

# MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL 2026/27

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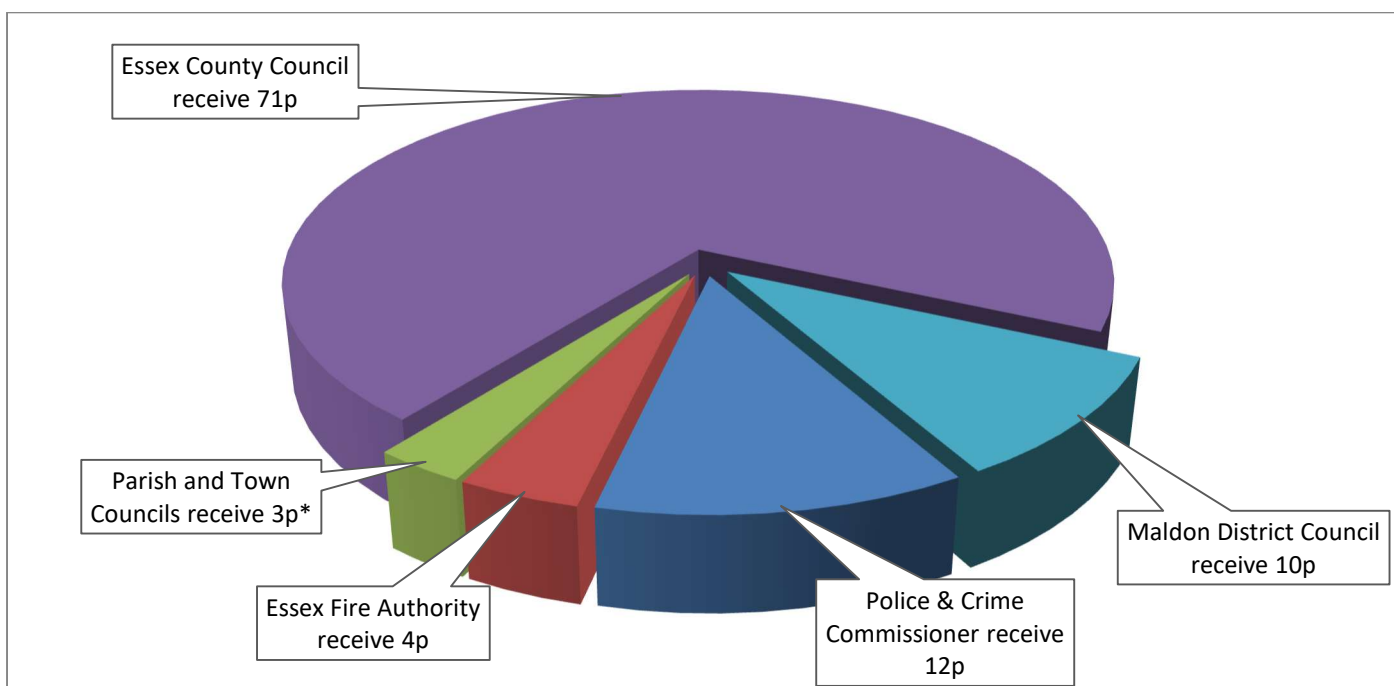
## COUNCIL TAX

Maldon District Council collects your Council Tax and puts it into a separate fund called the Collection Fund. We share this fund with these preceptors: Essex County Council, Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority for both Fire and Police services and the Parish and Town councils.

This year we need to collect £6,521 million in Council Tax for all these preceptors.

Every £1 of Council Tax is shared in the following way:

- Essex County Council receives 71p
- Maldon District Council receives 10p
- Essex Police & Crime Commissioner – Policing and Community Safety receives 12p
- Essex Fire & Rescue Authority receives 4p
- Parish and Town Councils receive 3p (\*note: this is an average across all the parish & town councils)



Essex County Council uses Council Tax to pay for services such as social services, highways and libraries.

Maldon District Council uses Council Tax to help pay for services such as collecting rubbish, street cleansing, planning, leisure services, maintaining open spaces and improving facilities for our community.

