



ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL TAX INFORMATION

2022/23



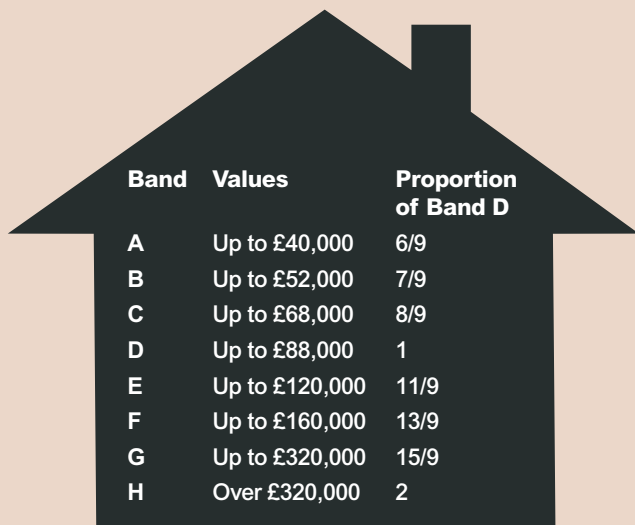
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1. THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET



Band	Values	Proportion of Band D
A	Up to £40,000	6/9
B	Up to £52,000	7/9
C	Up to £68,000	8/9
D	Up to £88,000	1
E	Up to £120,000	11/9
F	Up to £160,000	13/9
G	Up to £320,000	15/9
H	Over £320,000	2

The Council Tax you pay depends on the valuation your property has been given by the Valuation Office Agency. The amount payable is based on the market value of the property as of 1 April 1991.

Your Council Tax bill tells you which band applies to your home.

The amount of Council Tax charge for each band depends upon the tax set for band D and is calculated using the proportions shown.

Adult Social Care Precept

In 2015 the Government created the Adult Social Care Precept which allowed councils who provide Social Care to Adults to increase their share of Council Tax by a specified amount each year. Government announced that for the year 2022/23 councils would be allowed to increase this by up to 1%.

The income generated from this charge is ring-fenced, meaning it can only be used for Adult Social Care services.

	2021/22	2022/23	Increase
Amount met from Council Taxpayer	£82.223m	£86.649m	5.38%
Council Tax Base (Band D equivalents)	52,080	53,290	
Band D Council Tax	£1,578.78	£1,625.99	2.99%

If you live in a Parish that charges a precept, your Council Tax will be higher. Please see Section 2 for details.

THE BASIC COUNCIL TAX FOR A BAND D PROPERTY HAS BEEN SET AT:



Not all Council Tax collected pays for council services. It also supports Police, the Combined Authority and the Fire and Rescue Authority too.

BASIC COUNCIL TAX PAYABLE FOR 2022/23

Band	St Helens (£)	Police (£)	Fire (£)	CA (£)	Total (Non-Parish) (£)
A	1,083.99	157.98	55.74	12.67	1,310.38
B	1,264.66	184.31	65.03	14.78	1,528.78
C	1,445.32	210.64	74.32	16.89	1,747.17
D	1,625.99	236.97	83.61	19.00	1,965.57
E	1,987.32	289.63	102.19	23.22	2,402.36
F	2,348.65	342.29	120.77	27.44	2,839.15
G	2,709.98	394.95	139.35	31.67	3,275.95
H	3,251.98	473.94	167.22	38.00	3,931.14

For 2022/23, the Government requires St Helens Council to hold a referendum with local residents if it proposes to increase Council Tax by **3%** or more. Therefore, no referendum is required.

Revenue Spending 2022/23

Our total 2022/23 budget is **£450.7m** (Gross Revenue Expenditure).

In 2021/22, the equivalent amount was **£435.0m**

The change in Gross Revenue Expenditure is due to a number of cost pressures, additional spend funded by non-Council Tax sources and savings made for 2022/23.

