

Mid Suffolk District Council receives only 8% of your council tax bill - just £3.47 a week for a Band D home - but we make every penny count.

This small share funds a broad range of essential services that keep the district thriving, including weekly rubbish and recycling collections, maintenance of parks and green spaces, leisure facilities, planning services, regeneration projects, and support for those at risk of homelessness. These services are vital for strengthening communities and improving quality of life across Mid Suffolk.

This year, a Band D household will pay £180.26 towards district council services - a 2.99% rise, equal to just 10p more a week. The remainder of your council tax goes to Suffolk County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and town or parish councils.

We will continue to invest in projects that make a real difference to our district both now and for future generations.

Our £1.5m Stowmarket Town Centre Gateway Fund - using income from our



Message from Councillor Andrew Mellen

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL LEADER

investment in Gateway 14 - is bringing empty town centre units back into use. The first success story is The Bull Room community darts venue, which opened in December.

We are accelerating our work to enhance the district's biodiversity and nature and safeguard it for future generations, with nearly £2 million committed to a new fund to reverse habitat loss and support wildlife.

The council has also acquired a 62-acre site near Thorndon for biodiversity enhancement, habitat restoration, and improved flood resilience.

Our £18m Skills and Innovation Centre at Gateway 14 opens later this year and is set to become a hub for talented local businesses, with a particular focus on the green economy, digital and AI technology.

We will see the first youth council for Mid Suffolk formed to give young people a voice, and our grants will continue to support many fantastic local organisations that play pivotal roles in communities.

The council is also working with partners to improve access to cost-of-living support, helping residents boost their income, stay healthy, and feel more financially secure.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for changes to local government planned for 2028, when existing county and district councils will be replaced with all purpose unitary authorities. Our focus remains on ensuring these changes lead to better services and benefits for residents.

Mid Suffolk is a fantastic place to live, work in and visit and we will continue to make it even better. Every penny paid supports this work. Thank you.

WHERE YOUR COUNCIL TAX GOES



Every pound is split:

Suffolk County Council 75p

Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner 13p

Mid Suffolk District Council 8p

Town or parish council 4p (on average)

Using the £3.47 a week you'll pay Mid Suffolk District Council each week, we do all of this and more...*

*If you live in a Band D home, you'll pay £180.26 for Mid Suffolk's services in 2026/27, or around £3.47 a week.



Bin collections & recycling



Support for those at risk of homelessness



Licensing



Leisure centres



Support for high streets

Local planning and building control



Grants for local organisations



Support for arts, culture and tourism



Community wellbeing & safety



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