

Your Guide to Council Tax in 2021/22

What is Council Tax?

Council Tax is a local tax set by local councils to help pay for local services. All homes have to pay Council Tax - the amount you pay will depend on the valuation band your home has been placed in by the Valuation Office Agency.

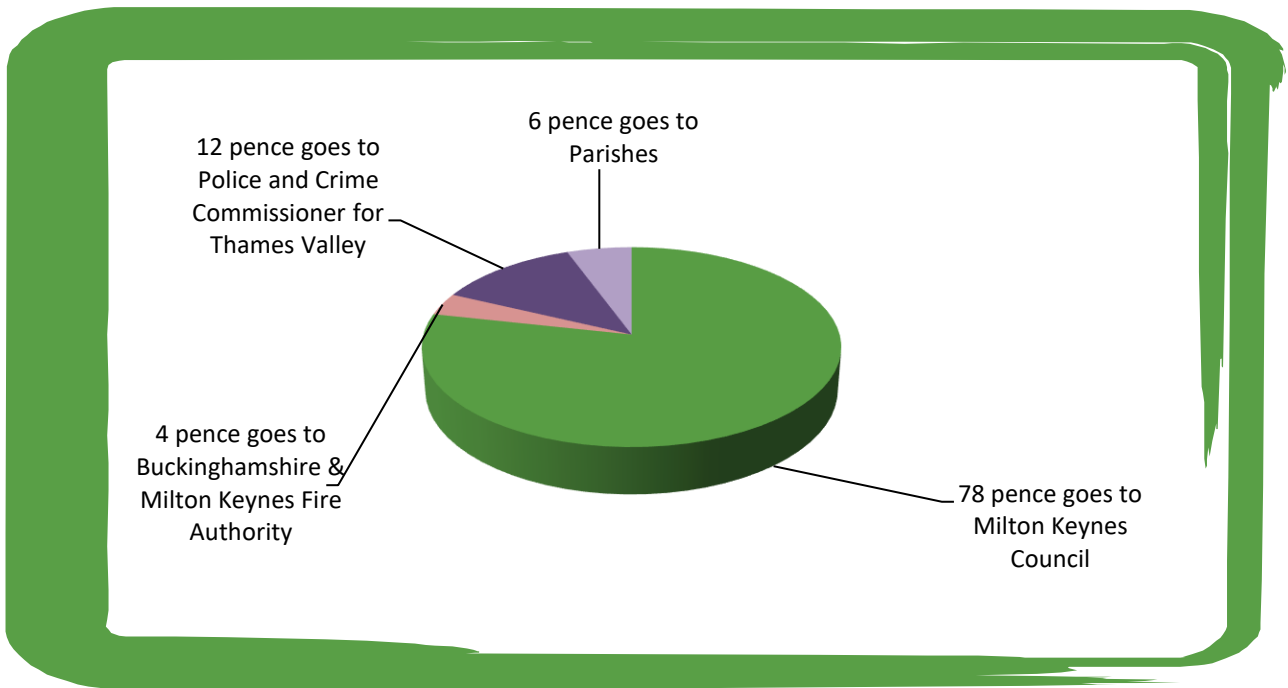
For details about how to pay your Council Tax, please look at the back of your bill.

What does it pay for?

