



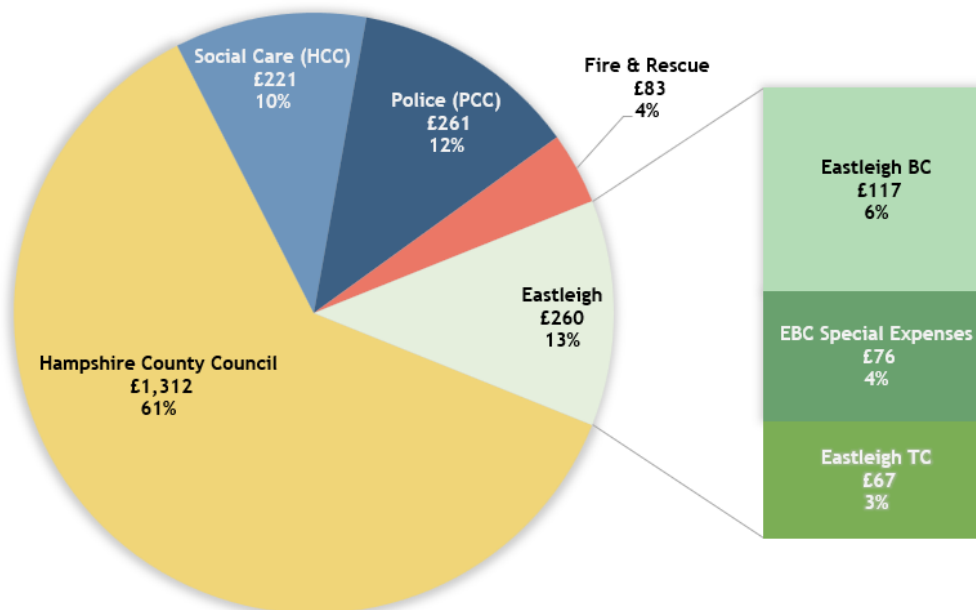
Town Council Precept

You will have received the Council Tax demand for the next financial year which includes the separate precept amount set by Eastleigh Town Council. We want to ensure that you have more information on how that figure has been calculated rather than a simple line on your demand letter.

In the year just gone (2024 2025):

- **Eastleigh Town Council precept:** 3% of the total council tax paid by Eastleigh Town residents, amounting to £67 for a band D property.
- **Special Expenses** (charged by Eastleigh Borough Council for services provided on behalf of Eastleigh Town Council): 4% of the total, amounting to £76 for a band D property.

The full breakdown of your council tax for 2024 25 is below.



The Town Council has been making progress since its establishment in 2022, with a particular focus on taking over the management of local services for our area from Eastleigh Borough Council. Running the six allotment sites represents a key step towards local empowerment and sustainability. We have partnered with volunteers and community organisations to promote the **Greening Campaign** demonstrating the Town Council's commitment to tackling climate change by engaging the community in meaningful action.

We have been focusing on community engagement and sustainability, working closely with residents to understand your needs and priorities. Our approach of setting clear strategic goals and delivering

on projects that benefit the local community will lead to positive outcomes for Eastleigh Town in the coming years.

For 2025 2026, Eastleigh Town Council precept will be £77.57 per band D property, which is £6.46 per month or £1.49 per week.

The Town Council has made a conscious effort to keep the increase in precept costs as manageable as possible while transitioning services from Eastleigh Borough Council. The **£10.47 increase** for the 2025 2026 financial year reflects the transfer of responsibilities from EBC's Eastleigh Local Area Committee to Eastleigh Town Council, a community building and the Christmas event.

Our increase is offset by a £10.80 reduction in the Special Expenses charged by Eastleigh Borough Council from the overall council tax to help offset costs and drawing on **reserves** set aside for this purpose, we have managed to provide a **small reduction of 33p** on the overall bill. At all times during the process, the Town Council has been mindful of its budgeting and where possible to ease the financial burden on residents as we take on more services.

What are we planning to achieve in 2025 2026 with your £77.57 (band D equivalent)?

New activities	Continuing and Improving existing
Community Building: As a Town Council office with community space for hire by groups or residents	Greening Campaign: Continuing to work with volunteers, schools and community organisations to learn to respect our environment and retain the areas of natural green space you tell us you value.
Christmas Lights and Event: Management of the popular Christmas Event working alongside our local businesses, EBC and Eastleigh BID to deliver the event you want to visit	Community Grants: Making available £10,000 of grant funds for local communities to use to enhance their services or plans for their communities.
Town Centre Enhancements: Through our Greening Campaign bringing back hanging baskets, updating and caring for our planters around our town centre	Sponsorship: Supporting key events taking place in the Town to a value of a further £10,000.
Supporting remembrance events: Working with our community organisations to commemorate VE Day and Remembrance in all the areas of our town.	Improving our Communication: Updating our council website to provide the information you require for your day-to-day questions on all things council
Focusing on Community Safety: Providing Speed Indicator Devices and a community speed watch to reduce the hazards for our residents on the Town's roads, supporting schools with crossing patrols if needed, reviewing areas of safety needs and providing funds to improve barriers.	Including you in our decisions: Increasing our outgoing information, and holding sessions where you can give us your feedback – maybe with a warm drink and friends
Continuing to transfer services and assets from EBC to deliver on your behalf and with your input.	

If you are interested in learning more about specific budget details, upcoming plans, or want to voice any concerns or ideas, reaching out via the **Town Clerk's email** or contacting elected councillors through the website would be a great way to get involved.

To contact us, you can email the Town Clerk townclerk@eastleigh-tc.gov.uk or any of our elected councillors whom you can find on our website <https://eastleigh-tc.gov.uk/councillors/>.