

# Our Budget Explained

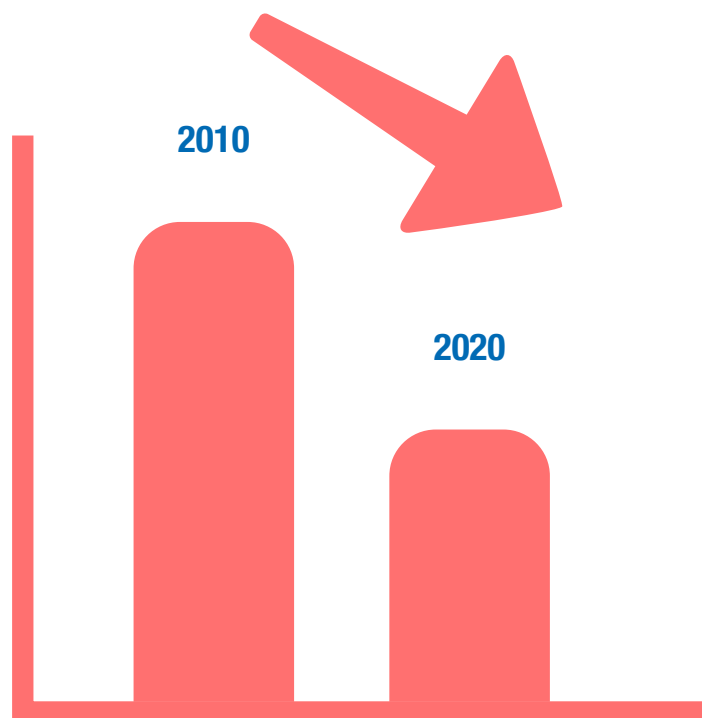


# THE ONGOING CHALLENGE

2023  
2024

Between 2010 and 2020, local government faced cuts to funding from central government of **£18.6 billion in real terms.**

Local sources of income, including council tax, business rates and sales, fees and charges have therefore had to become increasingly important as a source of income to local government, forming an increasing proportion of the budget.



Since 2010, Tameside Council has had to save **more than £180 million.**

This is due to a combination of rising costs, increasing demand for services and cuts in funding from central government.

Inflation continues to place significant pressures on our budgets. Money just doesn't go as far and increasing energy costs for buildings and street lighting as well as legacy impacts of Covid-19 continue to put pressures on our budget.

# THIS YEARS' CHALLENGE

2023  
2024

With government support funding significantly decreased against current inflation levels, in setting a balanced budget for 2023/2024, the Council has to deal with almost

**£40 million**

of additional economic and service pressures



# HOW DO WE PLUG THE £40 MILLION GAP?

2023  
2024

## £15 million

Will be generated through additional income, for example increased levels of business rates and council tax, increased fees and charges, and new homes bonus.

## £20 million

Budget savings and efficiencies will have to be made in 23/24 whilst at the same time still protecting and delivering critical front line services.