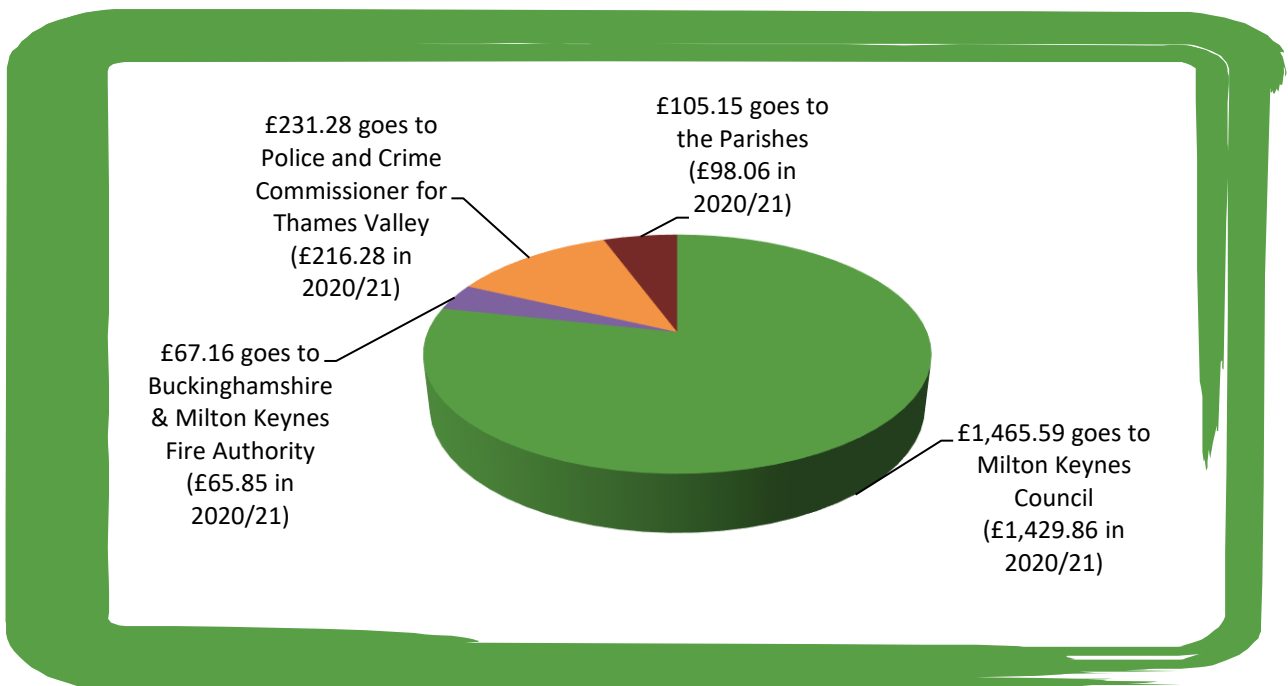
We collect your Council Tax and put it into a separate fund called the Collection Fund.

This year, we need to collect £160.85 million through Council Tax. Out of each Pound we collect, 78 pence will go to Milton Keynes Council to pay for things such as education, social services, libraries, leisure services, refuse collection, street cleansing and parks and open spaces; 12 pence will go to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley; 4 pence will go to Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority; and 6 pence will go to Parish and Town councils (on average).

For every £1 we collect...



For every average Band D Council Tax we collect



How has the Council Tax charge changed this year?

Your Council Tax contributes to the funding of the following bodies; Milton Keynes Council, your parish or town council, Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley and Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority. Milton Keynes only has control over the first of these; the other precepting bodies are separate from Milton Keynes and make their own decisions about the level of their precepts. your Council Tax and put it into a separate fund called the Collection Fund.

Milton Keynes Council has chosen to increase the precept it charges to fund its own expenditure requirement by 2.50%, 0.51% of which is an Adult Social Care levy.

Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority have increased their precept by 1.99% and The Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley have increased their precept by 6.94%.

Your individual parish or town council will have set its precept based on local decisions; therefore this element of your Council Tax bill may have changed from last year depending upon the parish in which you live.

