

Budget 2024/25

special edition



We're working to balance the council's budget for next year and want your help.

This is your money, so it's vital we deliver a budget for 2024/25 based on what matters most to you.



How do we decide what to spend money on?

We understand how much our communities rely on services from the county council, and the impact it would have if we were no longer able to provide them.

The challenge we face is to balance the budget while remaining committed to investing in and protecting services.

Like all local authorities, we're developing our budget in the context of significant financial pressures, caused by high levels of inflation, but also by these factors:

- a growing adult and elderly population with increasingly complex needs
- a rising number of children with special educational needs and education health and care plans
- the noticeable impacts of climate change which are adding to the costs of maintaining the county's 4,000km of roads
- continuing cost of living challenges being faced by everyone, which are creating extra demand for council services.

[Read more about the budget proposals](#)



Take part in our budget survey

Our budget consultation survey is now open until Sunday 10 December and we would like to hear:

- what you think are the most vital services
- where you'd spend or reduce money
- which options you feel we should focus on to achieve a balanced budget.

[Take part in the survey](#)



What happens next?

Your views and feedback will be considered by [our Cabinet team](#) at a meeting in January.

Their recommendations and draft budget will go to a [full county council meeting in February](#) for a final decision.

We will keep you updated throughout via this eNewsletter.



West Sussex County Council provides a wide range of local services for our growing population of more than 882,600 residents and 37,400 businesses.

You can read more about what we do for you in our [Annual Report 2022/23](#).