+£11.9m DEMAND LED PRESSURES

+£6.0m PAY AND NATIONAL LIVING WAGE INFLATION

+£0.6m NATIONAL INSURANCE COSTS INCREASES

+£4.0m PRICE INFLATION INCLUDING ADDITIONAL ENERGY COSTS

+£1.7m ADDITIONAL SPEND FUNDED BY GRANTS

-£6.0m SAVINGS

-£2.5m REDUCTION IN SPEND AGAINST SPECIFIC GRANTS

2. COUNCIL TAX CHARGES

The table below shows the amount of Council Tax you will pay dependent on which area of the Borough you live in.

COUNCIL TAX CHARGES 2022/23								
Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bold	1,318.56	1,538.32	1,758.08	1,977.84	2,417.36	2,856.87	3,296.40	3,955.68
Rainford	1,328.49	1,549.91	1,771.32	1,992.74	2,435.57	2,878.40	3,321.23	3,985.48
Eccleston	1,320.34	1,540.40	1,760.45	1,980.51	2,420.62	2,860.73	3,300.85	3,961.02
Windle	1,318.68	1,538.46	1,758.24	1,978.02	2,417.58	2,857.13	3,296.70	3,956.04
Rainhill	1,322.61	1,543.05	1,763.48	1,983.92	2,424.79	2,865.66	3,306.53	3,967.84
Billinge	1,327.57	1,548.84	1,770.09	1,991.36	2,433.88	2,876.40	3,318.93	3,982.72
Seneley Green	1,334.30	1,556.68	1,779.06	2,001.45	2,446.21	2,890.97	3,335.75	4,002.90
All other parts of the council area	1,310.38	1,528.78	1,747.17	1,965.57	2,402.36	2,839.15	3,275.95	3,931.14
Adult Social Care Precept (included above)	127.79	149.08	170.38	191.68	234.27	276.87	319.47	383.36

3. MERSEYSIDE RECYCLING AND WASTE AUTHORITY (MRWA)

We are the public body responsible for dealing with household waste and recycling once it's been collected from your home.

Using the latest technologies we aim to make sure as much waste as possible is sustainably managed. Our Energy from Waste facility in Wilton diverts over 92% of Merseyside's non-recycled waste from landfill – and in the process saves more than £100m in current landfill disposal costs over the life of its contract.

We work hard to encourage Merseyside's householders to use less in the first place and, through our 14 Household Waste Recycling Centres and District Council kerbside collections, to recycle as much as they can. Last year, 34.8% of Merseyside's household waste was reused, recycled and composted. Recycling, alongside our waste prevention work and involvement with community projects, can help us all contribute to stopping climate change.

You can read more about our work at www.merseysidewda.gov.uk

The Levy for St Helens Borough Council for 2022/23 will be £9,374,521.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A comparison of Expenditure and Income for 2021/22 and 2022/23 is as follows.

	2021/22	2022/23
	£M	£M
Total Net Expenditure	80.391	82.115
Contribution to Reserves	0	0
Total Requirement	80.391	82.115
Use of Reserves	-2.755	-3.126
Levy	77.636	78.989
Levy per head	£54.29	£55.07



MERSEYSIDE RECYCLING & WASTE AUTHORITY

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www.zerowastelcr.com

4. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

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 6,500 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the North West 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:

NORTH WEST REGIONAL FLOOD AND COASTAL COMMITTEE

	2021/22 '000s	2022/23 '000s
Gross Expenditure	£98,705	£132,090
Levies Raised	£4,179	£4,283
Total Council Tax Base	2,167	2,208

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 2.5%

The total Local Levy raised has increased from 4,178,918 in 2021/22 to 4,283,391 for 2022/23.





5. LIVERPOOL CITY REGION - METRO MAYOR AND COMBINED AUTHORITY

As the elected Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, Steve Rotheram is committed to ensuring that every part of our region shares in the benefits of a fair and prosperous economy, where no one is left behind.

From the Young Person's Guarantee, which guarantees a job, training or apprenticeship opportunity to unemployed young people to Housing First, a radical new approach to helping the homeless, we are leading the way in building a fairer, more inclusive local economy.

Combined Authority interventions have already delivered 10,000 new jobs and 7,000 apprenticeships across our region and invested tens of millions of pounds in local schools and colleges.

