

# Your council tax explained

County council services and  
how your money is spent 2020/21

Look after **780**  
children in care

Receive over  
**1 million**  
visits to our household  
waste recycling centres

Receive approx.  
**2.4 million**  
visits to our  
44 libraries

Support **70** Community  
Action Groups

Manage **280,063**  
tonnes of household  
waste, of which **58%**  
was recycled

Support over **7,000**  
adults with long-term  
care needs

Invest at least **£12.6m** in  
cycling and walking schemes

Repair over  
**\*37,000**  
road defects  
reported on  
fixmystreet  
\*2019/20



**OXFORDSHIRE**  
COUNTY COUNCIL



## WASTE AND RECYCLING

Household waste recycling centres  
[oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste](https://oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste)

### Bin collections:

- [westoxon.gov.uk/bins](https://westoxon.gov.uk/bins)
- [cherwell.gov.uk/bins](https://cherwell.gov.uk/bins)
- [southoxon.gov.uk/bins](https://southoxon.gov.uk/bins)
- [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/bins](https://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/bins)
- [oxford.gov.uk/recycling](https://oxford.gov.uk/recycling)

Recycling advice

[oxfordshirerecycles.org.uk](https://oxfordshirerecycles.org.uk)  
[oxfordshire.gov.uk/wastewizard](https://oxfordshire.gov.uk/wastewizard)

## REPORT

Potholes, faulty street  
or traffic lights

[fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk](https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

## LIBRARIES

Find your local library, renew and  
reserve, borrow e-books and audio  
books, and find events.

If you are new to the library sign up  
for your free library card and enjoy  
all of what Oxfordshire Libraries  
offer. There is so much to see, do,  
learn and explore.

[oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](https://oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries)

## SCHOOLS

For admissions, term  
dates and holidays

[oxfordshire.gov.uk/schools](https://oxfordshire.gov.uk/schools)

## SUPPORT SERVICES

Find local support services  
at Live Well Oxfordshire

[oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell](https://oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell)

## YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Oxfordshire County Council has 63 county councillors who  
you vote for every four years. The next election will be held  
on **Thursday 6 May 2021**. Your county councillor can help if  
you have a query or concern about the council's services by  
offering advice or directing you to someone who can help  
[oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshire-councillors](https://oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshire-councillors)

### Dear resident,

This booklet is about the services provided  
by Oxfordshire County Council, how they are  
funded and our vision for our wonderful county.

Top of the list for many people are roads, so this year we will  
spend £30 million on maintenance and invest over £80 million  
to improve transport and connectivity. We will also improve road  
safety, with better pedestrian crossings and bus stop facilities.

We will encourage walking and cycling to encourage healthy lifestyles  
and improve air quality. The council has promised to reduce its net  
carbon emissions to zero by 2030 and our climate change commitment  
informs every decision we take.

We want to give every child the best start in life, and help older or  
disabled people live independently. Services will be redesigned to  
prevent problems before they happen.

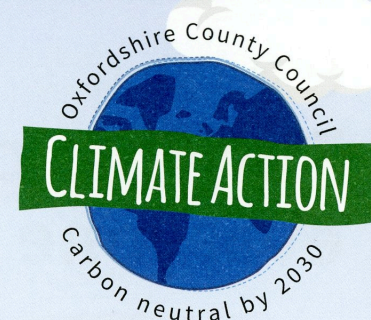
We will support community services to encourage social interaction,  
and help struggling families so fewer children go into care.

In short, everything we do will help people, communities and our  
local economy thrive.

Best wishes,



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Leader of Oxfordshire County Council  
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Our vision

# Thriving communities for everyone in Oxfordshire

## Thriving people

We strive to give every child a good start in life, and protect everyone from abuse and neglect.

We enable older and disabled people to live independently. We care for those in greatest need.

- Support families that need extra help to thrive
- Improve educational attainment, including for children with special needs
- Join up social care with the NHS to keep people out of hospital
- Work with the police and others to keep young people safe

## Thriving communities

We help people live safe, healthy lives and play an active part in their community.

We provide services that enhance the quality of life in our communities, and protect the local environment.

- Design places that encourage healthy and active lives
- Focus on the health gap between different communities
- Reduce carbon emissions to tackle climate change and improve air quality
- Encourage community-run services and self-help initiatives

## Thriving economy

We support a thriving local economy by improving transport links to create jobs and homes for the future.

- Secure government investment in transport and affordable housing
- Maintain the county's roads and infrastructure
- Connect rural homes and businesses to broadband
- Promote Oxfordshire as a place to invest

**We listen to residents so we can continuously improve our services and provide value for money**

- Improve customer service, particularly online
- Involve people in designing better services
- Work closely with our public, private and voluntary sector partners
- Give communities more say in local services, such as libraries

