

Our gross expenditure and council tax requirements

The council estimates that its gross expenditure for 2026/27 will be £33.721m. A total of £24.142m will be generated through income and grants. After allowing for the Settlement Funding Assessment of £4.470m this will leave a council tax requirement of £5.109m (including parish precepts). Excluding parish precepts our council tax requirement is £4.413m.



Our spending plans	2025/26 £'000	2026/27 £'000	
Policy and Finance Committee Corporate management, council tax and business rates collection, treasury management, elections, democracy, mayoralty, grants to voluntary organisations, administration and land charges	9,318	9,228	
Community Services Committee Cultural activities, recreation and leisure, refuse collection, recycling, highways, car parks and CCTV	12,840	13,170	
Economic Development Tourism promotion and economic development	436	444	
Planning and Development Committee Planning, building control, countryside management, footpaths and bridleways	3,710	3,827	
Health and Housing Committee Housing benefit, homelessness, administration of improvement grants, markets and environmental health	7,620	6,913	
Parish Precepts	666	696	
Capital Financing	-1,158	-1,235	
Contingency	200	23	
Added to Earmarked Reserves	818	116	
Business Rates 10% retained levy to Lancashire County Council	97	0	
Business Rates Levy	0	8	
Collection Fund Deficit - Business Rates	0	43	
Local Government Reorganisation Costs	0	488	
Added to General fund Balances	307	0	
Gross expenditure on services	34,854	33,721	
Less income and grants on services	-22,033	-20,962	
Taken From Earmarked Reserves	-293	-408	
Use of General Fund Balances	0	-278	
Interest on Balances	-1,001	-788	
New Homes Bonus Grant	-547	0	
Adjustment Support Grant	0	-466	
Homelessness, Rough Sleeping and Domestic Abuse Grant	0	-172	
Funding Guarantee/Funding Floor Grant	-781	-62	
Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Grant	-36	0	
Extended Producer Responsibility Funding	-561	-792	
Compensation for Employers National Insurance Increase	-70	0	
Business Rates Retention	-74	-174	
Business Rates - Renewable Energy and Section 31 Grant towards measures to aid business ratepayers	-2,757	0	
Collection Fund Surplus - Business Rates	-33	0	
Collection Fund Surplus - Council Tax	-85	-40	
Gross income on services	-28,271	-24,142	Amount per person*
Ribble Valley Borough Council Budget	6,583	9,579	£145.59
Funded by:			
Settlement Funding Assessment	-1,539	-4,470	£67.94
Ribble Valley Borough Council Council Tax Requirement (INCLUDING parishes)	5,044	5,109	£77.65
Ribble Valley Borough Council Council Tax Requirement (EXCLUDING parishes)	4,378	4,413	£67.07

* Based on a population of 65,794: Mid-year estimate for 2024 by the Office of National Statistics (ONS)

Why has our spending changed	£'000
Budget 2025/26	6,583
Net increase in income and grants on services	1,071
New Homelessness, Rough Sleeping and Domestic Abuse Grant	-172
Decrease in New Homes Bonus Grant	547
New Adjustment Support Grant	-466
Decrease in Funding Guarantee/Funding Floor Grant	719
Decrease in Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Grant	36
Increase in Extended Producer Responsibility Funding	-231
Decrease in Compensation for Employers National Insurance Increase	70
Net decrease in Retained Business Rates Income, Section 31 Grant towards measures to aid business ratepayers, Business Rates Levy and net Growth	2,665
Net movement in Overall Collection Fund Balance	121
Net Decrease in Committee Gross Expenditure	-342
Decrease in Contingency	-177
Net movement in Capital Financing Adjustment and Interest	136
Increase in Parish Council Precepts	30
Movement in use of general fund balances	-585
Decrease in Business Rates 10% retained levy to Lancashire County Council	-97
New local Government Reorganisation Costs	488
Net Movement in Use of Earmarked Reserves	-817
Budget 2026/27	9,579