

# Ipswich Borough Council

## COUNCIL TAX INFORMATION 2025/26



### Message from Councillor Neil MacDonald, Leader of Ipswich Borough Council:



Ipswich Borough Council is facing tough financial challenges, and we've stepped up to tackle them. Increased demand for services, rising costs, and ongoing economic uncertainty have put pressure on our budget—so we've acted decisively to protect services and keep Ipswich moving forward.

We're delivering real change with a whole programme of actions. We've already strengthened the Council's finances, maintained services that you value, and stayed committed to our long-term vision: a thriving, growing Ipswich that meets the needs of those that live, work and visit here.

The challenge remains big — we need to deliver our savings programme to meet our £23m savings target over the next four years. That's why we've taken early, tough decisions to keep our finances sustainable while ensuring we continue to support residents, businesses and communities.

We know times are tough for everyone, which is why — for the eighth year running—we're keeping our part of your Council Tax as low as possible at just 2.98% for 2025/26. And with our Local Council Tax Reduction scheme, over 10,000 residents could see their bills frozen or reduced.

Looking ahead, we're focused on delivering real results—economic growth, a cleaner environment and stronger communities. Ipswich Borough Council is shaping a future we can all be proud of.

Where your Council Tax goes		We do all of this and more...		
<p>Every £1 you'll pay each week is split between</p> <p>Ipswich Borough Council 18p. Suffolk County Council 70p. Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner 12p.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benefits</li> <li>• Bin collections, waste and recycling</li> <li>• Business &amp; economic development</li> <li>• Cemeteries &amp; crematorium</li> <li>• Climate emergency</li> <li>• Community wellbeing &amp; safety</li> <li>• Education &amp; jobs</li> <li>• Environmental health</li> <li>• Events, entertainment &amp; venues</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Licensing</li> <li>• My Ipswich online services</li> <li>• Parking, transport &amp; streets</li> <li>• Parks &amp; open spaces</li> <li>• Planning &amp; building control</li> <li>• Sports &amp; fitness</li> <li>• Support for arts, culture and tourism</li> </ul>		
<p>* If you live in a Band B property you'll pay £326.34 for Ipswich Borough Council's services in 2025/26 or around £6 per week. That's a 2.98% rise – or 18 pence a week extra – on Ipswich's share of the bill.</p>				
...delivering on our Vision and Priorities for Ipswich				
1. A thriving town centre	2. Meeting the housing needs of our community	3. A carbon neutral Council	4. Promoting community wellbeing and fairness in Ipswich	5. A financially sustainable Council providing good quality services

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