

YOUR 2026/27 COUNCIL TAX EXPLAINED



Council Tax and Business Rates 2026/27

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Welcome

Now more than ever, people are turning to their local authorities for support. It is therefore vital that we continue to provide those services that are important to you.

We continue to work hard to ensure we retain high-quality, value for money services for our residents.

This booklet outlines how we plan to spend our share of the money raised from your Council Tax and business rates this year. Please take a few minutes to read through this information.

You may find you are eligible to claim an exemption, discount or reduction which could reduce how much Council Tax you need to pay. See pages five-ten for more detail.



Where does your money go?



The table below shows how much of your Council Tax goes to each authority.

Who gets your money?	Council Tax (subject to rounding)	Increase this year
Your bill is divided up like this (Band D)		
Staffordshire Commissioner Fire & Rescue Authority	£96.77	5.45%
Tamworth Borough Council	£215.00	2.99%
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner Staffordshire (OPCC Staffordshire)	£302.57	5.22%
Staffordshire County Council	£1,686.42	3.99%
Total Amount Payable (Band D)*	£2,300.76	4.12%

*This is the amount all Band D properties in Tamworth will pay for their core services.

The actual amount of Council Tax you pay will depend on which Council Tax band your property is in. More than 80% of people in Tamworth will pay less than the **Band D** charge. Any discounts and benefits you are entitled to receive may reduce your charge. For more information on Council Tax bands and discounts please see **pages five-eight**.

Summary of your Council Tax charge

The table below shows you what this authority plans to spend in the coming year and the amount each will raise from Council Tax.

To work out the **Band D** Council Tax we divide the amount to be raised from Council Tax by the number of **Band D** equivalent properties in Tamworth, after adjusting for discounts, exemptions and local Council Tax reductions.

	Tamworth Borough Council
Gross spending (including tariff)	£55.732m
Less income (including retained business rates)	£44.098m
Net expenditure	£11.634m
Less central government support and net business rates income	£6.458m
Amount to be raised from Council Tax	£5.176m

Tamworth Borough Council Services

This page highlights the main services provided by Tamworth Borough Council funded by your Council Tax.



Facts about your Council Tax bill

Find out more about your Council Tax bill, including information on discounts, exemptions and appeals.



How is Council Tax calculated?

Your Council Tax is based on two adults living in a property.

- If only one person lives there, they are entitled to a 25% discount.
- If nobody lives there, the bill may be reduced. **See page six for more detail.**
- Certain properties could be 100% exempt even if they are occupied. **See page eight for more detail.**

Please remember, if you are waiting for the outcome of an application for a reduction, you must continue to pay your current bill. If successful, you will be entitled to a refund of any overpaid Council Tax.

Council Tax 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 full list of valuation bands is available on its website at www.voa.gov.uk (see table below).

Your Council Tax bill states which band applies to your home and your home's valuation is based on an estimate of how much it was worth on 1 April 1991. Price changes since that time won't affect the valuation.



Band	Range of values as at 1 April 1991	Proportion of Band D tax payable
A	Up to and including £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	More than £320,000	2

Could I get a discount?

This depends on the number of adults in your house and their circumstances. If any of the adults are on the list below, they may not be counted for Council Tax purposes. If this takes the number of 'counted' adults below two, you could be eligible for a discount.

- Full time students, student nurses, apprentices, youth training trainees and foreign language assistants.
- Young people for whom child benefit is payable and 18/19 year olds who have just left school or college.
- Patients resident in hospital or being looked after in care homes.
- Severely mentally impaired people.
- People in hostels or night shelters.
- Low paid care workers usually for charities.
- Carers for a person with a disability who is **NOT** a partner or child under 18.
- Members of religious communities such as monks or nuns.
- People in detention (except for non-payment of Council Tax or a fine).
- Spouses or dependants of students who are non-British subjects and are prevented by immigration regulations from working or claiming benefits.
- Members of visiting forces, certain international and defence organisations and those with diplomatic privilege or immunity.

