



REQUEST 17522

I would like to request proof of where the Resident's Council Tax payments are being spent.

1. I would like to see the previous 3 years of receipts for where the council tax funding is being spent. I do not want to see percentages but proof in pounds (£s) as to where the annual council tax is being spent.
2. I would like to know if my council tax funds Greater Manchester Police Service, North West Ambulance Service, Wigan Council Waste collection and Schools. If so I would like to know as to what percentage it is distributed?
3. Which law, not legislation, states that council tax must be paid?
4. Which law states that it is a criminal offence to not pay council tax?
5. Please attach the copy of contract in where I agreed to pay for council tax. Please keep in mind that an 'assumptuous agreement' does not stand up in court.

RESPONSE

1. The table below shows the Council's budget breakdown.

Fees and charges relevant to specific services, and specific grants and contributions are first deducted leaving net expenditure, to be funded from the Council's unringfenced funding.

This comprises Business Rates, Section 31 Grant, Services Grant and Council Tax.

Unringfenced funding is not specifically applied to one given area, but supports the net budget requirement proportionately.

The Council publishes its spend with suppliers over £500 on the website [Spending and finance data](#)

Service	Council Tax Funded		
	24/25	23/24	22/23
Adult Services	45,776,978.77	46,131,942.00	47,910,309.00
Children Services	45,676,384.29	41,785,946.00	37,008,181.00
Strategy and Innovation including BeWell Leisure Services	8,102,630.75	3,676,030.00	1,894,156.00
Place (Economy)	2,529,374.54	5,443,117.00	3,090,857.00
Environment Services	24,201,617.84	21,291,049.00	19,751,964.00
Customer Services	5,682,098.63	5,449,157.00	4,297,120.00
Corporate Services	6,888,890.63	7,394,039.00	7,255,437.00
Precepts and Levies (notably Passenger Transport Levy)	13,316,235.85	11,606,365.00	11,401,749.00
	152,174,211.31	142,777,645.00	132,609,773.00

- Council Tax is charged by Wigan Council and it's precepting authority Greater Manchester Combined Authority. GMCA sets its own level of council tax for its functions which are GM Police, GM Fire and Rescue and GM Mayoral Functions. These amounts are collected by Wigan Council on behalf of GMCA and passed over.

A Band D Property will pay £1,922.64 in 2024/25. This charge is made up of:

Wigan Council: £1,553.39

Police: £256.30

Fire: £81.20

Mayoral: £31.75

This breakdown is included on your Council Tax bill.

- The Local Government Finance Act 1992, The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Act 1992.
- None payment of Council Tax is a civil matter not a criminal matter.
- No contract is necessary or required.