The Mayor's ambition is to secure the Liverpool City Region's position as a pioneer in the Green Industrial Revolution and establish ourselves as Britain's Renewable Energy Coast promoting our unparalleled strengths in renewable energy and ambitions in tidal power. Under his plans, we will hit net zero

carbon at least a decade before national targets. Real progress is also being made to deliver a London-style local transport network that makes getting round the region cheaper, quicker, cleaner and more reliable. Bringing together our buses, trains and ferries and linking them to new and upgraded cycling and walking routes under one integrated network, will transform public transport.

The Mayor is accountable to, and represents the people of, all six boroughs in Liverpool City Region: Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral.

In accordance with the Combined Authorities (Finance) Order 2017, the Mayor is seeking to set a Mayoral precept for 2022/23 of £19 per Band D property - which is **a freeze on the last year's precept and the lowest rate in the country**. Most Council Tax payers across the city region will pay a Band A Council Tax rate of £12.67 per year.

The precept will enable the CA to ensure its long-term financial sustainability and help ensure that the Mayoral objectives

- a London-style integrated transport network, a fairer, more inclusive local economy, a Green Industrial Revolution and a strong recovery from the Coronavirus - are delivered. To date, this has included helping local councils to protect local jobs and businesses through a £50m support package during COVID, tailoring programmes to help small and socially-trading businesses, and continued lobbying for greater support from central government.

On day one after his re-election in May, he launched a £150m COVID Recovery Fund to help the launch the region's post-pandemic recovery, creating jobs, support businesses and attracting more investment.



Steve Rotheram
Liverpool City Region
Metro Mayor



METRO MAYOR
LIVERPOOL CITY REGION

2021/22 £'000		2022/23 £'000
156,294	Gross Expenditure	205,569
(43,220)	Income and Specific Grants	(96,426)
(97,404)	Income from Levy	(99,352)
(7,913)	Contributions from Reserves	(1,909)
7,757	Council Tax Requirement	7,882
408,281	Tax Base	414,832
£19.00	Band D Equivalent	£19.00

THE MOVEMENT IN THE GROSS EXPENDITURE BUDGET IS DETAILED BELOW:

	£'000
Gross Expenditure 2021/22	156,294
Reduction in Net Debt Servicing Cost	(154)
Increase in Revenue Grants and new funding award	48,491
Employee Associated Costs	1,026
Increase in costs in association with the delivery of Mayoral Priorities	1,912
Removal of 2021/22 specific items	(2,000)
Gross Expenditure 2022/23	205,569

For more information, visit:
www.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk

Transport Funding

The LCRCA's transport responsibilities are funded through transport levies across each of the six councils.

This funds concessionary travel, subsidised bus services, the Mersey Ferries and a range of other services.

The transport levy 2022/23 for each of the Merseyside Councils within the LCRCA is:

	Transport Levy 2021/22 £'000	Transport Levy 2022/23 £'000
Knowsley	10,279	10,563
Liverpool	33,924	34,669
Sefton	18,828	19,111
St Helens	12,302	12,545
Wirral	22,071	22,464
Total	97,404	99,352

For historical and legal reasons Halton Council currently provide transport activities directly within the boundaries of the borough of Halton.

This is funded through a differential transport levy collected by Halton on behalf of the LCRCA which will be £3.24m for 2022/23.



Mayor Steve Rotherham

Mayor of the Liverpool City Region



Mr John Fogarty, B.A. Hons, C.P.F.A.

Executive Director of Corporate Services:
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority





6. THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC)

FOR MERSEYSIDE

After a decade of austerity, one of my main priorities as Merseyside's Police and Crime Commissioner is to help Merseyside Police rebuild and that is what I am focused on delivering.

In the last two years, **665 new police officers** have been recruited.

Some are already walking the beat, keeping our communities safe and the rest will join them very soon, preventing crime, protecting the public and maintaining safety.

But there are still significant challenges ahead.

We remain **456 police officers short** of the number we had back in 2010.

We need to find a further **£3m of cuts** in the year ahead, and we predict we will have to find a further **£13.7m of savings** by 2026/27.

With these challenges, setting a balanced budget for our police service has been no easy task.

While I was very reluctant to ask you as taxpayers to contribute a little extra to support policing, I'm grateful to have had your backing through my public consultation and that of the body which scrutinises my work, the Police and Crime Panel.