## £5 million

By increasing overall Council Tax by **4.99%**



# WHAT THE RISE IN COUNCIL TAX MEANS FOR OUR RESIDENTS

2023  
2024

**4.99%**

Increase means households will pay extra per week

**Band A**  
**£1.06**

**Band B**  
**£1.23**

**Band C**  
**£1.41**

**Band D**  
**£1.59**

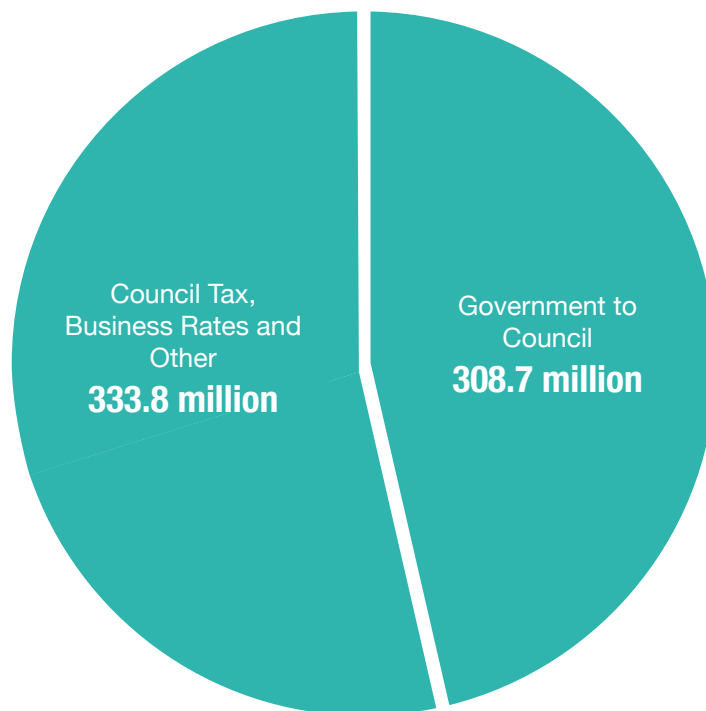


The additional income we raise from Council Tax will go straight back into services and especially those that support our most vulnerable residents such as providing a real living wage for our carers.

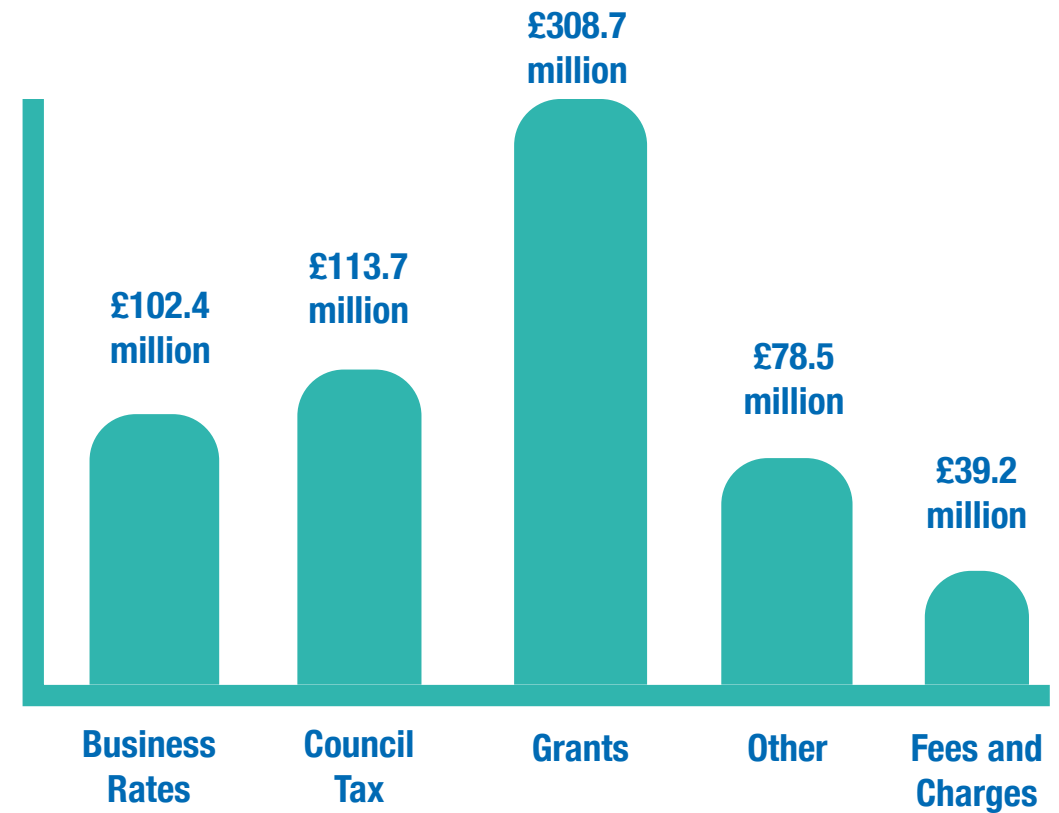
# WHAT WILL WE SPEND AND WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