## HOW WE WORK OUT YOUR COUNCIL TAX

The table shows how much we plan to spend on each of our main services. We collect some of this money through Council Tax, but we have two other main sources of income – government grants and Business Rates.

The Government pays us grants out of the taxes it collects. We collect Business Rates and share these out between Central Government, Maldon District Council, Essex County Council and Essex Fire Authority.

	Spending (after income)		Band D equivalent (2026/27)
	Last year (2025/26)	This year (2026/27)	
	£ thousands	£ thousands	£
Service Delivery	5,879	0	0
Strategy Performance and Governance	6,026	0	0
Resources	1,175	0	0
Neighbourhood Services and Communities	0	5,512	201.96
Legal & Governance	0	2,742	100.47
Place, Planning & Growth	0	2,026	74.23
Finance	0	1,962	71.89
Strategy & Improvement	0	1,439	52.72
Chief Executive	0	218	7.99
<b>Net cost of services</b>	<b>13,080</b>	<b>13,899</b>	<b>509.25</b>
Interest on investments	-664	-800	-29.31
<b>Net operating expenditure</b>	<b>12,416</b>	<b>13,099</b>	<b>479.94</b>
Impact of forward pension deficit funding	120	0	0
General grants and income	-2,677	-999	-36.60
Fair funding allocation	0	-4,700	-172.21
(Use of)/ Contribution to balances and reserves	-192	-879	-32.20
<b>Expenditure to be funded</b>	<b>9,667</b>	<b>6,522</b>	<b>238.95</b>
Business Rate Retention	-3,337	0	0
Collection fund adjustments	-100	0	0
<b>Council Tax requirement (how much we need)</b>	<b>6,230</b>	<b>6,522</b>	<b>238.95</b>

## FACING COST INCREASES

Maldon District Council has increased its 2026/27 Council Tax charges by 2.99%. This sees a Band D charge increase from £232.01 to £238.95. This equates to an increase of £6.96 over the year, equivalent to an additional 13.0p per week.

The table below shows some of the cost pressures facing the council.

	£ thousands	Band D equivalent £
<b>Money needed for 2025/26</b>	<b>6,230</b>	<b>232.01</b>
Changes in net spending on services	819	
Changes in return on investments	-136	
Changes to Council Tax Prior Year (Surplus) Deficit	45	
Changes in grants	704	

Change in use of reserves	-806	
Change in Business Rates Retention	-335	
<b>The amount we need to raise in 2026/27</b>	<b>6,522</b>	<b>238.95</b>

## HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE TO PAY?

We work out your Council Tax after totalling the money each of the four authorities listed below requires. If for example your home is in band D, the average Council Tax for this year will be £2,248.74, plus an amount you must pay to your local Parish or Town Council. (This is shown on your Council Tax bill).

The table below shows the Council Tax for an average property in band D.

	Amount required (2026/27)	Council Tax for each property in band D
	£	£
Essex County Council – Precept (Inc. ASC)	44,814,014	1,641.96
Maldon District Council	6,521,662	238.95
Essex PFCC: Policing & C' Safety**	7,514,035	275.31
PFCC for Essex: Fire and Rescue Authority*	2,525,148	92.52
<b>Total (not including parish and town councils)</b>	<b>61,374,860</b>	<b>2,248.74</b>

\* This is the abbreviation as shown on the Council Tax Bill; the full title is Essex Police Fire & Crime Commissioner – Fire & Rescue Authority.

\*\* This is the abbreviation as shown on the Council Tax Bill; the full title is Police Fire & Crime Commissioner for Essex – Policing and Community Safety Essex Police.

## EXCESSIVE TAX RISES

The Localism Act 2011 says that if any major authority (which excludes Parishes and Town Councils) sets an excessive basic amount of Council Tax, then the billing authority (Maldon District Council) must hold a referendum. The electorate will then decide whether to approve the excessive Council Tax. If it is not approved by majority vote, a lower amount will be set using the Secretary of State's guidelines. No major authority has exceeded the threshold for 2026/27.

