

The Council's 2021/22 budget delivers a Council Tax freeze, providing households with some certainty at a time of financial challenge for many.

The **£449.8million** budget supports Renfrewshire's recovery and renewal from the profound impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and continues significant capital investment when our economy needs it most, creating jobs, boosting growth, enabling town centre recovery and improving our digital connectivity, roads and paths. The Council also agreed to continue its **£443.5million** capital investment programme.

➤ **£2.7 million to tackle inequalities and support people most affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.**

Initial priorities include **£250,000** additional funding for children and young people's mental health; **£200,000** to extend the Imagination Library; **£180,000** for Who Cares? Scotland over the next three years; **£200,000** in a specialist team to support and advocate for vulnerable private sector tenants; **£100,000** to Citizens Advice Bureau to provide independent employment and redundancy rights advice when the furlough scheme closes; **£100,000** further funding for Discretionary Housing Payments; **£30,000** to provide additional support to young carers.

➤ **£2.5million investments to improve enjoyment and safety of outdoor spaces and enhance school facilities.**

This will see enhancements to Council-owned play areas, better walking routes at Clyde Muirshiel and the Gleniffer Braes and paths cleared in urban areas. It will also support studies to reduce traffic and promote safer walking in rural Renfrewshire villages. There is **£750,000** funding for more school and nursery facility improvements, enabling a **£2.4million** two-year investment by the end of March 2022. School children and families will also see the benefits of **£250,000** for safe road crossing facilities as part of improving safer walking routes to schools and nurseries.

➤ **Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership will benefit from £2.3million of additional recurring resources** to protect and enhance adult social care services and continue implementation of the Carers Act.

➤ **Local businesses have faced immense pressure over the last year.** Adding to the many Council and Scottish Government supports in place for Renfrewshire businesses, **£100,000** will be used to create a grant scheme refunding licensed premises for license costs when they have been required by law to close.



# Financial information 2021-2022

Renfrewshire Council - How we spend your money						
			How we work out Council Tax		£ millions	
<b>Council spending in 2021/22</b>			Gross spending			409.510
			Less: fees and charges			-38.62
			Net spending			448.130
Net spending for each service	Net spending 2021-22	Capital charges	Total net spending (including capital charges)	Change from 2020-21		Band D equivalent
				£million	%	
Childrens Services	222.092	0.000	222.092	20.953	10.4%	3,015
Environment & Infrastructure	45.861	0.000	45.861	1.331	3.0%	622
Adult Services	74.358	0.000	74.358	1.732	2.4%	1,009
Community, Planning and Housing	10.927	0.000	10.927	0.213	2.0%	148
Leisure	11.332	0.000	11.332	0.281	2.5%	154
Other	83.560	0.000	83.560	-15.810	-15.9%	1,134
<b>Total net spending</b>	<b>448.130</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>448.130</b>	<b>8.700</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>6,082</b>
Financed by:						
a Government grants						3,372
b Non-domestic rates						1,395
c Contribution to/(from) reserves						0
<b>Total amount needed from Council Tax</b>					<b>96.911</b>	<b>1,316</b>

**Scottish average band D Council Tax**

Renfrewshire Council band D Council Tax  
2021/22 £1,316  
2020/21 £1,316

Scottish average band D Council Tax  
2020/21 £1,308  
2019/20 £1,261

**Comparison with the Government's provision for current spending for each household**

Spending figure used by the Government in total external finance (Total Central Government support) calculations:  
Government grant £5,730  
Our proposed spending (budget figure) £6,083

**Local authority employees**

Budgeted full-time equivalent  
2021/2022 7,049  
2020/2021 6,890  
Increase 159  
%increase 2.3%