

# Ipswich Borough Council

## COUNCIL TAX INFORMATION 2026/27



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

Our goal has always been long-term financial stability for Ipswich Borough Council, which enables your council to provide sustainable services that meet everyone's needs and exceed people's expectations with investment in your town.

Ipswich Borough Council has a robust financial plan. This year, the council received the best financial settlement from the Government since 2016, and the council has successfully delivered the majority of the £19m savings plan it started in 2024. That's why I can report that there is no requirement for any new savings programme in our financial plans to 2027, for the first time in at least a decade; an incredible achievement that I am very proud of.

We know that the high cost of living is a continuing challenge, which is why we are keeping your Council Tax increase as low as we can, set at just 2.98% for 2026/27. This ensures we can keep making positive changes to your town.

In the future, you will see a major step change in investment in the town centre, with over £70 million allocated over the next four years. This unprecedented level of investment has been made possible through the decisive, prudent and timely financial decisions we have made.

We are working incredibly hard to ensure we help Ipswich to flourish in line with our strategic aims for a thriving town centre; meeting housing need; becoming a carbon neutral council; community wellbeing and fairness; and, crucial to all of this, long term financial sustainability.

We look to the future, where whatever changes there are to local government, we will ensure that Ipswich continues to grow, adapt and thrive.

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> <p>* If you live in a Band B property you'll pay £336.07 for Ipswich Borough Council's services in 2026/27 or around £6.50 per week. That's a 2.98% rise – or 19 pence a week extra – on Ipswich's share of the bill.</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>• Environmental health</li> <li>• Events, entertainment &amp; venues</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Licensing</li> <li>• My Ipswich online services</li> <li>• Parking and street cleansing</li> <li>• Parks &amp; open spaces</li> <li>• Planning &amp; building control</li> <li>• Skills &amp; jobs</li> <li>• Sports &amp; fitness</li> <li>• Support for arts, culture and tourism</li> </ul>		
...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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