2020/21 Parish Purposes	Area	2021/22 Parish Purposes	2021/22 Parish Precept Band D Equivalent	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£	<i>Key: PC/TC are Parish/Town Councils; PM are Parish Meetings</i>	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
67,768	Abbey Hill (PC)	65,750	46.72	1,207.16	1,408.35	1,609.56	1,810.75	2,213.14	2,615.52	3,017.91	3,621.50
7,158	Astwood & Hardmead (PC)	8,000	61.21	1,216.83	1,419.63	1,622.44	1,825.24	2,230.85	2,636.45	3,042.07	3,650.48
722,473	Bletchley & Fenny Stratford (TC)	732,147	145.00	1,272.69	1,484.80	1,696.92	1,909.03	2,333.26	2,757.48	3,181.72	3,818.06
17,000	Bow Brickhill (PC)	27,000	101.29	1,243.55	1,450.80	1,658.07	1,865.32	2,279.84	2,694.35	3,108.87	3,730.64
146,242	Bradwell (PC)	144,159	54.08	1,212.07	1,414.08	1,616.10	1,818.11	2,222.14	2,626.16	3,030.18	3,636.22
189,152	Broughton & Milton Keynes (PC)	197,322	33.69	1,198.48	1,398.22	1,597.98	1,797.72	2,197.22	2,596.70	2,996.20	3,595.44
0	Calverton (PM)	0	0.00	1,176.02	1,372.02	1,568.03	1,764.03	2,156.04	2,548.04	2,940.05	3,528.06
734,401	Campbell Park (PC)	753,508	193.82	1,305.23	1,522.77	1,740.31	1,957.85	2,392.93	2,828.00	3,263.08	3,915.70
33,202	Castlethorpe (PC)	31,944	72.52	1,224.37	1,428.42	1,632.49	1,836.55	2,244.68	2,652.79	3,060.92	3,673.10
151,886	Central Milton Keynes (TC)	152,700	77.97	1,228.00	1,432.66	1,637.34	1,842.00	2,251.34	2,660.66	3,070.00	3,684.00
579	Chicheley (PM)	500	13.03	1,184.71	1,382.15	1,579.61	1,777.06	2,171.97	2,566.86	2,961.77	3,554.12
7,468	Clifton Reynes & Newton Blossomville (PC)	7,000	34.94	1,199.31	1,399.20	1,599.09	1,798.97	2,198.74	2,598.51	2,998.28	3,597.94
750	Cold Brayfield (PM)	0	0.00	1,176.02	1,372.02	1,568.03	1,764.03	2,156.04	2,548.04	2,940.05	3,528.06
17,905	Emberton (PC)	18,000	63.99	1,218.68	1,421.79	1,624.91	1,828.02	2,234.25	2,640.47	3,046.70	3,656.04
39,686	Fairfields (PC)	45,276	49.25	1,208.85	1,410.33	1,611.81	1,813.28	2,216.23	2,619.18	3,022.13	3,626.56
2,670	Gayhurst (PM)	2,000	23.41	1,191.63	1,390.23	1,588.84	1,787.44	2,184.65	2,581.85	2,979.07	3,574.88
429,703	Great Linford (PC)	594,359	97.73	1,241.17	1,448.03	1,654.90	1,861.76	2,275.49	2,689.21	3,102.93	3,723.52
127,962	Hanslope (PC)	124,860	119.08	1,255.41	1,464.64	1,673.88	1,883.11	2,301.58	2,720.04	3,138.52	3,766.22
22,400	Haversham & Little Linford (PC)	22,848	71.72	1,223.83	1,427.80	1,631.78	1,835.75	2,243.70	2,651.64	3,059.58	3,671.50
113,987	Kents Hill, Monkston & Brinklow (PC)	111,700	44.30	1,205.55	1,406.48	1,607.41	1,808.33	2,210.18	2,612.03	3,013.88	3,616.66
1,500	Lathbury (PM)	750	12.87	1,184.60	1,382.03	1,579.47	1,776.90	2,171.77	2,566.63	2,961.50	3,553.80
31,372	Lavendon (PC)	32,450	58.48	1,215.01	1,417.50	1,620.01	1,822.51	2,227.52	2,632.51	3,037.52	3,645.02
12,130	Little Brickhill (PC)	12,530	69.49	1,222.35	1,426.07	1,629.80	1,833.52	2,240.97	2,648.41	3,055.87	3,667.04
89,750	Loughton & Great Holm (PC)	88,016	39.81	1,202.56	1,402.98	1,603.42	1,803.84	2,204.70	2,605.54	3,006.40	3,607.68
6,330	Moulsoe (PC)	6,296	46.73	1,207.17	1,408.37	1,609.57	1,810.76	2,213.15	2,615.54	3,017.93	3,621.52
71,016	New Bradwell (PC)	75,588	87.11	1,234.09	1,439.77	1,645.46	1,851.14	2,262.51	2,673.87	3,085.23	3,702.28
706,664	Newport Pagnell (TC)	953,996	185.13	1,299.44	1,516.01	1,732.59	1,949.16	2,382.31	2,815.45	3,248.60	3,898.32
18,202	North Crawley (PC)	20,423	60.49	1,216.35	1,419.07	1,621.80	1,824.52	2,229.97	2,635.41	3,040.87	3,649.04
260,000	Olney (TC)	285,000	110.45	1,249.65	1,457.93	1,666.21	1,874.48	2,291.03	2,707.58	3,124.13	3,748.96

