

How the money is spent: summary of gross expenditure and income

The planned costs of services are shown below:

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Where the money comes from to pay for the 2022-23 Budget

The majority of the Council's funding is from Council Tax income. The County area is allowed to keep up to 50% of the business rate growth collected in Worcestershire since the introduction of the Business Rates Retention Scheme in April 2013. The Council no longer receives any general Revenue Support Grant

We receive grants from the Government for specific purposes. The most significant is the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). That provides funding for mainstream schools and statutory functions in 2022-23 and can only be used for this purpose. We expect to receive approx. £231.5 million. Another Government grant that we receive is the Public Health Grant. We have confirmation that we will receive approx. £31.2 million.

The cost of providing our services in 2022-23, net of specific grants, is £375.4 million.

Why spending has changed from 2021-22

The Council faces additional cost pressures in respect of inflation and increases in the demand for services such as the extra numbers of people needing social care. Some inflationary costs experienced by local authorities are significantly higher than the general rate of inflation.

The net budget requirement for 2022-23 has increased by £19.9 million to £375.4 million as shown in the following table.

	£m
Net Budget Requirement 2021-22	352.5
Add back transfer to reserves	3.0
Revised Starting Position 2021-22	355.5
Adult social care demographics increase	18.3
Worcestershire Children First investment	7.9
Investment to address 2022-23 pressures	4.5
Inflation (other services)	5.5
Investment to address hardship in the Community	0.1
Funding Capital Investment in highways and footways improvements and flood mitigation	2.0
Social Care Grant	-6.1
Other Government Grants	-6.5
Transformation Reforms	-8.0
Transfer to (from) Reserves	2.2
Net Budget Requirement 2022-23	375.4

For further information on the above items please follow the link below to the February 2022 Cabinet report:
<https://worcestershire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=131>

Council Tax

General Balances

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

Adult Social Care Precept

The council tax for Worcestershire County Council has increased in total by 3.94% in 2022-23 to £1,396.78 for a Band D property (£1,343.83 in 2021-22). This increase is made up of a 3% increase for Adult Social Care (ASC) and 0.94% for general services.

Regulations set by the Government state that cash and percentage figures must be shown on the face of the

Statement concerning adult social care funding