Reduction for 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. The bill may be reduced to that of a property in the band immediately below the band of your property. If your property is in Band A, a reduction (equivalent to one ninth of band D) will be given. This reduction is not based on your income or savings.

Empty and second homes

If your main residence is elsewhere you are likely to be charged at least double the normal council tax for any home in Tamworth though under certain circumstances no premium would be due and you may even qualify for a reduction:

Type of home	Charge adjustment
Empty & unfurnished	100% discount up to two months
	Full charge two months to one year
	100% additional charge one to five years (in certain circumstances an exception may apply)
Empty & undergoing major repairs	200% additional charge five to 10 years (in certain circumstances an exception may apply)
	300% additional charge over 10 years (in certain circumstances an exception may apply)
Empty & undergoing major repairs	50% for major repairs up to one year
	Over one year the same as empty & unfurnished (see above)
Furnished & second homes	100% additional charge (in certain circumstances an exception may apply)

If you buy or rent a property that is already empty, the reductions above may have been used by the previous tax payer, the discount periods will not start again.

Occupying a property for less than six weeks will not affect the calculation of empty periods above, though charges may change while the property is occupied.

There are certain exceptions in respect of these premiums which you can view at www.gov.uk/council-tax/second-homes-and-empty-properties, see also exempt categories summarised in this document.

For any queries please e-mail counciltax@tamworth.gov.uk

The Private Sector Housing Team can give you advice about bringing your property back into use. Telephone 01827 709709.

Family annexes

Most annexes in the borough are exempt – see Class T and W exemptions on page eight. However, a Council Tax discount of 50% is available for family annexes that are not exempt.

If you currently have an annexe which is lived in by a family member or used by the resident of the main dwelling you can receive a 50% Council Tax discount on the annexe.

The discount is not based on occupation or the annexe being furnished but on the use by the resident of the main building or occupation by a family member.

If a non-family member occupies an annexe the Family Annexe Discount will not apply.



Could I be exempt from Council Tax?

Some properties may be exempt from Council Tax.

Class Unoccupied properties which are:

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| B | Owned by a charity (allowed for up to six months) |
| D | Left empty by someone who has gone to prison |
| E | Previously occupied by a person in permanent residential care |
| F | Waiting for probate or letters of administration to be granted (continuous for up to six months after) |
| G | Empty because occupation is forbidden by law |
| H | Waiting to be occupied by a minister of religion |
| I | Left empty by someone who has moved to receive personal care by reason of old age, disablement or illness |
| J | Left empty by someone who has moved to provide personal care to another person |
| K | Owned by a student and last occupied by a student |
| L | Subject to a Repossession Order |
| Q | The responsibility of a bankrupt person's trustee |
| R | A site for a caravan, mobile home or mooring |
| T | Unable to let separately because it is linked to, or in the grounds of another property |

Class Occupied properties where:

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| M/N | All the residents are students |
| O | They are used for UK armed forces accommodation, whether occupied or not |
| P | At least one liable person is a member of a visiting force |
| S | All residents are less than 18 years old |
| U | All residents are severely mentally impaired |
| V | At least one liable person is a foreign diplomat |
| W | It is annexed to a family home and occupied by that family's elderly or disabled relatives |

Can I appeal against my Council Tax band?

Yes, you may appeal against your Council Tax band. There are several situations where you can appeal against the band in which your house has been placed:

- Within six months of becoming the new tax payer for the property.
- Within six months of the Valuation Office Agency making a change to the band.
- If there have been specific material changes in the property value.

Any queries about appeals and bandings should be made direct to the Valuation Office Agency. **See handy contacts on page 21.**

What if I don't think I should be paying Council Tax?

You can appeal to the if you think you are not liable to pay Council Tax e.g. because you are not the resident or owner, or because your property is exempt or you are entitled to a discount. You should not withhold payment if you are making an appeal. You should pay as normal and a refund will be made if you are successful.