Thanks to your support, we will be able to maintain those 665 new police officer posts, protect PCSO and police staff jobs and put Merseyside Police in the best possible position to keep our communities safe in the year ahead.

In return, I promise to continue to lobby the Government at every chance I get to provide the funding for our missing 456 officers, and I will also work to secure extra grants and funding for our region wherever I can.

I will also hold the Chief Constable to account to ensure we maximise every penny of this budget delivering on the shared priorities set out in my Police and Crime Plan to keep you safe.

Thank you for playing a vital role in helping us to build a Safer Merseyside.



Emily Spurrell
Police and Crime Commissioner
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HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT

DESCRIPTION	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m
Police Officer Pay	187.614	199.138
Police Pensions	53.436	55.631
Police Staff Pay	76.295	79.694
Police Staff Pensions	11.966	11.429
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner	1.332	1.427
PCC Controlled Expenditure	8.273	7.123
Other	50.717	59.092
Gross Expenditure	389.633	413.534

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

SOURCE	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m
Police General Grant	(270.671)	(286.573)
Council Tax Grants	(15.641)	(15.641)
Council Tax Requirement	(84.682)	(89.812)
Collection Fund Deficit / (Surplus)	1.256	(0.472)
Specific Government Grants	(17.732)	(15.994)
Income	(2.790)	(2.790)
Net Contribution to/(from) Reserves	0.627	(2.252)
Total Funding	(389.633)	(413.534)



THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR MERSEYSIDE

WHY HAS COUNCIL TAX CHANGED?

	£m
Council Tax Requirement 2022/23	(84.682)
Increase in tax base	(1.339)
Increase in Band D Equivalent	(3.791)
Council Tax Requirement 2022/23	(89.812)

2021/22

2022/23 INCREASE

373,099	Tax base (Band D equivalent properties)	379,001	5,902
£226.97	Increase in tax base	£236.97	£10.00

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Tax Band A*	£157.98
Tax Band B	£184.31
Tax Band C	£210.64
Tax Band D	£236.97
Tax Band E	£289.63
Tax Band F	£342.29
Tax Band G	£394.95
Tax Band H	£473.94

*majority of taxpayers on Merseyside



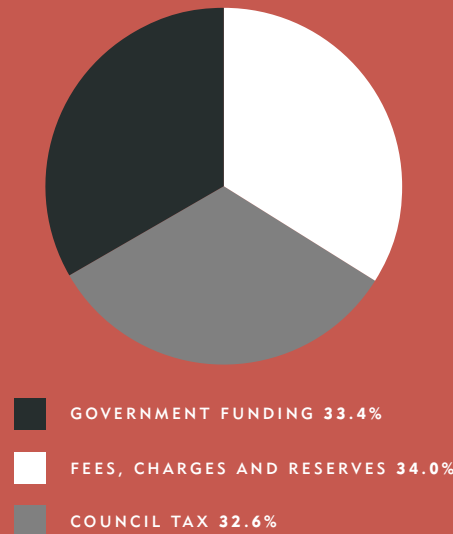
7. MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Precept Information 2022/23

The Authority is facing increasing environmental, terrorist, fire, and protection risks. By managing its resources it has secured significant re-investment back into the organisation in recent years, particularly in frontline response and protection services. It has increased the number of available fire appliances from 26 to 32, with a long-term aspiration to have 34 appliances, and the number of firefighters from 620 to 642. The Authority continues to look to invest in the Service, and the 2022/23 budget includes a capital programme that invests £62m in the Service's infrastructure by 2026/27. This includes a potential new £35m Training and Development Academy and fire station. The ongoing investment the Authority has made in the Service and the benefits this brings to the Merseyside community, are reflected in the latest HMICFRS inspection evaluation. The Authority scored an unprecedented three 'Outstanding' judgements across the eleven sub themes for its work preventing fires and other emergencies, its response to major and multi-agency incidents, and for making the best use of its resources.

