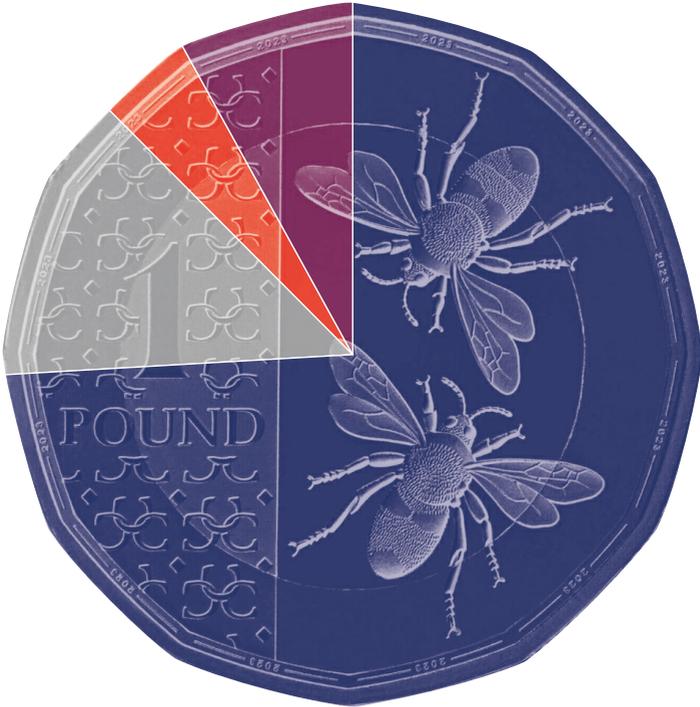


Council Tax

2026 - 2027



The average household* will pay only 10p per week more to the Borough Council in tax for 2026/27 - and this small increase protects services to you.

£184.09

Stafford
Borough
Council

£1,686.42

Staffordshire
County
Council

£302.57

Staffordshire
Commissioner
(Police and Crime)

£96.77

Staffordshire
Commissioner
(Fire and Rescue)



For more information about the services provided by these organisations visit www.staffordbc.gov.uk/yourcounciltax

* Figure based on the average Band D charge.

So what services do we provide?

We provide so many services for the £3.54 that the average band D household pays to the borough council each week - and in 2026/27 the increase will be only 10p a week.

We have also frozen car parking charges to encourage more people to visit the town centres of Stafford and Stone - and held the cost of having your garden waste collected.

On top of this anyone visiting the county town will have seen an enormous amount of work going on as we continue our ambitious plans which will see the biggest transformation of the town centre in a generation.

Councillor Aidan Godfrey
Leader, Stafford Borough Council



Recycling and waste household collection



Preventing people from becoming homeless



Looking after parks and open spaces



Keeping streets clean



Elections



Community safety



Food safety inspections



Housing benefit and council tax support



Planning and building control

About your council tax bill

Reductions for low income groups

If you are working age you may be able to get a reduction of between 20% and 100% under our Banded Discount Scheme. For people of pensionable age, we operate a national rebate scheme.

The amount of help that you can receive will depend on your income and family. For more information, a benefit checker and our application form please visit

www.staffordbc.gov.uk/benefits

Other reductions

Single person discount

The Council Tax bill will be reduced by 25% when only one adult lives in a property.

Disregarded residents

People in certain groups do not count towards the number of adults resident in a dwelling. These include students, people with certain mental impairments and carers.

Exceptional Circumstances

The Council has discretion to reduce bills in the event of severe hardship or exceptional circumstances.

People with disabilities

If you, or someone who lives with you, needs a room, an extra bathroom or kitchen, or extra space in your property to meet special needs arising from a disability, your bill may be reduced.

Empty property / second homes

Council Tax is payable for properties that are not occupied.

Properties that are furnished (referred to as second homes) and properties that have been empty for more than one year pay additional premiums. These additional charges can be reduced in certain circumstances, including properties that cannot be occupied due to major or structural defects, properties being actively marketed for sale or let or those subject to ongoing or recent probate applications.

Exempt property

Some properties are exempt from Council Tax such as those occupied only by students or unoccupied properties which were previously occupied by persons who are now in residential care.

Annexes

Annexes occupied either as part of the main home or by a relative, may be subject to a discount.

Valuation bands

The Valuation Office Agency, part of HM Revenue and Customs (not your local Council) has put every property into one of eight valuation bands, A - H based on 1991 prices.

| Band | Range of values based on 1991 prices | * |
|------|--------------------------------------|------|
| A | Up to £40,000 | 6/9 |
| B | £40,001 to £52,000 | 7/9 |
| C | £52,001 to £68,000 | 8/9 |
| D | £68,001 to £88,000 | 1 |
| E | £88,001 to £120,000 | 11/9 |
| F | £120,001 to £160,000 | 13/9 |
| G | £160,001 to £320,000 | 15/9 |
| H | Over £320,000 | 18/9 |

* Proportion of Band D Council Tax

Banding appeals

You may be able to appeal against the banding if you have just moved to a property, if the property has been structurally altered, or if the area in which your property is situated has changed.

Any queries about appeals and bandings should be made direct to the Valuation Office Agency at www.gov.uk/voa/contact

Liability appeals

If we are charging the wrong person or you are not receiving the correct reduction, you can appeal to a Valuation Tribunal. Before you do this you must appeal in writing or by email to the Council.

If you believe your bill to be incorrect, or if you are having difficulty paying it, please contact the Council Tax team.

Useful Contacts

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| Council tax helpline | 01785 619 279 |
| Council tax information | www.staffordbc.gov.uk/counciltax |
| 24 hour telephone payment line | 01616 214 111 or 01785 619 271 |
| Pay online | www.staffordbc.gov.uk/online-payments |
| Benefit helpline | 01785 619 478 |
| Benefit information | www.staffordbc.gov.uk/benefits |
| Business rates helpline | 01785 619 282 |
| Business rates information | www.staffordbc.gov.uk/businessrates |
| Other Stafford Borough Council enquiries | 01785 619 000 |
| Online enquiry portal | www.staffordbc.gov.uk/enquiries |