## PARISH OR TOWN COUNCILS THAT REQUIRE MORE THAN £140,000

A breakdown of the Council Tax requirement for those Parish or Town Councils whose Council Tax requirement for 2026/27 is equal to or more than £140,000 is detailed below.

<b>MALDON TOWN COUNCIL</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>
	£	£
Expenditure	639,275	608,432
Income	-152,005	-81,792
<b>Council Tax requirement (how much we need)</b>	<b>487,270</b>	<b>526,640</b>

<b>HEYBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>
	£	£
Expenditure	273,800	346,800
Income	-35,000	-30,000
Add to/ (Use of) Reserves	21,200	3,200
<b>Council Tax requirement (how much we need)</b>	<b>260,000</b>	<b>320,000</b>

<b>BURNHAM ON CROUCH TOWN COUNCIL</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>
	£	£
Expenditure	286,933	290,858
Income & Reserves	-38,623	16,710
<b>Council Tax requirement (how much we need)</b>	<b>248,310</b>	<b>274,148</b>

<b>SOUTHMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>
	£	£
Expenditure	229,205	257,625
Income	-66,362	-78,498
<b>Council Tax requirement (how much we need)</b>	<b>162,843</b>	<b>179,127</b>

## PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SPENDING

This table shows each Parish or Town Council's Council Tax requirement (how much they need).

Parish or Town	2025/26	2026/27	Band D Charge
	£	£	£
Althorne	28,080	29,344	56.65
Asheldham	4,344	4,403	64.37
Bradwell-on-Sea	27,900	28,843	81.64
Burnham-on-Crouch	248,310	274,147	70.71
Cold Norton	47,031	49,499	97.02
Dengie	2,951	3,038	64.37
Goldhanger	12,500	12,750	42.11
Great Braxted	13,997	17,417	90.01
Great Totham	39,716	51,660	33.84
Hazeleigh	2,552	3,090	18.51
Heybridge	260,000	320,000	110.53
Heybridge Basin	30,500	29,000	104.09
Langford	8,199	9,539	106.70
Latchingdon	44,210	44,265	82.63
Little Braxted	5,100	5,335	65.06
Little Totham	9,508	9,983	52.10
Maldon	487,270	526,640	87.22
Mayland	107,428	107,428	71.75
Mundon	8,600	9,600	64.17
North Fambridge	24,150	34,631	63.46
Purleigh	49,000	53,500	90.22
Southminster	162,843	179,127	108.34
St. Lawrence	35,169	36,962	60.48
Steeple	12,036	14,848	76.69
Stow Maries	7,652	8,417	93.21
Tillingham	38,273	40,000	97.58
Tollesbury	123,946	132,666	126.44
Tolleshunt D'arcy	25,730	26,890	59.74
Tolleshunt Knights	17,306	23,000	52.06
Tolleshunt Major	13,500	14,000	50.89
Ulting	6,301	7,231	87.02
Wickham Bishops	24,530	26,200	25.66
Woodham Mortimer	5,211	4,906	18.51
Woodham Walter	34,213	34,897	120.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,968,056</b>	<b>2,173,256</b>	<b>2,494.20</b>

## COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT (HOW MUCH WE NEED) INCLUDING PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