How We Are Funded

The Authority's 2022/23 Gross Budget is £94m. This excludes the £11m the Authority incurs in its role as lead authority for the Home Office's National Assurance Resilience initiative, as this is fully funded by them. The Gross budget is the total amount that the Authority plans to spend, and the pie graph below outlines how this is funded.



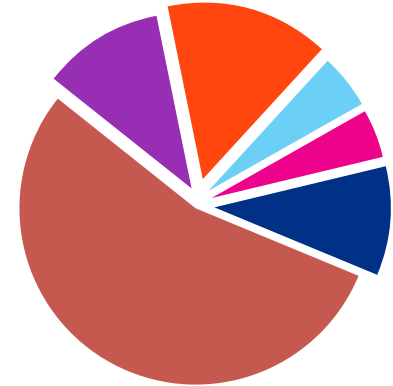
The Authority set a Council Tax requirement of £31.688m for 2022/23 and a Council Tax for a Band D property of £83.61, a 1.96% increase on the 2021/22 figure of £82.00. By increasing the Council Tax charge, it allows the Authority to maintain the investment in frontline services and fund the further investment planned in 2022/23. Most Council Taxpayers in Merseyside will pay Band A Council Tax of £55.74 about 15p per day towards their Fire and Rescue Service.

The Authority has issued a precept on the five Merseyside District Councils of £31.688m. St Helens contribution to expenditure financed by precept is £4.456m, which represents 14.1% of the total precept.

How The Money Is Spent

Approximately 74% of the Authority's 2022/23 budget remains committed to delivering Operational Response, Protection and Preventative frontline services, as these functions have been recognised as priority areas by the public following extensive consultation. The costs associated with funding capital investment account for 11%, and relate to investment in frontline

activities such as fire stations, fire appliances and operational equipment. The remaining 15% is on support services, of which a significant proportion relates to essential frontline service support such as insurance of vehicles and premises, the vehicle maintenance workshop, and ICT costs.



COUNCIL TAX CHARGE

The Council Tax for a Band D property has been set at:

	2022/23 £M	2022/23 COUNCIL TAX FOR A BAND D PROPERTY
Gross Budget	93.688	
Income & Specific Grants	-13.583	
Net Use of Reserves	-18.313	
Net Budget Requirement	61.792	
Collection Fund Deficit	1.147	
Local Business Rates Adjustment	0.469	
Government Settlement Funding	-31.720	
Council Tax Requirement	31.688	
Tax Base		379,000.76
Band D Equivalent		£83.61

■ RESPONSE & CONTROL	54.5%
■ CAPITAL	11.3%
■ SUPPORT SERVICES	15%
■ PREVENTION & COMMUNITY SAFETY	4.8%
■ PROTECTION	4.5%
■ OPERATIONAL PREPAREDNESS	9.9%

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HELP KEEP COUNCIL COSTS DOWN



Manage your Council Tax online

Sign up for e-billing and help the council cut down on costly paperwork, visit:

www.sthelens.gov.uk/counciltax



Contact the council and make payments online

Online transactions cost the council roughly 32pence compared to £8.62 to speak to us. Use the self-service section of our website for fast and easy access to council services, visit:

www.sthelens.gov.uk/selfservice



Recycle more

Recycling helps protect our environment and reduces costs. Find out more on:

www.sthelens.gov.uk/recycling

WAYS WE CAN HELP



Energy Savings

Our Affordable Warmth team can help reduce your energy usage and save on your gas and electricity bills. Find out more at:

www.sthelens.gov.uk/housing/energy-efficiency/



Work and Employment

If you are currently unemployed and would like advice or support about getting back into work call the 'Ways to Work' team on: **01744 676131**, or email: waystowork@sthelens.gov.uk



Money Advice

If you are having problems paying your Council Tax contact us immediately. Please visit: www.sthelens.gov.uk/council-tax/problems-paying-your-council-tax/ Or call us on: **01744 675255**



Welfare Assistance Scheme

We will provide support to vulnerable residents who require help to establish or maintain a home independently in the community or require emergency assistance following an unexpected event. Assistance will be provided in the form of foodbank vouchers, fuel vouchers, furniture (new and refurbished) and electrical items to assist people in need. www.sthelens.gov.uk/benefits/welfare-assistance-scheme/

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