Changes in circumstances

If you have been granted a reduction, you must tell us of any change in circumstances which will affect your entitlement within 21 days. If you fail to do so you may be faced with a penalty of £70.

For more details about Council Tax discounts and exemptions, see pages five-eight.

How we collect and use information

We're required, under section six of the Audit Commission Act 1998, to participate in the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) data matching exercise. Council Tax data is provided to the Audit Commission for this purpose and will be used for cross-systems and cross-authority comparison for the prevention and detection of fraud.

We advise Council Tax payers that the data held by the council in respect of your Council Tax liability will be used for comparison purposes.

The eight district and borough councils within the Staffordshire area work in partnership with Staffordshire County Council to conduct a review of Council Tax discounts. We may share the information you have provided to the Council Tax team, with private organisations employed to

conduct data matching for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Data matching helps to identify fraud but it may also identify claims and payments which are erroneous. Where a match is found it may indicate that there is an inconsistency which requires further investigation. No assumption is made as to whether there is fraud, error or another explanation until an investigation is carried out.

If you are currently in receipt of a Council Tax discount that you are not entitled to, or require further information, please contact our revenues team.

See handy contacts on page 21.

Local Council Tax Reduction

If you are working age and on a low income including Universal Credit you may qualify for a reduction on your Council Tax bill under the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme. Any award will be deducted from the amount of Council Tax that you may have to pay and reduce your monthly payments.

For persons of Pension Credit age who do not claim working age benefits, there is a national scheme of regulations which is broadly the same as the previous Council Tax Benefit rules.

About the scheme

- Income banded schemes give people more financial stability and reduce unnecessary and confusing paperwork for customers. The amount you pay only changes if the change in your income takes you to a different income band. Please see our website for the income bands.
- Residents who receive a working age disability benefit may be awarded a £40 disregard to their income.
- Residents in the lowest income band will be eligible for 100% discount on their Council Tax bill.
- A change in income or circumstances will take effect from the date the change happens.
- The Capital limit is £6,000.
- Any changes in household or income MUST be reported by the person claiming the reduction.

We won't take the following into account when calculating someone's income

- Child Benefit,
- Child Maintenance received,
- Personal Independence Payments,
- Disability Living Allowance,
- War pensions,
- War widows/widower's pensions,
- War disablement pensions,
- Employment and support allowance support component,
- Universal Credit - housing element and the disabled child element.

If you already receive Council Tax Reduction, the reduction shown on your bill is based on your income known to us at the time of the assessment.

For Universal Credit claimants, the banding scheme no longer updates claims for each assessment period. So, when your Universal Credit is updated after April, you MUST tell us what your new payments are. Email us at benefits@tamworth.gov.uk

To see the income bands visit www.tamworth.gov.uk

Pay the easy way

Sign up for Direct Debit over the phone

A graphic of a smartphone tilted slightly to the right. The screen is grey and displays yellow text. The phone has a silver home button on the left side. Behind the phone is a purple starburst effect.

Phone us on
01827 709709

Have your bill and
bank details ready.

Choose which date suits you best

Council Tax

Business Rates



You can pay your annual Council Tax or Business Rates bill in 12 instalments from April to March, rather than 10, but you need to contact us via email on enquiries@tamworth.gov.uk before **5 April 2026** if you wish to do this. We can also extend your monthly instalments through to March during the year, but you need to contact us via email if you wish to do this.

What's happened

Looking back

The money that Tamworth Borough Council collects through council tax helps pay for services such as household waste collection and recycling, street cleansing, maintaining parks and open spaces, Tamworth Castle, Tamworth Assembly Rooms and outdoor events such as St George's Day celebrations, Christmas lights switch on and Christmas events.

We also provide housing services and 4,200 homes for tenants; this is paid for by the rent tenants pay and government grants.

We achieve all of this using 9% of the council tax we collect from you each year.

The remaining 91% you pay is passed on to Staffordshire County Council for services including roads and pothole repairs, education, social services and libraries, to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire Police and to the Fire Authority for Staffordshire Fire and Rescue.