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

Parish/Town	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Althorne	1,536.93	1,793.08	2,049.24	2,305.39	2,817.70	3,330.01	3,842.32	4,610.78
Asheldham	1,542.07	1,799.09	2,056.10	2,313.11	2,827.13	3,341.16	3,855.18	4,626.22
Bradwell-on-Sea	1,553.59	1,812.52	2,071.45	2,330.38	2,848.24	3,366.10	3,883.97	4,660.76
Burnham-on-Crouch	1,546.30	1,804.02	2,061.73	2,319.45	2,834.88	3,350.32	3,865.75	4,638.90
Cold Norton	1,563.84	1,824.48	2,085.12	2,345.76	2,867.04	3,388.32	3,909.60	4,691.52
Dengie	1,542.07	1,799.09	2,056.10	2,313.11	2,827.13	3,341.16	3,855.18	4,626.22
Goldhanger	1,527.23	1,781.77	2,036.31	2,290.85	2,799.93	3,309.01	3,818.08	4,581.70
Great Braxted	1,559.17	1,819.03	2,078.89	2,338.75	2,858.47	3,378.19	3,897.92	4,677.50
Great Totham	1,521.72	1,775.34	2,028.96	2,282.58	2,789.82	3,297.06	3,804.30	4,565.16
Hazeleigh	1,511.50	1,763.42	2,015.33	2,267.25	2,771.08	3,274.92	3,778.75	4,534.50
Heybridge	1,572.85	1,834.99	2,097.13	2,359.27	2,883.55	3,407.83	3,932.12	4,718.54
Heybridge Basin	1,568.55	1,829.98	2,091.40	2,352.83	2,875.68	3,398.53	3,921.38	4,705.66
Langford	1,570.29	1,832.01	2,093.72	2,355.44	2,878.87	3,402.30	3,925.73	4,710.88
Latchingdon	1,554.25	1,813.29	2,072.33	2,331.37	2,849.45	3,367.53	3,885.62	4,662.74
Little Braxted	1,542.53	1,799.62	2,056.71	2,313.80	2,827.98	3,342.16	3,856.33	4,627.60
Little Totham	1,533.89	1,789.54	2,045.19	2,300.84	2,812.14	3,323.44	3,834.73	4,601.68
Maldon	1,557.31	1,816.86	2,076.41	2,335.96	2,855.06	3,374.16	3,893.27	4,671.92
Mayland	1,546.99	1,804.83	2,062.66	2,320.49	2,836.15	3,351.82	3,867.48	4,640.98
Mundon	1,541.94	1,798.93	2,055.92	2,312.91	2,826.89	3,340.87	3,854.85	4,625.82
North Fambridge	1,541.47	1,798.38	2,055.29	2,312.20	2,826.02	3,339.84	3,853.67	4,624.40
Purleigh	1,559.31	1,819.19	2,079.08	2,338.96	2,858.73	3,378.50	3,898.27	4,677.92
Southminster	1,571.39	1,833.28	2,095.18	2,357.08	2,880.88	3,404.67	3,928.47	4,714.16
St. Lawrence	1,539.48	1,796.06	2,052.64	2,309.22	2,822.38	3,335.54	3,848.70	4,618.44

Steeple	1,550.29	1,808.67	2,067.05	2,325.43	2,842.19	3,358.95	3,875.72	4,650.86
Stow Maries	1,561.30	1,821.52	2,081.73	2,341.95	2,862.38	3,382.82	3,903.25	4,683.90
Tillingham	1,564.21	1,824.92	2,085.62	2,346.32	2,867.72	3,389.13	3,910.53	4,692.64
Tollesbury	1,583.45	1,847.36	2,111.27	2,375.18	2,903.00	3,430.82	3,958.63	4,750.36
Tolleshunt D'arcy	1,538.99	1,795.48	2,051.98	2,308.48	2,821.48	3,334.47	3,847.47	4,616.96
Tolleshunt Knights	1,533.87	1,789.51	2,045.16	2,300.80	2,812.09	3,323.38	3,834.67	4,601.60
Tolleshunt Major	1,533.09	1,788.60	2,044.12	2,299.63	2,810.66	3,321.69	3,832.72	4,599.26
Ulting	1,557.17	1,816.70	2,076.23	2,335.76	2,854.82	3,373.88	3,892.93	4,671.52
Wickham Bishops	1,516.27	1,768.98	2,021.69	2,274.40	2,779.82	3,285.24	3,790.67	4,548.80
Woodham Mortimer	1,511.50	1,763.42	2,015.33	2,267.25	2,771.08	3,274.92	3,778.75	4,534.50
Woodham Walter	1,579.44	1,842.68	2,105.92	2,369.16	2,895.64	3,422.12	3,948.60	4,738.32

## DATA PROTECTION

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