

Boosting services that matter most to residents

In the past 12 months we used £2.2m for a one-off investment to boost services including roads and footpaths, street cleaning and tackling fly-tipping.

It included £500,000 for tackling fly-tipping and £700,000 extra for road and pavement improvements. In fact, Coventry is one of the best performing 13 councils in the UK when it comes to long term maintenance of roads.

We are hoping to expand all of this work further, along with other investments, and we will be highlighting more about these very soon.

Services that are not funded by Council Tax

Cycleways in Coventry get people talking and we want to be clear that these new routes are paid for by Government grants, not Council Tax.

The grant cannot be spent on anything else and building the cycleways has helped us avoid becoming a Clean Air Zone - which would have seen people charged for driving into the city centre.

Coventry Very Light Rail is also funded by Government, not Council Tax. Plus, it's a new, affordable, rail-based travel system that can be delivered in less time and at less than half the cost of traditional tram systems. The Council owns the intellectual property rights so we can sell the vehicle to other cities around the world, and, with the technology born out of this city, it will provide good jobs for people in the future.

The IKEA building project is funded through a combination of Government grants, capital funding and partner contributions and any Council investment will be repaid in the fullness of time.

Known as the **City Centre Cultural Gateway**, it will be a central hub for culture and job creation, and we're working with recognised national and local partners, including British Council, Arts Council England and CV Life.

The Government also expects Coventry, alongside all other councils, to introduce a separate **food waste collection**. The change, which will include a new food waste bin, will be introduced in the city in September this year.



If you have a spare room in your home and time to support an adult with social care needs in Coventry and Warwickshire, we would love to hear from you.
Full training, support and a generous allowance is included.



coventry.gov.uk/sharedlives
SharedLivesScheme@coventry.gov.uk
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Renters' Rights Act

The Renters' Rights Act is making big changes for tenants and landlords renting private and social housing properties.

It will improve the current system and provide renters with more security and stability so they can stay in their homes for longer, build lives in their communities, and avoid the risk of homelessness.

For more details on how this works in Coventry visit coventry.gov.uk/rentersrightsact



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Register for a card at go-cv.co.uk

Coventry children deserve a safe, loving home. Got a spare bedroom?
Find out how you can foster.



Contact **024 7683 2828**
Visit coventry.gov.uk/foster

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JOB SHOP

Visit us at **The Job Shop**
West Orchards Way

We can help you with:

- Finding job opportunities
- Healthcare and wellbeing support
- 1-2-1 employment support
- Finding classes and courses, including work-related qualifications like CSCS or SIA
- Job Fairs and employment events
- Benefits advice and guidance

And more!

We're open **Monday to Friday 9.30am**
(Thursdays 10.30am) - 4.30pm
Find out more at coventry.gov.uk/JobShop

Your city, your vote

Local elections are happening in Coventry on **Thursday 7 May** and every seat on the Council will be up for election.

Don't miss your chance to have your say on the future of our city.

Registering to vote is simple, quick and can be done online at gov.uk/register-to-vote

Get help with the cost of living

The cost of everyday essentials is rising faster than average household incomes.

Can we help?

If you need financial support and advice, go to our Cost of Living Support Hub >>>

08085 834 333
coventry.gov.uk/costofliving

Find out about Council Tax discounts

You may qualify for a Council Tax discount. For example if you live on your own, you will qualify for 25 per cent discount. For a list of other discounts visit coventry.gov.uk/counciltaxdiscounts

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A message from the Leader of Coventry City Council, Cllr George Duggins

Coventry is in a strong financial position compared to many councils, thanks to careful management and prudent decision-making in recent years.

Like the residents we serve, we've faced funding cuts, austerity and the cost of living crisis. To meet our lawful duty of setting a balanced budget, we've saved £66million over the past five years while continuing to prioritise the services that matter most to you.

Growing demand means more than 80% of our budget now funds essential statutory services like social care and homelessness support. The difficult choices we've made have always been guided by protecting those who need it most.

However, the future is brighter. Thanks to tackling these challenges and lobbying for fairer funding, for the first time in over a decade, we're in a position to invest in the services people use and see most.

We know many households continue to face financial pressures. If you're struggling with Council Tax payments or other costs, support is available, including payment plans and cost of living assistance. Visit coventry.gov.uk/costofliving for details.

This leaflet explains how your Council Tax is spent. Thank you for your continued support.

How we are working for you



We know how much people, businesses and organisations are still significantly affected by rising costs.

There's also a continuing need to respond more to help households affected by higher living costs.

The Government provided extra funding for 2025/26 and has introduced a 'fair funding' basis for 2026/27, this all means that we hope to put more investment in local services as well as fund continued cost increases and pressures.

Unfair funding in the past

Funding for councils reduced significantly in real terms between 2010 and 2024.

Coventry was affected by an average real term reduction of £100million per year.

The Council receives a 'share' of Government funding, plus resources raised locally through Council Tax and Business Rates.

Based on 2025/26 Government funding, Coventry received £46 (per head of population) less Core Spending Power than the national average.

This year, Coventry is likely to receive a much higher needs share of resources and cash allocation, than previously.

This will allow us to invest in local services after years of insufficient funding.

How your Council Tax is spent across services

It's easy to link Council Tax to visible services like waste collections or road repairs, but in fact, the money is spread much more widely, supporting residents in many ways. Every pound of Council Tax supports local services people rely on.

Based on last year's figures here's how we spent every pound of your Council Tax.

Some services are easy to see, like bins on the kerbside or improvements to high streets and public spaces. Others happen in the background but are no less important. Council Tax helps support them all. The Council is also there when people face life's toughest challenges.

For one resident, adult social care funding means a daily visit from a carer so they can continue living at home.

For someone who has lost their job, housing support can prevent homelessness and help them find somewhere stable to live.

For children at risk, specialist teams provide protection and support when they're needed most.

Your Council Tax also contributes to services that many residents rarely see but almost everyone benefits from.



Adult Social Care

helping older residents and people with disabilities to live safely and with dignity, often in their own homes.

40p



Children's Services

protecting children, supporting families and giving young people the best start in life.

32p



City Services

repairing potholes, collecting bins and keeping our streets and green spaces clean.

10p



Education and Skills

providing opportunities to learn new skills, libraries to visit and help with securing a job.

8p



Housing and Communities

promoting arts and culture in the city and helping the most vulnerable into safe and secure homes.

8p



Other

includes policing and equalities, public health, jobs and regeneration.

2p

More about the Council Tax

For details about Council Tax and our spending visit

coventry.gov.uk/counciltax



For details on how the Council is Working for You, visit: coventry.gov.uk/workingforyou

Daily spending across our services

Every day, the Council has to pay for hundreds of different services which support everyone from children and young people to families and vulnerable older people – making sure nobody is left behind in Coventry.

The money for these services comes from Government grants, Council Tax and Business Rates.

The table below highlights how much we spend (per day) on some key services and the different amounts across services.



The Council's total daily expenditure on key services