2020/21 Parish Purposes	Area	2021/22 Parish Purposes	2021/22 Parish Precept Band D Equivalent	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
55,297	Simpson & Ashland (PC)	56,900	101.75	1,243.85	1,451.16	1,658.47	1,865.78	2,280.40	2,695.01	3,109.63	3,731.56
401,299	Stantonbury (PC)	394,420	128.43	1,261.64	1,471.91	1,682.19	1,892.46	2,313.01	2,733.55	3,154.10	3,784.92
15,549	Stoke Goldington (PC)	17,077	65.21	1,219.49	1,422.74	1,625.99	1,829.24	2,235.74	2,642.23	3,048.73	3,658.48
223,374	Stony Stratford (TC)	219,869	87.51	1,234.36	1,440.08	1,645.82	1,851.54	2,263.00	2,674.44	3,085.90	3,703.08
1,525	Tyringham & Filgrave (PM)	1,550	14.05	1,185.37	1,382.94	1,580.51	1,778.08	2,173.20	2,568.33	2,963.46	3,556.16
417,900	Walton (PC)	409,307	98.45	1,241.65	1,448.59	1,655.54	1,862.48	2,276.37	2,690.25	3,104.13	3,724.96
0	Warrington (PM)	0	0.00	1,176.02	1,372.02	1,568.03	1,764.03	2,156.04	2,548.04	2,940.05	3,528.06
26,920	Wavendon (PC)	38,800	47.61	1,207.76	1,409.05	1,610.35	1,811.64	2,214.23	2,616.81	3,019.40	3,623.28
1,008,424	West Bletchley (PC)	1,032,878	153.71	1,278.49	1,491.57	1,704.66	1,917.74	2,343.91	2,770.07	3,196.23	3,835.48
10,325	Weston Underwood (PC)	10,016	81.64	1,230.45	1,435.52	1,640.60	1,845.67	2,255.82	2,665.96	3,076.12	3,691.34
52,285	Whitehouse (PC)	60,784	58.00	1,214.69	1,417.13	1,619.59	1,822.03	2,226.93	2,631.82	3,036.72	3,644.06
132,514	Woburn Sands (TC)	139,420	97.45	1,240.99	1,447.81	1,654.65	1,861.48	2,275.15	2,688.80	3,102.47	3,722.96
449,105	Wolverton & Greenleys (TC)	437,738	122.64	1,257.78	1,467.41	1,677.04	1,886.67	2,305.93	2,725.19	3,144.45	3,773.34
574,889	Woughton (PC)	577,812	253.15	1,344.79	1,568.91	1,793.05	2,017.18	2,465.45	2,913.70	3,361.97	4,034.36
	AVERAGE AMOUNT			1,246.12	1,453.81	1,661.49	1,869.18	2,284.55	2,699.93	3,115.30	3,738.36
8,501,088	TOTAL	9,065,655									

