

The outlook for public finances in Scotland remains challenging, and the local government financial picture continues to be affected by Scottish Government priorities such as real terms spend growth for the NHS and protecting Police spending.

The grant received from the Scottish Government, which makes up the vast majority of the Council's income, increased by 1% on a like for like basis which is a better position than had been forecast. However it is anticipated that the level of grant that local government will receive in the future will return to a position of year on year reductions.

In order to provide investment in the local environment, local communities and to support the most vulnerable in Renfrewshire, the Council agreed a 3% increase in Council Tax for 2018/19. This funding will help support:

- A £2.5 million investment in enhanced environmental cleaning over the next 5 years
- A £1.5 million investment in Renfrewshire's parks and green spaces
- Develop a new Tackling Poverty programme over the next 5 years through a £5 million investment
- Develop a new 5 year Employability programme with a £4.5 million investment
- The largest ever single year investment in Renfrewshire's roads, cycling and pathways infrastructure through a £7.2 million investment.
- Investment of £2 million in Renfrewshire's digital infrastructure; connecting schools and public buildings to a leading edge fibre network and growing access for local businesses and households.



Financial information 2018-2019

Council Spending in 2018/19		How we work out Council Tax		£ millions		
		Gross spending		435.692		
		Less: fees and charges		44.813		
		Net spending		390.879		
Net spending for each service	Net spending 2018/19 (not including capital charges)	Capital charges	Total net spending (including capital charges)	Change from 2017/18 (not including capital charges)		Band D equivalent
	£million	£million	£million	£million	%	£
Education and Children	183.909	15.997	199.906	-8.446	-51.5%	2,786
Education	169.003	0.198	169.201	15.261	9.9%	2,358
Children's Services	14.906	15.799	30.705	-23.707	-61.4%	428
Leisure Services	10.455	2.535	12.990	0.358	3.5%	181
Community Resources	53.841	7.841	61.682	2.133	4.1%	860
Community Resources	43.565	2.909	46.474	4.360	11.1%	606
Roads	7.048	4.932	11.980	-2.167	-23.5%	167
Transport subsidies and concessionary fares	3.228	0.000	3.228	-0.060	-1.8%	45
Adult Services	62.515	0.000	62.515	-1.618	-2.5%	871
Development and Housing	8.583	0.693	9.276	1.205	16.3%	129
Other Housing	4.779	0.017	4.796	0.569	13.5%	67
Planning	3.804	0.676	4.480	0.636	20.1%	62
Other	63.961	2.796	66.757	36.118	129.7%	930
Adjustment for financing charges	0.000	-22.247	-22.247	0.000		-310
Total net spending	383.264	7.615	390.879	29.750	8.4%	5,447
Financed by:						
a Government grants				183.577		2,559
b Non-domestic rates				120.105		1,674
c Drawn from reserves				1.132		16
Total amount needed from Council Tax				86.065		1,200

Scottish average band D Council Tax

Renfrewshire Council band D Council Tax
2018/19 £1,200
2017/18 £1,165

Scottish average band D Council Tax
2018/19 not available at time of printing
2017/18 £1,149

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 £5,199
Our proposed spending (budget figure) £5,448

Local authority employees

Budgeted full-time equivalent
2018/2019 6,681
2017/2018 6,484
Increase 197
%increase 3.0%