Our funding, resources and capacity are reducing. This has impact on how we deliver services to the people of Tamworth.

We continue to support the most vulnerable in Tamworth and work to improve the lives of all.

The money we receive from council tax helps us achieve our vision:

Building a Better Tamworth

We will achieve our vision by delivering our corporate plan priorities.

The corporate plan 2025 – 2030 sets out our most important priorities and the aspirations for change that have been identified based on resident feedback. These will be delivered alongside our day-to-day activities, ongoing projects and with support from our key partners.

Our priorities:

Prosperity and place

We want growth in the local economy by creating jobs and a Tamworth we are all proud of, ensuring financial stability for all.

We will:

- Adopt a strategic approach to managing corporate, heritage, and investment assets.
- Work with businesses and education providers to identify opportunities to address skills shortages.
- Regenerate and create places for people to use and enjoy.
- Review redevelopment opportunities for Gungate and Ankerside, in line with the Council's Town Centre Masterplan.
- Promote tourism and nightlife by using our cultural and historic sites.



Environment

We want to achieve net-zero carbon emissions, protect the environment and enhance local biodiversity.

We will:

- Continue to improve Tamworth's local open spaces and promote uptake of recycling services.
- Collaborate with partners to protect the environment.

Community wellbeing

We want residents to lead safe, healthy and happy lives in communities that are cohesive, where diversity is celebrated.

We will:

- Work with our partners to support children and vulnerable individuals' wellbeing.
- Ensure our active health and wellbeing offer supports the improvement in residents' physical and mental health.
- Improve our offer to provide suitable homes and make good quality, eco-friendly and affordable housing available.
- Work with our partners to reduce crime and help our residents feel safe.

Council

We're focused on being a caring, accessible and effective council that is financially resilient.

We will:

- Be visible, accessible, approachable and accountable to the community.
- Modernise services and maintain a balanced financial budget.
- Learn and work with communities to identify opportunities for self-help and buying local.
- Deliver organisational readiness for local government reorganisation.



The money we receive from council tax helps us achieve our vision and deliver on these priorities.

Some of the things achieved in 2025/26:

Delivered significant projects as part of our £21 million Future High Streets Fund regeneration programme, transforming Tamworth town centre. Including:

- Transforming St Edith's Square with new landscaping, lighting, creating a performance space and creating a welcoming civic heart that people want to spend time in.
- Improved the links between the Castle Grounds and town centre, with a wider footbridge, improved public spaces and better views of the town's most iconic landmarks of the castle, town hall and church.
- Launched exciting new independent businesses at Town Hall Place, our new flexible retail space — with over 341,000 people reached through our marketing campaign, seeing genuine excitement growing across the community.

- Welcomed over 9,000 residents through our new face-to-face service at Marmion House, with 97% customer satisfaction – making it easier for everyone to get the in-person support they need.
- Carried out our Honest Conversations project, working with residents, community groups, faith organisations, businesses and voluntary sector partners from right across the borough. These open and inclusive conversations helped us understand what really matters to people in their neighbourhoods – and directly shaped our new We Are Tamworth: Building Better Communities strategy, making sure local voices are at the heart of how we work together to achieve cohesive and thriving communities.
- Launched Let's Talk Tamworth, holding seven community drop-in events across the borough where residents spoke directly with councillors and council officers about what matters most to them about living in Tamworth.
- Delivered the Kaleidoscope of Dreams festival in the Castle Grounds, bringing together 22 schools, over 20 partner organisations and around 3,000 residents – with 97% of attendees saying it gave them a renewed sense of pride in Tamworth.
- Delivered over £80,000 funding for local projects with a mix of crowdfunding and grant money used to fund resident-led projects including free football sessions for young people, a local radio platform, and mental health support through the arts.
- Continued our prevention-first approach to homelessness and rough sleeping, working alongside voluntary organisations, housing providers and statutory partners to support residents at risk before they reach crisis point. Our focus on early intervention has helped more people find stable, safe accommodation and avoid the trauma of homelessness.
- Took action against illegal tobacco and vape shops in the town centre through our Community Safety Partnership, successfully closing three premises and working with landlords to prevent similar businesses returning – protecting residents and legitimate local traders.
- Installed deployable cameras in fly-tipping hotspots and carried out targeted enforcement in the town centre, resulting in fines and a significant reduction in environmental crime in those areas.
- Awarded Bee Friendly status for our pollinator-friendly planting and mowing across our parks, nature reserves and Castle Grounds – recognised for genuine commitment to local biodiversity.
- Launched the Recycle for Good campaign, with our joint waste service recycling officers making over 3,000 household visits and handling more than 13,500 waste enquiries.
- Continued to keep Tamworth clean every day of the year, with our StreetScene team out every day of the year maintaining our borough.
- Submitted a Local Government Reorganisation business case to



