



Dear Residents,

There is no magic money tree and this year the council like everyone else has had to face some difficult financial challenges. However, it is thanks in no small part to our robust financial management that once again we have approved a balanced budget, which includes a 2.98% rise in the Basildon Council portion of council tax.

The Basildon precept of the council tax makes up just 14 per cent of the bill. The majority 71 per cent goes to Essex County Council and the rest is made up (15 per cent) by the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner.

While we have worked hard to keep down our running costs, the council has faced some unprecedented external factors. The rapidly increasing costs for temporary accommodation have significantly affected the council's budget. Along with our MP's and the Chief Executive I personally spoke to the Minister for Housing and Homelessness to raise awareness of this issue that is affecting councils across the country.

We will continue our programme of investment in the borough and continue our commitment to keeping our communities safe. We have re-invested in our community safety wardens for another year and secured significant grants to stop violence against women and girls. We remain committed to taking action against those who illegally build on the greenbelt.

While council finances will remain difficult for the year ahead I am committed to ensuring that we continue to deliver high quality public services that I know our residents value.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Baggott', written over a light grey background.

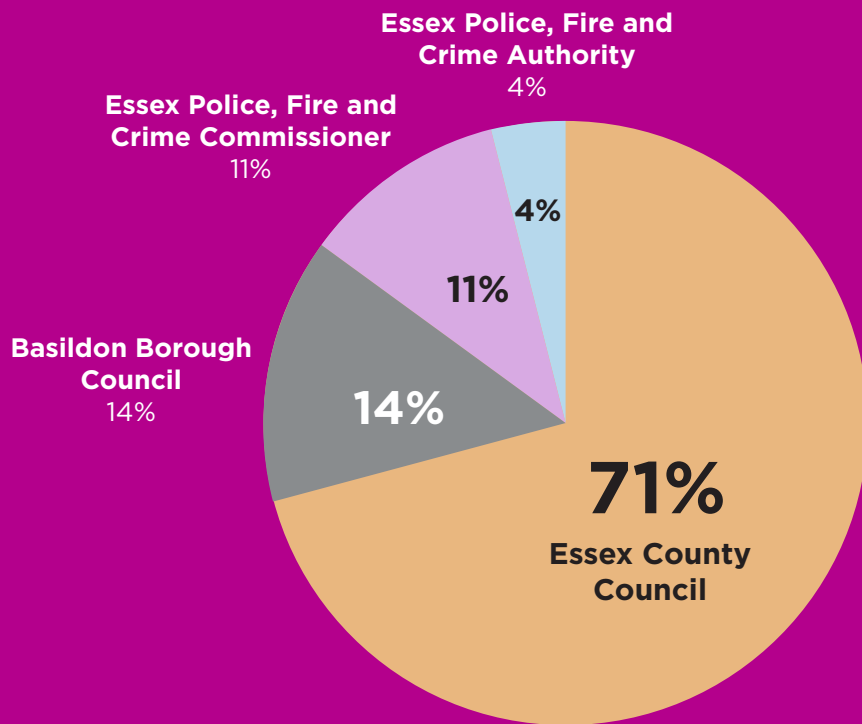
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How your council tax is made up



2.98% increase
Equivalent to 16p per week on a Band D property

2023 - **£287.19**
(Basildon portion)



2024 - **£295.74**
(Basildon portion)



GARDEN WASTE SERVICE

To find out about our weekly garden waste service, please visit our website at www.basildon.gov.uk/gardenwaste or scan the QR code.

