% or £0.63 per week from last year. The following list shows how much you will pay for our services for each property band.



Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£895.89	£1,045.20	£1,194.52	£1,343.83	£1,642.46	£1,941.09	£2,239.72	£2,687.66

The 2.50% increase in council tax includes a 1% increase which will be ring-fenced to support adult social care. For a Band D property this is equivalent to £13.11 in 2021-22. This is due to a growing demand for adult social care and increased pressures on council budgets. In Worcestershire there is an ageing population, many of whom need some form of care or support. There are now more elderly and frail people living in the county than ever before. The 1.50% increase is to support general services.

During 2021-22 we expect to employ the equivalent of 6,072 full-time equivalent staff, of which 3,563 are employed in schools. This includes the planned reduction in staff numbers as part of the Council's efficiency measures.

We plan to invest £77 million during 2021-22 in capital projects such as improvements to roads, pavements and infrastructure, Pershore Northern Infrastructure scheme, Bromsgrove A38 project, A4440 Worcester Southern Link improvements, Getting Building Fund including the Redditch Transport Hub, Bewdley Flood Mitigation scheme, cutting congestion, regeneration projects and the provision of Super-Fast Broadband.

We borrow money to pay for some of our capital investment. The total borrowing at 31 March 2021 is estimated to be £493 million.

We plan to keep a general reserve of around £12 million to pay for emergencies and other unforeseen expenditure.