government in November 2025, working with neighbouring councils to shape the future of local services – actively engaging with over 1100 local people to help shape the Tamworth narrative.

- Secured £140,000 funding from the government’s museum renewal fund to support tourism growth. This is on top of the £1.7million funding secured from the Museum Estate Development fund, which will be used to carry out essential structural repairs over the next 12-18 months.
- Achieved Housemark accreditation for our antisocial behaviour work in supporting local communities blighted by the crime of antisocial behaviour. This accreditation recognises our commitment to tackling antisocial behaviour experienced by our communities.
- Become one of the first organisations to join a new national crackdown on loan sharks by signing up to be an official access point for the England Illegal Money Lending Team. This means anyone who is a victim of a loan shark can come to us to access vital support.
- Maintained a zero gender pay gap for staff. Two-thirds of the council’s 366-strong workforce are women, and we have high female representation in senior leadership roles. This is achieved through gender diversity policies including, anonymous shortlisting, structured pay bands and a mix of home and hybrid working patterns.
- Delivered free summer and half term activity programmes, where over 3,000 local children took part; helping children and young people achieve the recommended activity levels of 60 minutes per day.
- Showed continued commitment to the armed forces covenant, being a Silver Award level employer in the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme. As part of this commitment, if military personnel or somebody related to them applies for a job at the council, as long as they meet the

minimum requirements for the role, they will automatically have an interview. Our employees who are reservists also receive an extra ten days additional paid leave to carry out any training required. And if they were called up to active duty, no matter the period of time, their job will be protected.



- Celebrated three major tourism achievements at Tamworth Castle; winning the TripAdvisor Travellers’ Choice Award for the eleventh time, placing it in the top 10% of attractions worldwide; retained the VisitEngland Visitor Attraction Quality Assurance accreditation for the 10th consecutive year; and officially recognised as a Blue Peter badge venue, allowing badge holders free entry.

Looking forward:

To build a better Tamworth, we all need to work together and do our part. By working as a team, we can make a real difference. As a council, we aim to be more cooperative, collaborating with our residents and key partners, maintaining financial stability, and focusing on how to best serve our communities.

Together, we can see a Tamworth which continues to grow as a prosperous, sustainable, and inclusive borough for everyone.

In 2026 – 2027, we aim to:

Complete our £21million Future High Streets Fund project to transform Tamworth town centre, delivering the final part of the project which will restore three historic properties on Market Street for retail and business use. The Market Street restoration joins a list of key regeneration achievements across Tamworth, including:

- The Elizabeth Bradford Business Centre: A new enterprise centre in the original 19th Century former Co-operative building on Colehill.
- A wider footbridge into the castle grounds, enhancing the significance of the grade 1 listed castle, and the existing character and appearance of the conservation area.
- Redevelopment replicating the original Georgian style of the former Peel Café, bringing a building back into active use. (Now the Nationwide Building Society)
- Refurbished and paved St Editha's Square.
- Town Hall Place – a new flexible, multi-use building in Middle Entry, for seven independent small businesses.
- Public realm works linking all the projects together.

