

2025-26



BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Where your Council Tax goes

In 2025/26 people who live in Babergh will pay £78.65 million in Council Tax.

This money goes to the following:

- Suffolk County Council gets £60.83 million (77.3% of the total)
- Police and Crime Commissioner gets £10.68 million (13.6% of the total)
- Babergh District Council £7.14 million (9.1% of the total)

These authorities also get money from the Government, from fees and charges and from Business Rates to pay for the services they provide. Business Rates are collected locally by the District Council, an element of what is collected is then paid across to Central Government as well as Suffolk County Council. Suffolk has a 'pooling' arrangement to maximise the amount of money retained and to protect against the risk of reductions in Business Rates income.

The District Council collects the money on behalf of all the authorities.

The District Council also receives money from Central Government by way of the New Homes Bonus. This money will be used to support the Council's strategic priorities, transformation and invest to save projects.

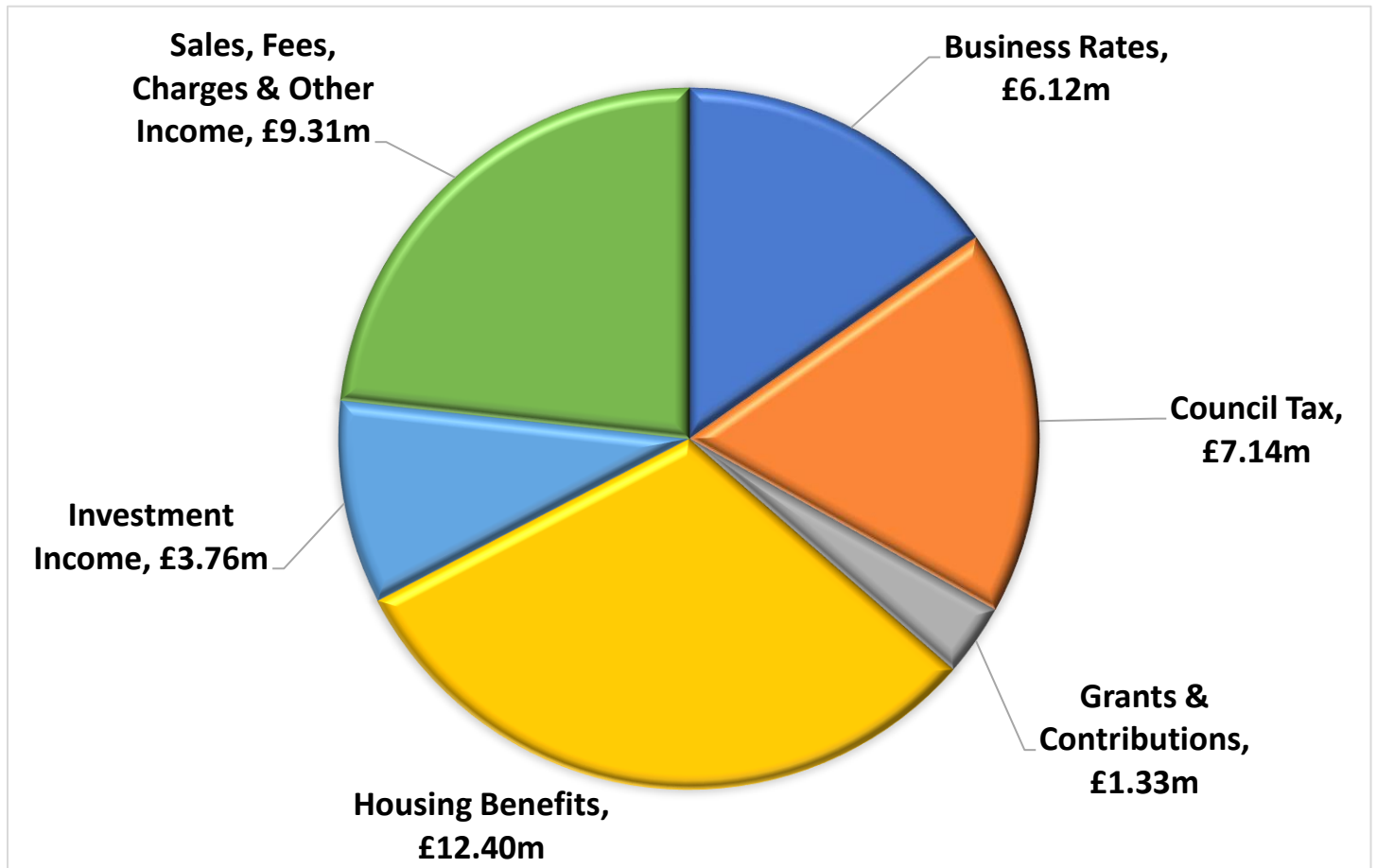
What you pay for services

Band	Suffolk County Council	Police and Crime Commissioner	Babergh District Council	This year	Each week
A	1099.62	193.02	129.15	1421.79	27.34
B	1282.89	225.19	150.68	1658.76	31.90
C	1466.16	257.36	172.20	1895.72	36.46
D	1649.43	289.53	193.73	2132.69	41.01
E	2015.97	353.87	236.78	2606.62	50.13
F	2382.51	418.21	279.83	3080.55	59.24
G	2749.05	482.55	322.88	3554.48	68.36
H	3298.86	579.06	387.46	4265.38	82.03

If you have a parish or town council in your area, your final bill will also include a contribution to them. Your bill will give you the full details. The average cost for a Band D property is £2,132.69

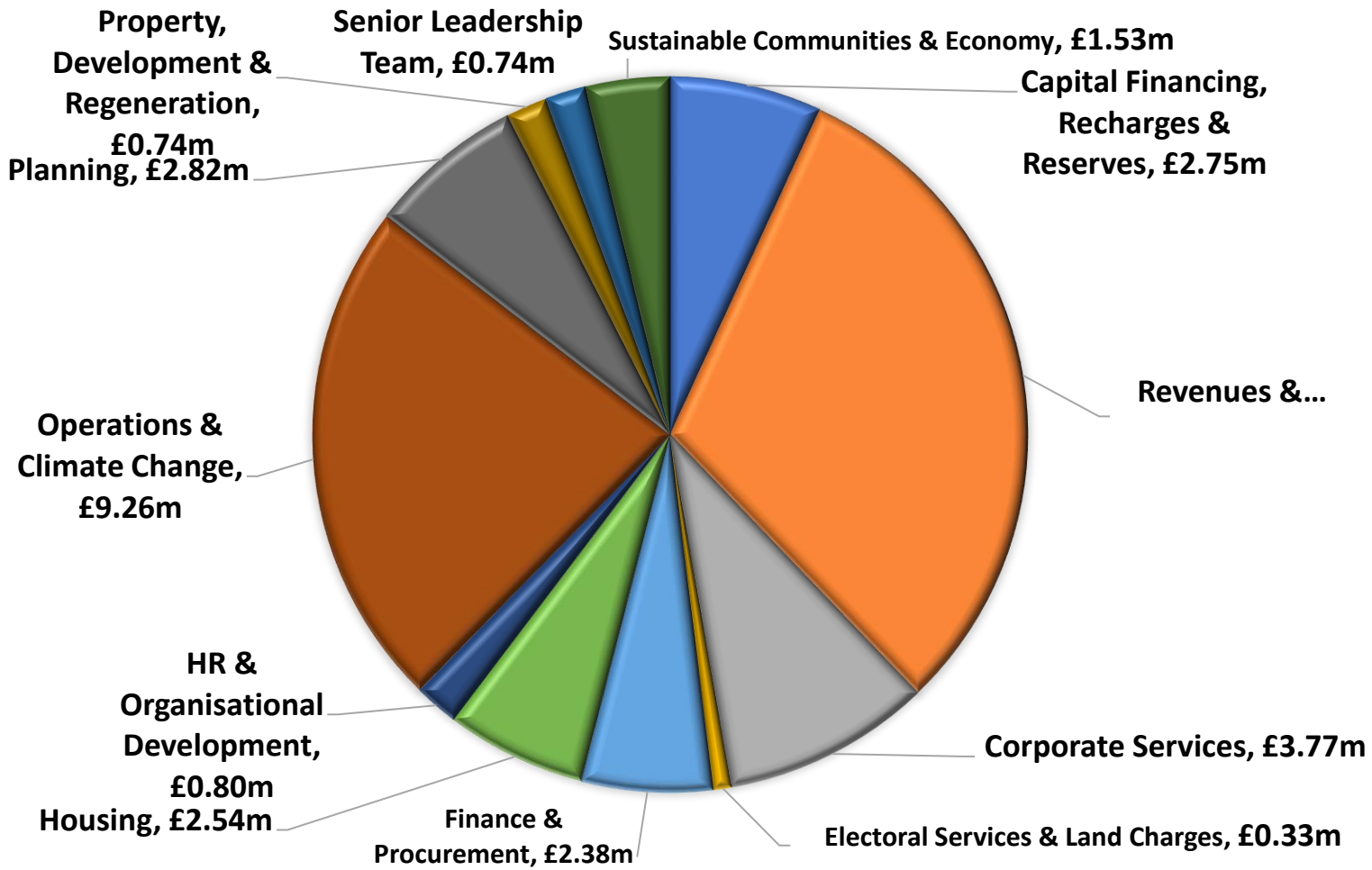
Where the money comes from:

Income 2025/26 - £40.1m



Where we spend our money:

Expenditure 2025/26 - £40.1m



Parish and town councils spending more than £140,000 in 2025/26

Sudbury	2024/25 Budget			2025/26 Budget		
	Gross Spending	Income	Net Spending	Gross Spending	Income	Net Spending
	£ (figures in thousands)			£ (figures in thousands)		
Cemetery	123	-58	65	157	-48	109
Market	66	-82	-16	82	-82	0
Town Hall	120	-17	103	113	-28	85
Other services	408	-81	327	388	-57	331
Councillors' Training and Expenses	8	0	8	8	0	8
Grants	45		45	50	0	50
Administration	303	-32	271	299	-42	257
Capital and Loans	18		18	18	0	18
Contribution to /(from) reserves *	55		55	53	0	53
Total	1,146	-270	876	1,168	-257	911

East Bergholt	2024/25 Budget			2025/26 Budget		
	Gross Spending	Income	Net Spending	Gross Spending	Income	Net Spending
	£ (figures in thousands)			£ (figures in thousands)		
Roads, Footpaths & Flatford (General)	15		15	19		19
Roads, Footpaths & Flatford (Car Park and Toilets)	15		15	16		16
Playing Fields (General)	39		39	20		20
Playing Fields (Constable Hall)	1		1	1		1
Burial Grounds	11	10	1	9	10	-1
Neighbourhood Plan (Review)	28		28	37		37
Strategy, Policy & Finance (Grants))	15		15	15		15
Strategy, Policy & Finance (General)	62	2	60	70	8	62
Young People	20		20	21		21
Total	206	12	194	208	18	190

Great Cornard	2024/25 Budget			2025/26 Budget		
	Gross Spending	Income	Net Spending	Gross Spending	Income	Net Spending
	£ (figures in thousands)			£ (figures in thousands)		
Labour costs	102		102	106		106
Public open spaces	40		40	45		45
Lighting	31		31	31		31
Other services	48	19	29	48	20	28
General expenses	49		49	54		54
Administration	11		11	12		12
Contribution to reserves	19		19	30		30
Total	300	19	281	326	20	306

Long Melford	2024/25 Budget			2025/26 Budget		
	Gross Spending	Income	Net Spending	Gross Spending	Income	Net Spending
	£ (figures in thousands)			£ (figures in thousands)		
Precept	0	175	-175	0	187	-187
Administration	125	13	113	138	22	116
Burial Services	7	40	-33	6	33	-27
Street Lighting Maintenance	15		15	10		10
Long Melford Country Park	22	2	20	21	2	20
Public Toilets	14		14	13		13
Public Places	15	5	11	29		29
Grants	8		8	8		8
Events	5		5	15		15
Council project funding	121	55	66	5		5
Total	333	289	44	243	243	-0

Pinewood	2024/25 Budget			2025/26 Budget		
	Gross Spending	Income	Net Spending	Gross Spending	Income	Net Spending
	£ (figures in thousands)			£ (figures in thousands)		
Administration/Subscriptions	153		153	177		177
Maintenance/Repairs/Bin Emptying	3		3	4		4
Community Hall	0		0	34		34
Loan Repayments	24		24	32		32
Total	180	0	180	246	0	246

Hadleigh	2024/25 Budget			2025/26 Budget		
	Gross Spending	Income	Net Spending	Gross Spending	Income	Net Spending
	£ (figures in thousands)			£ (figures in thousands)		
Administration	261	480	-219	242	486	-244
Hadleigh Pool & Leisure Management Fee	32	0	32	32	0	32
Guildhall and Town Hall	50	0	50	40	0	40
Allotments	4	2	2	4	2	2
Community Areas (Churchyard, War Memorial, Community Amenities)	24	0	24	24	0	24
Sport and recreation	67	9	58	50	7	43
Cemetery	54	25	29	46	30	16
Special Projects	850	364	486	418	120	298
Other expenses	37	13	24	71	9	62
Total	1,379	893	486	927	654	273

Other services include spending for each town or parish for allotments, churchyards, footpaths, lighting, specific local community projects and so on.

* Note: reserves are amounts that are built up for use in future years.