



Your Council Tax 2026/27

The council tax comprises a number of individual elements as follows.

General Levy

This is the amount which can be raised to fund any council service. There is a referendum limit in place which prohibits a rise beyond 2.99% without having to hold a referendum.

For 2026/27 the general levy has been increased by 2.99%.

Please note that percentage changes to all charges are shown to 1 decimal place on Council Tax bills in line with statutory requirements.

Adult Social Care Precept

The Adult Social Care (ASC) precept was introduced by the government in 2016/17 allowing those councils which provide social care to adults to increase their share of council tax.

For 2026/27 government permitted councils to raise the Adult Social Care precept by up to 2.00%.

Bolton Council has increased the Adult Social Care precept by 2.00% for 2026/27.

Adult Social Care services support some of the most vulnerable members of our communities, largely supporting those in old age and adults with disabilities. Due to an ageing population demand on adult services has significantly increased pressure on the council's budget. The extra council tax income raised by the Adult Social Care precept therefore helps to reduce this financial pressure.

Bolton's yearly increase in respect of Adult Social Care is as follows:

Year	Precept %	Amount Raised (£m)
2016/17	2%	1.823
2017/18	3%	2.952
2018/19	2%	2.072
2019/20	1%	1.097
2020/21	2%	2.264
2021/22	2.5%	2.891
2022/23	1.13%	1.384
2023/24	2%	2.558
2024/25	2%	2.700
2025/26	2%	2.856
2026/27	2%	3.050

Greater Manchester Mayoral Precepts

2018/19 was the first year when the Mayor for Greater Manchester took responsibility for both the GM Police and Crime Commissioner and GM Fire and Rescue Authority services. Greater Manchester Combined Authority now sets two precepts:

- Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner Precept; and
- Mayoral General Precept (including Fire Services)

With regard to the Mayoral General Precept this is used specifically for initiatives to develop and enhance the whole of the Greater Manchester region.

Increases in the Mayoral Precepts are added onto the council tax charge set by Bolton. For 2026/27 the amounts for properties in Band D are as follows:

A **£25 increase** for the Mayoral General (including Fire Services) to £153.95.

A **£15 increase** for the Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner Precept to £285.30.

Council Tax Band and Charges

The Valuation Office Agency (VOA) is responsible for setting the bands which are based on property values at 1st April 1991. Your council tax bill shows which band your property is in. For 2026/27 the charges per band are shown in the table below.

CT Band	Property Values	Parish of Blackrod	Parish of Horwich	Parish of Westhoughton	All other parts of the Council's Area
Band A	£40,000 or less	£1,622.33	£1,621.86	£1,609.64	£1,594.87
Band B	£40,001 to £52,000	£1,892.76	£1,892.20	£1,877.95	£1,860.72
Band C	£52,001 to £68,000	£2,163.10	£2,162.47	£2,146.18	£2,126.49
Band D	£68,001 to £88,000	£2,433.52	£2,432.81	£2,414.48	£2,392.33
Band E	£88,001 to £120,000	£2,974.28	£2,973.42	£2,951.01	£2,923.94
Band F	£120,001 to £160,000	£3,515.10	£3,514.07	£3,487.59	£3,455.60
Band G	£160,001 to £320,000	£4,055.85	£4,054.67	£4,024.12	£3,987.20
Band H	£320,001 or more	£4,867.04	£4,865.62	£4,828.96	£4,784.66

How is your Council Tax calculated?

The regulations permit the ASC precept to be increased by a percentage of the previous year's whole bill in the same way that the general council tax levy is increased. However, Council Tax Regulations state we must show the total cumulative amount raised specifically for Adult Social Care as a line on the council tax bill.

How your council tax is used

Service	Band A Property	Band D Property
Adult Services - Residential Care, Home Care, Direct Payments, Supported Living and various other forms of Social Care for Adults. Housing Services for vulnerable adults	£564.66	£847.00
Public Health - Preventative and information services in relation to Public Health	£53.76	£80.65
Children's Services - Social Care for Children including fostering and adoption placements. Support to Schools and Educational services.	£302.35	£453.53
Environmental Services - empty bins, maintaining roads, cemeteries & parks, ensuring consumer protection, managing market, operation of Albert Halls complex.	£80.79	£121.18
Development & Regeneration - managing the planning process, increasing tourism, increasing employment and skills opportunities, managing libraries & museums, provision of Leisure Centres. Maintaining and managing council offices, land and property.	£18.71	£28.06
Levies - Waste, Transport & Land Drainage	£121.79	£182.68
Central support costs including Finance / Legal / ICT	£159.98	£239.98
Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner Precept	£190.20	£285.30
Mayoral General Precept (including Fire Services)	£102.63	£153.95
Total Council Tax 2026/27	£1,594.87	£2,392.33