Collaborate with councils across Staffordshire to deliver the government's local government reorganisation and devolution agenda, seeking to secure the best for Tamworth. Tamworth Borough Council, along with all other councils in Staffordshire will cease to exist as they are now, being replaced by a different mix of unitary councils. From bins to bridges, safer streets to social care, the new councils will deliver all council services. Government decision on the council structures in Staffordshire is expected summer 2026.

In partnership with local people and MP Sarah Edwards, we will support the delivery of the first stage of the Pride in Place programme for Glascote Heath and Stonydelph – a project led by the community, for the community. Collaborating with residents, community groups and stakeholders together we'll begin

to shape a programme rooted in local needs developing a solid groundwork for long-term improvements.

Deliver essential structural repairs to Tamworth Castle following our successful £1.7 million award from Arts Council England's Museum Estate and Development Fund. Our project, 'From the Motte to the Keep', will see urgent repair work across the castle including the dining room and stair tower, the servants' chamber bay window, walkway retaining walls, and below-ground drainage. This work will continue to protect one of Tamworth's most treasured heritage assets – a Grade I listed scheduled monument – keeping it safe for visitors and securing the future of our important museum collections for years to come.

Instigate a community governance review, exploring the options and potential for a parish/town council for Tamworth. This involves widespread consultation and engagement with residents, stakeholders and partners to shape the review.

We'll also:

- Deliver the government's requirement for separate food waste collections in all areas by 2026, with the assistance of government grant funding.
- Help support people to live independently, spending £840,000 to provide disabled facilities for local people in their own homes.
- Continue to provide in home and specialist support to the most vulnerable in our communities. This is through direct council services and through services funded by grants to local voluntary, charity and community groups.
- We'll also work to improve tenant homes, investing £10million over the next 12 months. This work is paid for by the rent tenants pay.
- Continue to invest in refurbishing play areas, seeing £75,000 spent to improve play areas across the borough.

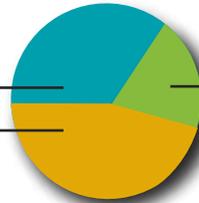
Council Tax Bands 2026/27

Band	Tamworth Borough Council	Staffordshire Commissioner (Fire & Rescue)	OPCC Staffordshire	Staffordshire County Council	Total
A	£143.33	£64.51	£201.71	£1,124.28	£1,533.83
B	£167.22	£75.27	£235.33	£1,311.66	£1,789.48
C	£191.11	£86.02	£268.95	£1,499.04	£2,045.12
D	£215.00	£96.77	£302.57	£1,686.42	£2,300.76
E	£262.78	£118.27	£369.81	£2,061.18	£2,812.04
F	£310.56	£139.78	£437.05	£2,435.94	£3,323.33
G	£358.33	£161.28	£504.28	£2,810.70	£3,834.59
H	£430.00	£193.54	£605.14	£3,372.84	£4,601.52
Percentage of total Council Tax	9%	4%	13%	74%	100%

Tamworth Borough Council's Net Funding

Revenue Support Grant £3.8m

Council Tax £5.2m



Business Rates (Net) £2.8m

Council Tax Requirement	Council Tax Calculation	Amount per Person	Amount per Band D Property
Budget we need	£11,476,270	£141.48	£476.74
Revenue Support Grant	-£3,783,682	-£46.64	-£157.18
Business Rates (Net of Tariff)	-£2,674,446	-£32.97	-£111.10
Subtotal	£5,018,142	£61.87	£208.46
Add Deficit from previous years	£157,553	£1.94	£6.54
Council Tax 2024/25	£5,175,695	£63.81	£215.00

Why the Council Tax changes this year	Amount
Raised from Council Tax 2025/26	£4.926m
Change in Council Spending	
Inflation	£1.905m
Change in Income	£1.003m
Developing Services	£2.196m
Savings and Efficiencies	-£1.080m
Increase in use of money from our balances	+£1.246m
Sub-total	£7.704m
Changes in Government Financial Support	-£2.529m
Amount to be raised from Council Tax 2026/27	£5.175m

All figures quoted above exclude the costs and income for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as these are not funded by Council Tax revenue.

