

# Your Council Tax for 2026/2027

# COUNCIL TAX TORFAEN

The council will receive **£58.6 million** from council tax in 2026/27. This represents only around **16%** of our funding.

The council administers a **Council Tax Reduction Scheme**, that helps nearly **10,000** residents on low incomes.



The financial forecast remains challenging with a **£10.2 million** funding gap to be addressed over the next four years from April 2027.

<b>Adults &amp; Communities</b>	<b>£56,885,165</b>
<b>Children &amp; Families</b>	<b>£131,336,243</b>
<b>Neighbourhoods &amp; Environment</b>	<b>£22,187,125</b>
<b>Economy &amp; Place</b>	<b>£4,605,328</b>
<b>Resources</b>	<b>£19,203,913</b>
<b>Council Tax Reduction Scheme</b>	<b>£11,767,908</b>
<b>Housing Benefit Subsidy</b>	<b>£887,000</b>
<b>Capital Financing and other costs</b>	<b>£17,613,024</b>



## Our 26/27 Budget includes: Everything you need for everyday



**3.95%**

A council tax increase of 3.95% which is £1.24 per week for a band D property.



**£4.5 million**

£4.5 million or around a 5.5% increase to meet schools pay inflation and pressures.



**£300,000**

A £300,000 annual budget to fund maintenance and the replacement of IT infrastructure within schools.



**£1.6 million**

£1.6m to maintain services for around 952 Adult Social Care clients.



**£260,000**

£260,000 to support young people not in education, employment or training and for Community Capacity building.



**£600,000**

£600,000 from reserves to reduce demand for care placements in Children's Services.



**£447,000**

£447,000 to meet the inflationary pressure of the Council's Council Tax Reduction Scheme based on current 9,321 cases.



**£346,000**

£346,000 for schools to improve support for children with additional learning needs.



**£617,000**

£617,000 to meet funding pressures in School Transport and additional learning needs.



Helps social care providers meet increases in the Real Living Wage.



**£650,000**

£250,000 to support apprenticeships and a further £400,000 for new school leaver apprenticeships.



**£2.3 million**

Around £2.3m million towards estimated staff pay inflation costs



**£2.4 million**

A further £2.4m capital investment on roads.



**£700,000**

Allocates £700,000 to fund the impact of the real living wage for the lowest paid in the Council's pay structure.



**£370,000**

£170,000 to help young people and families experiencing domestic violence and £200,000 to help prevent children from entering care.



**£330,000**

£147,000 to address cost pressures in the Waste Service with £183,000 additional investment in the Waste Education and Enforcement Team.



### CAPITAL PROGRAMME

It is estimated that a base level of **£73 million** will be invested in the County Borough in the form of capital works over the next 5 years, which is anticipated to be supplemented by additional grant assistance during the course of the financial year. Next year the Council will be investing in a range of projects including Ysgol Bryn Onnen, a new Waste Transfer Station and on highways maintenance including roads and pavements.

## Costs and funding

General Fund Services	Expenditure on services £*		(less)	Income from services £*		=	Net expenditure £	
	2025/26	2026/27		2025/26	2026/27		2025/26	2026/27
Children & Family Services (including Schools)	162,288,031	166,229,763	(36,540,111)	(34,893,520)	125,747,920		<b>131,336,243</b>	
Adults and Communities	87,680,197	87,773,731	(35,431,244)	(30,888,566)	52,248,953		<b>56,885,165</b>	
Neighbourhoods and Environment	34,162,179	32,855,799	(12,497,875)	(10,668,674)	21,664,304		<b>22,187,125</b>	
Economy and Place	10,876,004	8,430,251	(6,668,578)	(3,824,923)	4,207,426		<b>4,605,328</b>	
Resources	22,326,297	23,370,709	(4,297,354)	(4,166,796)	18,028,943		<b>19,203,913</b>	
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	11,317,984	11,767,908	0	0	11,317,984		<b>11,767,908</b>	
Housing Benefit Subsidy	20,328,794	20,228,794	(19,755,868)	(19,341,794)	572,926		<b>887,000</b>	
Capital Financing & Other Costs	17,458,221	18,563,317	(2,758,366)	(950,293)	14,699,855		<b>17,613,024</b>	
<b>SERVICE TOTAL</b>	<b>366,437,707</b>	<b>369,220,272</b>	<b>(117,949,396)</b>	<b>(104,734,566)</b>	<b>248,488,311</b>		<b>264,485,706</b>	

\* Income and Expenditure shown above have been adjusted for internal recharges.

