



Council Tax

2026/27

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A Stronger Future, Built Together – Our spending plans for 2026/27

Every year we have to set a budget showing how we plan to deliver services across the county. The budget is about more than numbers though. It's about people. It's about investing in the things that help communities thrive, protect our environment, and building a county where everyone feels welcome and proud to call home. Our £698.4 million budget will help us do this and focuses investment where you have told us it matters most – on our roads, in providing care, and supporting schools and frontline services.

Like many councils, we are facing rising costs and growing demand for services. In addition, the funding we received from Government this year was lower than we anticipated. This has meant that we have had to make careful decisions about where to focus our resources, protecting essential services while still investing where it will make the greatest difference.

Government assumes we will increase Council Tax and the Adult Social Care precept to the maximum allowed. For a Band D property, this means an increase of £1.61 a week, raising £27.4 million to support vital services.

We have looked internally at where we can make changes to how we do things and we have identified savings of £32.3 million.

We have also had to address our fees and charges, some which had not been raised for over a decade.

It is never an easy decision to raise charges, but we need to be pragmatic and responsible about balancing our budget. We will be increasing our parking charges to ensure that permit schemes move towards covering their costs, and that our on-street parking charges align more closely with off street carparks.

I know that the continued cost of living crisis is making life tough for lots of us, and I take no joy in raising council tax and increasing fees and charges, but it's my duty to ensure that the Council remains in a stable financial position so that we can continue to deliver those vital frontline services whilst also making improvements and investments.

By balancing needs and requirements with improvements and investments and taking the tough decisions on fees and charges, I believe that this budget is the right one for Gloucestershire and secures its future. These plans will help us protect the most vulnerable, invest in our communities, and continue building a greener, fairer and more prosperous county for all.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Spivey'.

Councillor Lisa Spivey
Leader of Gloucestershire County Council

Some of the essential services and schemes your money helps to deliver

An additional

£15 million

to improve roads and drainage



A further

£57.9 million

for school maintenance



£21.1 million

towards delivering new special schools in Gloucester and Cheltenham

£6.55 million

towards the cost of three new adult care homes



£500k

to establish a virtual Adult Social eCare Academy



An additional

£3.9 million

to refurbish household recycling centres



£445k

to protect nature



£5.3 million

towards new frontline fire and rescue vehicles, training facilities and upgrades to fire stations

£2 million

will be spent on introducing 20mph speed limits to improve road safety





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The Police Precept is rising and why it matters

A police precept is a portion of your council tax that goes towards funding your local police force.

Funding our police force is critical.

You've told me consistently through consultations that you value visible policing and that you would be willing to pay more to safeguard the service you expect from your local force. I made a successful bid to the Government to be able to increase our police precept to £18.50 for a Band D property (most will pay less than that).

This is higher than the standard limit, but still well short of the level required to compensate for Government underfunding.

The Police and Crime Panel (the group of officials who scrutinise my work) have unanimously approved the £18.50 precept during a public meeting. Their cross-party support reflects a shared understanding of what is at stake: community safety, neighbourhood policing, response times, and our ability to invest in the tools needed to deal with modern crime.

I do recognise how seeing extra money leave your bank accounts to pay for policing is not pleasant, and it makes me uncomfortable to raise the precept. But I truly believe we have no other choice to secure our police force here in Gloucestershire. I remain committed to fighting for fairer national funding, because Gloucestershire should not be left behind. I am grateful for the support shown by both the Panel and you, our communities.



Chris Nelson
Gloucestershire Police and Crime Commissioner



A typical day's incoming demand



Where does the money go?

Expenditure	£ in millions
Police Officers	100.2
PCSOs	3.6
Police Staff	41.6
Training	0.9
Other Employee Expenses	1.2
Premises	10.5
Transport	2.8
Supplies and Services	17.4
ICT	10.5
Regional Crime Collaborations	4.8
Third Party Payments	1.6
Capital Financing	7.0
OPCC Office and Supporting Victims and Communities	2.9
Gross Budget	204.9
Other Income	(11.4)
Interest Received	(0.8)
Specific Grants	(7.9)
Net Budget (before contribution from Reserves)	184.8

Precept increases

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
2025/26 charge	£214.72	£250.51	£286.29	£322.08	£393.65	£465.23	£536.80	£644.16
Increase	£12.33	£14.39	£16.45	£18.50	£22.61	£26.72	£30.83	£37.00
2026/27 charge	£227.05	£264.90	£302.74	£340.58	£416.26	£491.95	£567.63	£681.16



The Police and Crime Commissioner

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Website: www.gloucestershire-pcc.gov.uk

Gloucestershire Constabulary

Phone: 101 for non-emergency calls • 999 for emergencies

Website: www.gloucestershire.police.uk (you can now report many crimes online -www.gloucestershire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/)

Gloucestershire Neighbourhood Policing and Crime Prevention

Superintendent James Glansfield

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