General Fund

Tamworth Borough Council provides a wide range of services to local residents, businesses and visitors.

Planning Services

£1.9m - (prior year £1.4m)

- Planning Policy & Applications
- Building Control
- Community & Economic Development

Environmental Services

£4.5m - (prior year £4.4m)

- Cemetery Services
- Street Cleansing
- Waste Collection
- Recycling

Cultural Services

£5.1m - (prior year £4.4m)

- Culture & Heritage
- Recreation & Sport
- Tourism
- Community Safety

Central Services to the Public

£1.3m - (prior year £1.4m)

- Elections
- Local Land Charges
- Local Tax Collection

Other Costs/Income

£1.7m - (prior year £0.4m surplus)

- Corporate Management
- Democratic Representation

General Fund Housing Services

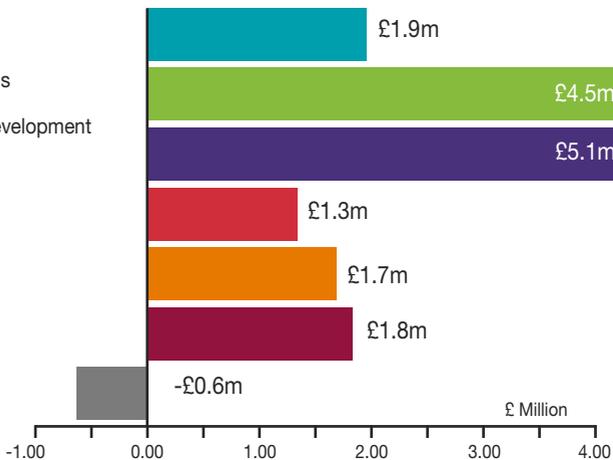
£1.8m - (prior year £1.4m)

- Private Sector Housing
- Housing Benefit

Highways & Transport Services

£0.6m surplus - (prior year £0.6m surplus)

- Parking



Council Tax Requirement	2025/26	2026/27	Increase/Decrease
Service Expenditure	£34.307m	£32.118m	-6%
Service Income	-£21.616m	-£16.353m	-24%
Net Cost of Services	£12.691m	£15.765m	24%
Council Tax	-£4.926m	-£5.176m	
Surplus (-) of Trading Undertakings	-£1.410m	-£0.920m	
Net (income)/Cost of investment interest, debt interest payments and charges to HRA in relation to debt	-£2.303m	-£1.910m	
Net Operating Expenditure	£4.052m	£7.759m	91%
Use of Collection Fund Surplus (-) / Deficit	£0.060m	£0.158m	
Government Support	-£3.363m	-£3.784m	
Business Rates (Net of Tariff)	-£3.566m	-£2.674m	
Deficit for year	£0.183m	£1.459m	697%
Adjustments required by statute or proper practices to ensure no impact on Council Tax	-£0.332m	-£0.362m	
Total Decrease/Increase in General Fund Balances	-£0.149m	-£1.097m	-636%

Housing Revenue Account

In addition, Tamworth Borough Council manages a Housing Revenue Account, specifically for the management of the Council's Housing Stock. These services for the borough's council housing tenants are funded through rents received and specific contributions.

Key Budget Figures for 2026/27:

Gross Income of: Including	£26.5m	Gross Expenditure of: Including	£26.4m
Dwelling Rents Receivable	£24.1m	Costs of Repairs	£7.9m
Other Income	£2.4m	Supervision & Management	£8.2m
		Depreciation	£3.8m
		Interest payable	£2.9m
		Capital Expenditure funded by HRA	£3.5m
		Other Expenditure	£0.1m

Other Information

- We will employ 361 staff in 2026/27 compared to 336 staff in 2025/26. (These figures are estimated full time equivalents and not actual staff employed).
- It is estimated that at March 2026 we will have £63.1m in loans and £53.5m in investments.

