

How the increase in Farnham Town Council's share of the council tax will benefit Farnham people



Spending priorities for 2024/25

Young people

In response to concerns raised by the local community, Farnham Town Council is investing an additional £90,000 to sustain and provide additional support and activities for Farnham's younger people.

Looking after the environment

As well as investing directly in young people, Farnham Town Councillors are all too aware of the need to protect the environment for future generations. Actions aimed at fighting climate change and looking after nature are embedded in the day-to-day running of the council. However, Councillors have earmarked a further £40,000 of its budget to enable investment in environmental and community initiatives.

Working together

Farnham Town Council values the huge contribution made by local organisations and volunteers in helping deliver services. Members of the community help with Farnham in Bloom, biodiversity, events, arts and culture, well-being and preparing and reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan. Thank you for helping us do more.

Shaping the town

Farnham Town Council will continue to work with the Surrey-led Farnham Infrastructure Programme to get the best for the town.

We will update the Neighbourhood Plan and fight for appropriate development in the right places.

Filling gaps in services

It is likely that budget may be required to top up or take on services from the borough or county council such as improved street cleansing, graffiti removal, and litter collection.



Investing for the future

Farnham Town Council see its spending plans as an investment in the future as well as making the town attractive as a place to live, work or visit. Councillors have always been mindful of the pressure a rise in council tax could place on residents and this has guided decision-making.

How spending plans will be funded

Farnham Town Council has agreed to spend £1,806,950 in 2024/25.

20% of the budget will be generated by income from sponsorship, events and services. To minimise the impact on residents and the increase in precept (Farnham Town Council's share of the council tax), Councillors agreed to use £22,382 of the Council's reserves.



What this means to you

For a Band D property, Farnham Town Council has set its share of the council tax at £78.15 or just £1.50 per week – an increase of 9p over the previous year. This is what it will cost to provide the investment in services for younger people and to absorb all other inflationary pressures.

Farnham Town Council has a reputation for being prudent with a wide range of services delivered at a cost which is below the average for the town and parish council sector. Of the total council tax you pay, Surrey County Council receives 74%, the Police and Crime Commissioner has 14% and 9% goes to Waverley Borough Council. The remainder goes to the Town Council. These percentages are for 2023/24.



Your feedback

Farnham Town Council believes it has set a fair budget which balances the aspirations of the Council with the needs of the community.

If you have any comments, please do contact your local town councillor or staff at the Town Hall.

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