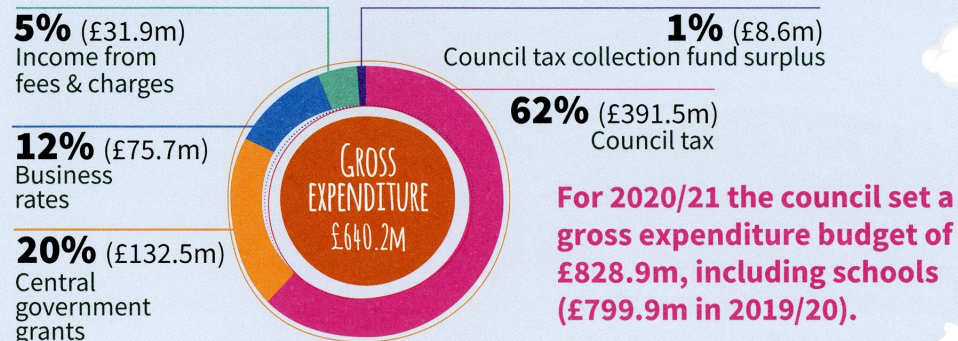




# MANAGING OUR BUDGET

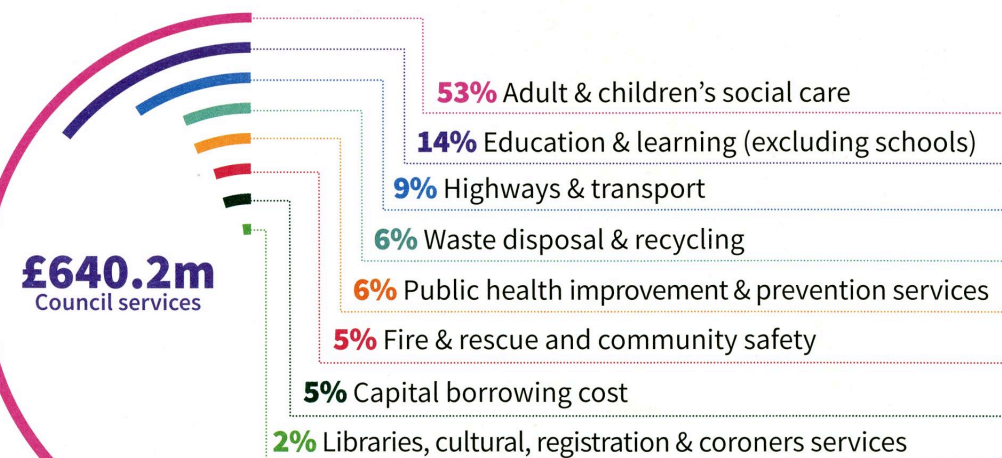
## Council funding and spending 2020/21

Gross expenditure excluding schools (£640.2m) is funded in the following ways



## What we spend on council services

The figures below show how we plan to spend our £640.2m gross expenditure budget (excluding schools) on services compared to £600.3m in 2019/20. We spend £188.7m on running schools, which comes directly from government.

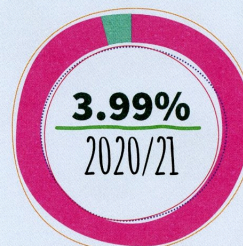


**£640.2M  
Council services**

**£828.9M  
Total spend**

**£188.7M  
Schools**

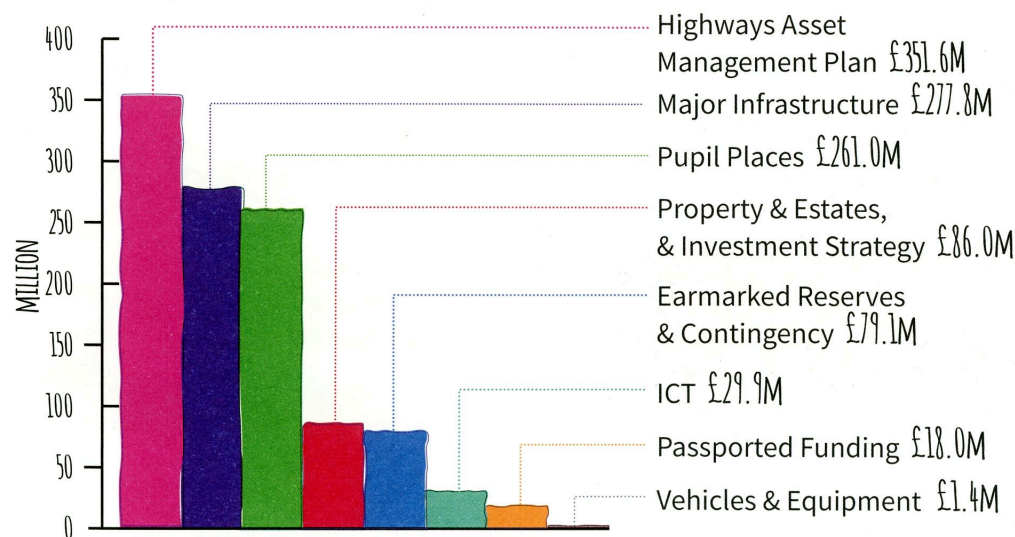
**Council tax increase for 2020/21 is 3.99%**  
(including the adult social care precept)



- The government allows councils to raise a 2% adult social care precept to help relieve funding pressures
- Council tax requirement is £391.5m in 2020/21 (£369.1m in 2019/20)
- (Council tax increase for 2019/20 was 2.99%)

## Capital Programme

Our £1.1bn capital programme includes investment in highway improvements, new school buildings and energy efficient street lighting over 10 years. This money can only be used for the purpose it has been given and cannot be allocated to day-to-day council spending.





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[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Provide home to school transport for  
**8,998** children



Create at least **6,000** new pupil places over the next five years



Serve over **1.2 million** school lunches during the year



Support nearly **4,000** children with special education needs or disabilities (SEND)

Respond to nearly **6,000** fire and rescue call-outs



Clear roadside gullies and clean up lines and signs

