



Wokingham Town Council

Precept for 2025 – 26

The average
household in a
Band D property pays
£1.44 per week
or £74.85 this year

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Precept 2025-26

Wokingham Town Council is one of the largest parish councils in the area and provides a range of services to the local community. To pay for these services the Council has set a budget this year of £1,680,190 which includes a contribution from residents (the precept) of £1,307,942.

The precept will cost the average household in Wokingham with a Band D property **£74.85 per annum or £1.44 per week**. This sum is included within your Council Tax charge.

Our Income

The Council's income for the year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 is estimated as follows:

Precept (your contribution)	£ 1,307,942
Income (lettings & investments)	£ 290,433
Total	£ 1,743,168

Reserves of **£81,815** are being used this year.

What the Council spends on your behalf

Parks, Play Areas, Allotments & Markets £286,533

The Council maintains eight parks including Elms Field and more than 500 allotments over eight sites within the town. Residents interested in taking on an allotment are welcome to put their name on a waiting list.

We continue to support regular markets for general goods, food stalls, arts & crafts and specialist markets. Hanging baskets and floral displays are also maintained around the town, as well as the annual display of Christmas lights and the Christmas tree at Market Place.

Grants £106,550

Each year the Council awards local charities or organisations a number of grants to assist them in their work. A sum in excess of £90,000 has been allocated to local organisations for 2025/26, and a new small in-year grant fund is also now available, to support cultural and community events and activities.

Establishment £717,373

This represents our staffing and office costs for the Information Centre, Town Hall, Woosehill Community Hall, markets, parks and allotments.

Town Hall and Community Halls £225,059

We manage meeting rooms at the Town Hall and Woosehill Community Hall. Both venues offer a variety of rooms available for regular bookings or one-off functions. The Town Hall is a popular venue for weddings and other special events. Information about our hire charges can be found on our website.

Administration £344,655

This includes the cost of our civic, community and cultural events and general administration.

Wokingham Town Council Meetings

We carry out most of our business through the work of five main Committees, which all meet in public. Details of these meetings are displayed on our website at **www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk** or on the notice board outside the Town Hall.

The **Full Council** sets the precept whilst delegating most other business to its Committees;

The **Amenities Committee** is responsible for the Council's facilities including parks, allotments, buildings, markets and playgrounds.

The **Arts & Culture Committee's** remit is to encourage, support and, in conjunction with other organisations, deliver artistic and cultural events to users of the Town.

The **Civic Committee** makes decisions on matters relating to the Mayor's Civic involvement on behalf of the Town Council. These include Mayoral Regalia, Civic events such as Civic Awards, Mayoral visits and engagements, and the honorary staff members.

The **Finance & Personnel Committee** controls the finances and general administration of the Council, setting and overseeing the budgets for the other Committees. It administers the allocation of grants to local charities and community projects. It also deals with all staffing matters, covering such areas as employment terms and conditions and authorising the recruitment of new staff. Members of the public and press are not permitted to attend when matters of a confidential nature are being discussed.

The **Planning & Transportation Committee** acts as Statutory Consultee for Planning Applications, Development Proposals and Transport issues arising within the boundaries of the town. The Committee is also responsible for the upkeep of some bus shelters in the town.

If you wish to contact us in relation to any of the above information please contact the Town Clerk – 0118 974 0888 or via email to townclerk@wokingham-tc.gov.uk.