Property Band Variations

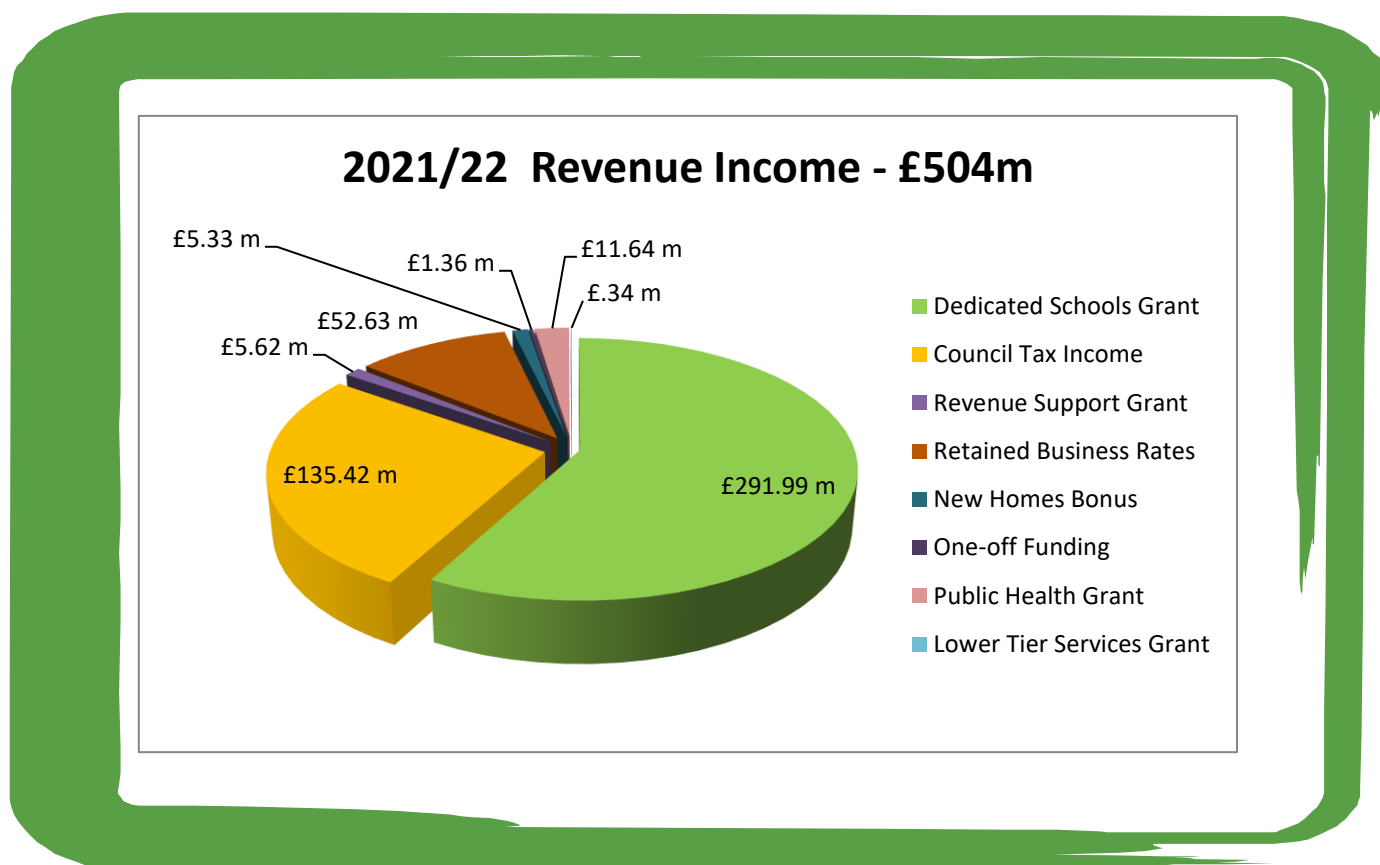
The table on the previous two pages shows how much Council Tax you have to pay, depending on where you live and which valuation band your home is in. Parish and Town Councils need extra money to pay for things like community centres, footpaths and extra street lighting.

Please contact your parish council for further information.

Funding the 2021/22 Budget

Council tax is only one part of the Council's income.

This chart shows how Milton Keynes Council's expenditure is funded.



Overall, next year the expenditure of Milton Keynes and the Parish Councils will be £504 million, which is approximately £1,872 for everyone who lives in Milton Keynes.

Council Tax Requirement

Council Tax Income is broken down in the table below.

