

# All this for just £5.15 per week\*

**YOUR 2024/25 COUNCIL TAX EXPLAINED INSIDE**

**Dear Worthing Residents,**

Councils and their residents across the country continue to face challenging financial times and we are no exception, the national Government having cut our budget by 70% over the past decade. However, Worthing Borough Council's books remain balanced, thanks to savings of £3 million this year.

In spite of this, we continue to deliver our core services, from bin collections and street cleaning to maintaining our local parks. You have told us how much you value our green spaces and we will continue to upgrade playground equipment, plant more trees and, using funds not taken from your council tax, transform Montague Place into Montague Gardens - a place to meet, play and feel welcome and safe in the heart of our town.

We remain committed to working with our communities and have provided over £575k to 45 community projects, once again funded by developers, not your council tax.

Nonetheless, the cost of living crisis continues to bite, and increasing numbers of our residents have found themselves homeless. We have invested £4.4 million in emergency and temporary accommodation to help more people stay in the area and get back on their feet. Providing social housing is also essential, so this year will see work beginning in Union Place and a partnership to provide long-overdue sustainable homes and green spaces for Teville Gate.

Our vision for Worthing continues to be for the fairest, greenest coastal town in the UK. As your council for the community, we will stand with you and for you to make sure that we are building a borough where we can all thrive.



**Cllr Dr Becky Cooper**  
Leader of Worthing Borough Council

*\* For Worthing BC services,  
based on a Band D household*



WORTHING BOROUGH  
COUNCIL

**Investing  
£4.4 million  
in emergency  
and temporary  
accommodation**

**Green spaces:  
maintaining  
and improving  
our parks**

**Community  
partnership:  
funding 45 projects  
across the town**



## Just some of the things we do for your money



Council Tax Support worth **£6.58 million** to **3,911 households**

Housing Benefit support to more than **3,600 households**



**2.60 million** household bins collected, over **640,000** garden waste subscriber collections and an estimated **32 tonnes** of Waste Electrical Electronic Equipment removed

**607** litter bins, **346** dog bins **29** on-street recycling bins & **320** park bins regularly emptied



Events bringing in investment, tourism and community cohesion:

**100,000** people attended **97** events hosted on the council's open spaces

**10,700** people attended 'Jack on the Green' over three nights

(in partnership with Same Sky)

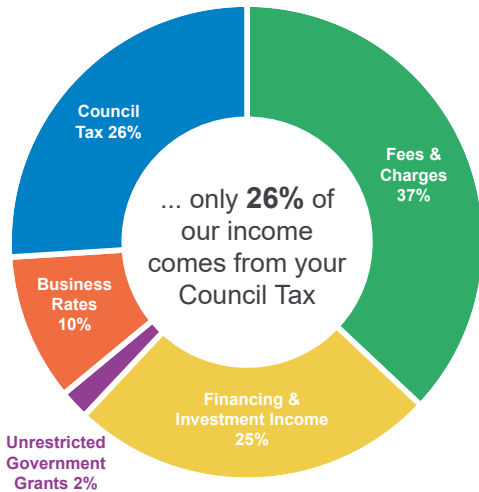
Helped **103,000** people by phone and **24,500** face-to-face who contacted us for advice and guidance



**70** sites managed including parks, recreation grounds, cemeteries and **4** Green Flag parks

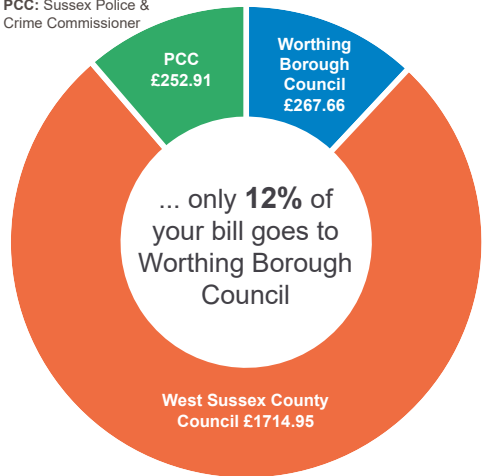


## Where our money comes from...



## How your Council Tax bill is split...

PCC: Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



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## Long term investment

**£9.8 million**

on carbon reduction  
- Worthing Heat Network

**£4 million**

regeneration schemes

**£4.4 million**

emergency and temporary accommodation

**£1.5 million**

digital strategy investment (including extension of the ultrafast fibre network)

**£1.5m**

over the next three years on public space and seafront improvements



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