**Keeping vital local services going and keeping council tax bills as low as possible.**

### PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS

A precept is an annual sum that organisations like the police and community councils levy for their services and the council collects on their behalf.

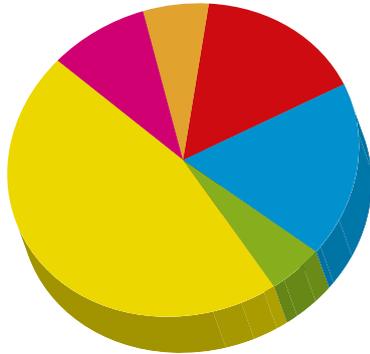


Plus Precepts from:	
Community Councils	1,897,502
Police & Crime Commissioner for Gwent	13,047,248
<b>Total Before Funding</b>	<b>263,433,061</b>
Sources of Funding:	
Revenue Support Grant	(159,185,224)
Redistributed Non-Domestic Rates	(33,030,361)
<b>Funded by Council Tax</b>	<b>71,217,476</b>

	£ Amount Precepted 2025/26	£ Amount Precepted 2026/27	£ Comparison
Police & Crime Commissioner for Gwent	13,047,248	13,981,455	934,207
Community Councils			
Cwmbran	692,866	802,501	109,635
Pontypool	774,942	820,022	45,080
Blaenavon	205,701	234,999	29,298
Henllys	38,788	44,489	5,701
Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon	156,921	165,116	8,195
Ponthir	28,284	30,669	2,385
	<b>1,897,502</b>	<b>2,097,796</b>	<b>200,294</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14,944,750</b>	<b>16,079,251</b>	<b>1,134,501</b>

**Pay by Direct Debit in 10 or 12 monthly instalments**

## Budget



<b>16%</b>	Council Tax
<b>18%</b>	Government Grants
<b>4%</b>	Other Funding & Contributions
<b>47%</b>	Revenue Support Grant
<b>9%</b>	Redistributed Non-Domestic Rates
<b>6%</b>	Customer & Client Receipts



## COUNCIL TAX DEMAND

A summary of the total Council Tax charge for 2026/27 covering Torfaen County Borough Council, Community Councils and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent for each council tax valuation band is below:

	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £	I £
Cwmbran	1,434.60	1,673.70	1,912.79	2,151.90	2,630.10	3,108.30	3,586.50	4,303.80	5,021.10
Pontypool	1,438.20	1,677.90	1,917.59	2,157.30	2,636.70	3,116.10	3,595.50	4,314.60	5,033.70
Blaenavon	1,476.76	1,722.90	1,969.01	2,215.15	2,707.40	3,199.66	3,691.91	4,430.30	5,168.69
Henllys	1,422.56	1,659.67	1,896.75	2,133.85	2,608.03	3,082.23	3,556.41	4,267.70	4,978.99
Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon	1,428.36	1,666.43	1,904.48	2,142.55	2,618.67	3,094.80	3,570.91	4,285.10	4,999.29
Ponthir	1,424.64	1,662.09	1,899.52	2,136.97	2,611.85	3,086.74	3,561.61	4,273.94	4,986.27



## RESERVES

We need to keep reserves and provisions to help with unforeseen circumstances. We have used our reserves in 2025/26, and intend to use them further in 2026/27, to help with providing resources to establish a two-year transition plan that allows for an increase in Children's Services social care placements across the two-year period, leading to a net reduction by 2027/28.

This table sets out our actual and estimated positions.

All £000s	31/03/25 (Actual)	31/03/26 (Forecast)	31/03/27 (Forecast)
General Fund Balance	10,901	10,126	9,205
Service Area Balances	6,329	5,665	3,973
Corporate Reserves	15,473	11,228	11,349
School Balances	4,731	3,929	2,751
Insurance Reserve & Provision	3,868	4,032	4,150