Environment Agency Midlands Region

The Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2011

The Environment Agency is a levying body for its Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Functions under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the Environment Agency (Levies) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011.

The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood and coastal erosion risk management for 2369 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. Money is spent on the construction of new flood defence schemes, the maintenance of the river system and existing flood defences together with the operation of a flood warning system and management of the risk of coastal erosion. The financial details are:

Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	2025/26	2026/27
Gross Expenditure	£77,456m	£70,294m
Levies Raised	£2,360m	£2,431m
Total Council Tax Base	1.959m	1.980m

The majority of funding for flood defence comes directly from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). However, under the new Partnership Funding rule not all schemes will attract full central funding. To provide local funding for local priorities and contributions for partnership funding the Regional Flood and Coastal Committees recommend through the Environment Agency a local levy.

A change in the gross budgeted expenditure between years reflects the programme of works for both capital and revenue needed by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to which you contribute. The total Local Levy raised by this committee has increased by 2.0%

The total Local Levy raised has increased from £2,359,742 in 2025/2026 to £2,430,534 for 2026/2027.

Single person discount

If you live alone, or are the only person over 18 at your address, you are entitled to a 25% Single Person Discount. If you have already been granted this discount, it will be shown on your bill.

If you are getting a discount but your circumstances change so it no longer applies, the law says you must contact us within 21 days. If you don't, you can be fined £70. If you still don't inform us after that, you can be fined another £280.

If someone moves out of an address temporarily, a single person discount does not always apply, even when only one person remains; we have to consider whether their main residence has changed.

We're committed to detecting discount fraud and regularly checks discounts claimed. We have recently undertaken a review with other Staffordshire local authorities of all single person discounts. We have access to a wide range of financial, electoral, housing and benefit information to help us prevent and detect single person discount fraud. Reducing fraudulent claims helps us to keep Council Tax increases lower.



What should I do if I think someone is claiming a Council Tax discount fraudulently?

There are a number of ways you can tell us. You can do it anonymously, but if you do give your name we will keep it confidential. We have trained and experienced staff who can advise you if you are unsure about whether to tell us what you suspect.

You can:

- email us at counciltax@tamworth.gov.uk
- ring us on 01827 709709
- write to us at The Revenues Department, Marmion House, Lichfield Street, Tamworth, B79 7BZ

It is important that you give us as much information as possible as this helps us to gather enough evidence to cancel the discount. Due to the Data Protection Act (1998) and Human Rights Act (1998), we cannot tell you what we have done about a case you have reported, but we will investigate all reports and take suitable action.



Handy contacts

Tamworth Borough Council

Marmion House, Lichfield Street, Tamworth, Staffs, B79 7BZ

Website	www.tamworth.gov.uk & webchat
Email	enquiries@tamworth.gov.uk
Council Housing Repairs	Call 0800 1830044 & webchat
Customer Service Centre	01827 709709
Telephone Payments	0345 2307709
Refuse Collection and Bulky Items Collection	0345 0020022

Help Stop Fraud

Fraud Hotline	0800 854 440
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Valuation Office Agency

Listing Officer, Valuation Office Agency	03000 501501
Valuation Office Website	www.voa.gov.uk

Fire

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, Pirehill, Stone, ST15 0BS

www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk

Fire HQ	0300 3301000
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In an Emergency Dial 999

Police

Police Headquarters, PO Box 3167, Stafford, ST16 9JZ

www.staffordshire.police.uk

Police single number	101
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In an Emergency Dial 999

Staffordshire County Council

Responsible for Social Services, schools, libraries, roads, street lighting and highways.

No 1 Staffordshire Place, Stafford, ST16 2LP

www.staffordshire.gov.uk

Main reception	0300 111 8000
Adult social care	0300 111 8010
Children and families	01827 475555

Tamworth Advice Centre / Citizens Advice

Free advice and support on financial well-being, debt or general advice0808 2787972

This information can be produced on request in other formats and languages. Call 01827 709709 or email