

From your District Councillors for Bishops Itchington, Fenny Compton and Napton Ward

Council Budget Meeting

Stratford-on-Avon District Councillors have set the district element of the Council Tax at a meeting of the Council on Monday 26 February.

The amount residents will be asked to pay for a Band D property is £164.12, an increase of £5. This is an increase of 3.1%, which for an average home represents just an additional 42p per month to the District Council next year. Stratford-on-Avon remains a low-taxing authority, 18th lowest out of 164 district councils across the country in 2023/24. Despite this, the budget makes no cuts to services in Stratford District and the Council has made allowance for a number growth areas which have been assessed with feedback from public consultation. To give a few examples, rural services were felt to be important - three-quarters of people agree with our proposal to invest a further £85K to maintain the UBUS service and £28K for Rural Crime Advisors. Services for residents in financial difficulty, through our proposal for £250K for cost-of-living crisis was also supported by most residents.

The Council is providing a further £500k for climate initiatives which include £100K for the Community Change Fund. Our waste fleet is the Council's largest contributor to harmful emissions, and the Council is investigating the use of waste vegetable oil to fuel the waste collection fleet to make this District cleaner, safer, healthier and greener place to live and work. There is a cost, but the cost in year one is roughly 6p per household, per week.

The Council has set aside funds to look ahead and to work now to invest and modernise. Our 'Council Plan and Change Programme' will invest in the changes needed to safeguard against future pressures.

More detail here:

[Council Tax level for Stratford-on-Avon District | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Recycling Rates

Residents in Stratford-on-Avon District are still some of the best recyclers in England, as the District Council reaches 5th in the top ten Councils for reuse, recycling and composting. Figures released show that Stratford-on-Avon District Council has a recycling rate of 60.0% for last year (2022/23).

Rank	Authority	Recycling rate for 2022/23
1	South Oxfordshire District Council	61.6%
2	Three Rivers District Council	61.5%
3	Vale of White Horse District Council	60.9%
4	St Albans City and District Council	60.1%
5	Stratford-on-Avon District Council	60.0%
6	East Devon District Council	59.5%
7	Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council	59.3%
8	Surrey Heath Borough Council	59.3%
9	Dorset Council	59.1%

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10	North Somerset Council	58.9%
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The Council is a partner in the newly built, state-of-the-art Materials Recycling Facility, also ensuring that there is a known controlled destination for dry recycling.

[Stratford-on-Avon District Council 5th in recycling league table | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

A reminder that residents can download the District Council's app which is designed to allow access to a variety of council services whilst on the go - the mobile app enables residents to keep up to date with the latest council news, quickly report incidents, get reminders of bin collections and find useful information about their property and the surrounding area.

[Stratford District Council on the App Store \(apple.com\)](#)

[Stratford District Council - Apps on Google Play](#)

County Council Fire Service Consultation

Natalie and Nigel attended the presentation at Southam on 28th February and the District council will be responding in detail as consultee. The response will be published on the Council's website. The District recognises that there is need for a reconfiguration of services, but there are many factors to be considered in implementing any changes. Fire cover at night is of particular concern for Stratford District.

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