	2020/21	2021/22
	Council Tax Requirement £m	Council Tax Requirement £m
Milton Keynes Council	123.954	126.354
Parish Councils	8.501	9.066
Total Council Tax Requirement	132.456	135.420

The Changes Explained

The changes in the Councils budget from 2020/21 to 2021/22 have been analysed below.

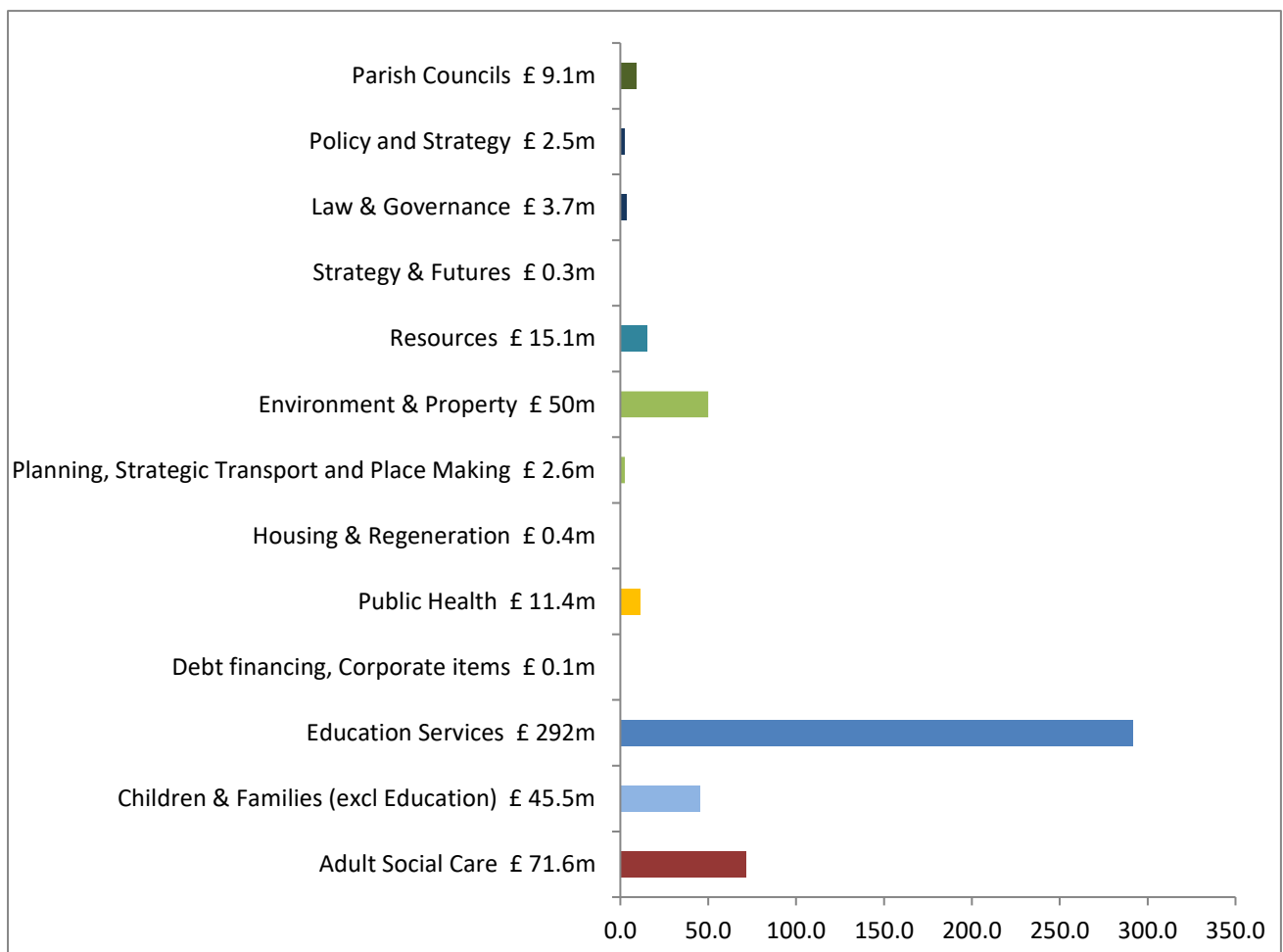
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Total Budget 2020/21	482.2
Total Budget 2021/22	504.3
Variation:	
Inflationary Increases & Other Base Budget Changes	4.4
Demographic Growth	16.6
Other Pressures	3.7
Budget Reductions/Income Proposals	-9.2
Decrease in Use of One-off Funding	-15.6
Increase in Grant-Funded Spend including Education & Social Care	21.6
Increase in Parish Costs	0.6
Total Changes Explained	22.1

What we will spend it on

The Councils net 2021/22 budget is £504 million, which includes Dedicated Schools Grant funded expenditure of £292 million.

The Council provides more than 200 services for the people of Milton Keynes. The graph below shows the cost of the major services in 2021/22.

Milton Keynes Council gross expenditure 2021/22 is estimated to be £697 million including schools.



Parish Precepts Collected through your Council Tax Bill

In accordance with Government guidelines, your parish council precept is shown separately on the front of your bill. We are required to detail parish precepts exceeding £140,000. These are shown on the next table.

Parish Council	2020/21	2021/22				
	Total for own purposes £	Gross Spend £	Gross Income £	Reserve movement £	Total for own purposes £	Band D charge £
Bletchley & Fenny Stratford	722,473	964,366	(147,767)	(84,452)	732,147	145.00
Bradwell	146,242	340,410	(12,444)	(183,807)	144,159	54.08
Broughton and Milton Keynes	189,152	230,467	(19,699)	(13,446)	197,322	33.69
Central Milton Keynes	151,886	105,964	0	46,736	152,700	77.97
Campbell Park	734,401	757,969	(4,461)	0	753,508	193.82
Great Linford	429,703	825,486	(185,931)	(45,196)	594,359	97.73
Newport Pagnell	706,664	1,015,497	(62,058)	557	953,996	185.13
Olney	260,000	387,900	(118,295)	15,395	285,000	110.45
Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe	709,538	942,627	(114,032)	(62,840)	765,755	89.00
Shenley Church End	338,392	412,477	(73,100)	(4,752)	334,625	73.00
Stantonbury	401,299	431,225	(12,601)	(24,204)	394,420	128.43
Stony Stratford	223,374	442,661	(222,867)	75	219,869	87.51
Walton	417,900	464,512	(23,405)	(31,800)	409,307	98.45
West Bletchley	1,008,424	1,206,880	(147,758)	(26,244)	1,032,878	153.71
Wolverton & Greenleys	449,105	474,276	(36,538)	0	437,738	122.64
Woughton	574,889	938,053	(265,869)	(94,372)	577,812	253.15

For further commentary on individual parish or town councils budgets please contact them directly.

Other Precepts collected through your Council Tax Bill

Precepting body	2020/21	2021/22	
	Total precept £m	Total precept £m	Band D charge £
Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley	18.749	19.940	231.28
Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority	5.709	5.790	67.16
Total	24.458	25.730	298.44

Further financial information in respect of the Fire and Police Authorities is included in the leaflets provided by those bodies.

Levies paid to other organisations by Milton Keynes Council

Levies are payments made to other organisations that are funded by local authorities, as detailed below:

Levying body	2020/21		2021/22	
	Levy £m	Gross expenditure £m	Levy £m	Gross expenditure £m
Environment Agency (Anglian Region) - Flood Defence	0.149	22.415*	0.151	22.041
Buckingham & River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board	0.332	1.399	0.332	1.271
Total	0.481	41.778	0.483	23.312

*2020/21 gross expenditure figure is revised.

Flood Defence: Changes in the Gross Budgeted Expenditure between the years reflects the programme of works for both capital and revenue needed by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to which we contribute.

Drainage Board: Gross budgeted expenditure reflects the continuation of the Board's strategic management programme of both Maintenance and Capital Works to improve the condition of watercourses, flood storage assets and flood defence structures, prioritised by level of risk.