2023  
2024

## Gross Annual Spend £643 million



## Council Tax, Business Rates, Grants, Fees/Charges and Other

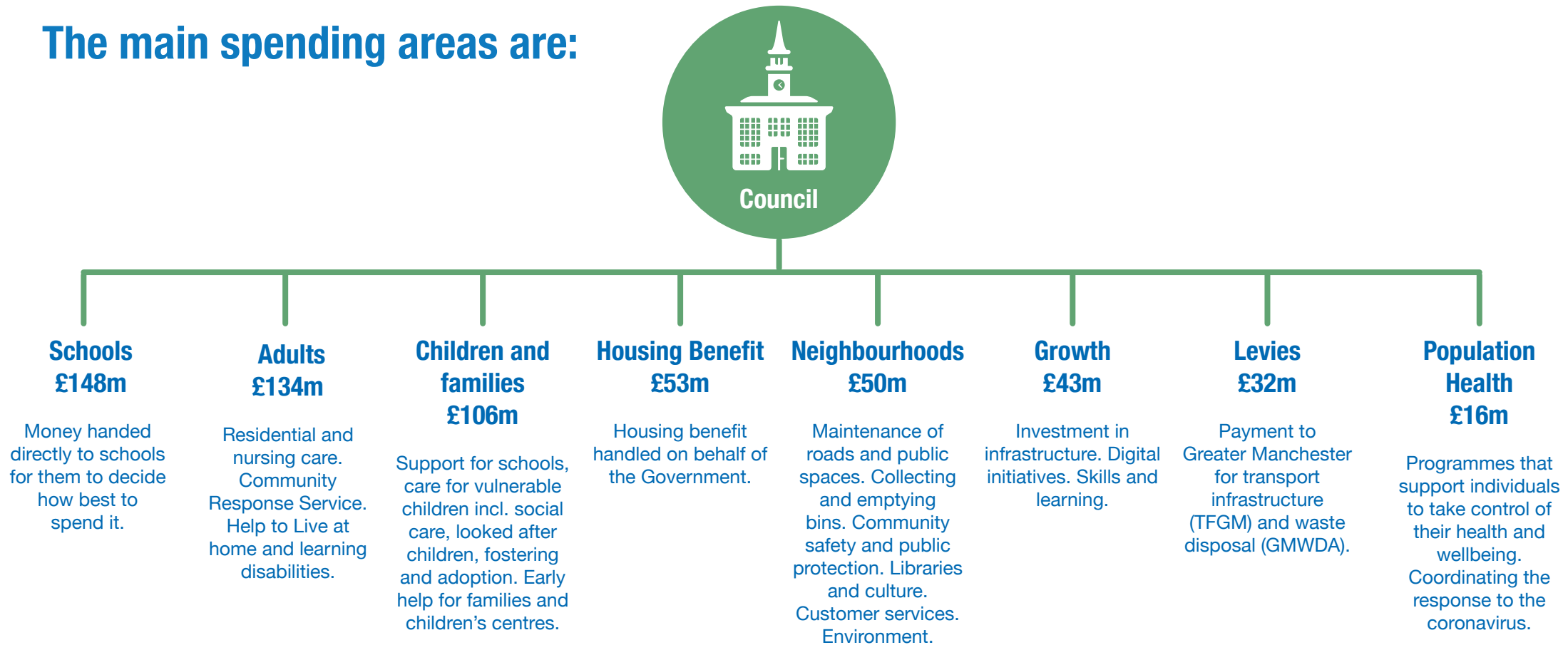


# WHAT SERVICES DO WE DELIVER WITH THAT MONEY?

2023  
2024

Tameside Council is responsible for the delivery of a range of services from residential and nursing care for the elderly, through to street cleaning and bin collections. Many Services are statutory, meaning we have a legal obligation to provide them.

## The main spending areas are:



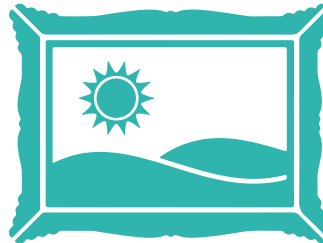
The council has limited influence over some areas of spending such as schools and housing benefits as they are set by the government. As such savings to balance the budget have to be made from the other areas of spend.

# EXAMPLES OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

2023  
2024



**37,498** pupils  
taught across  
**98** schools



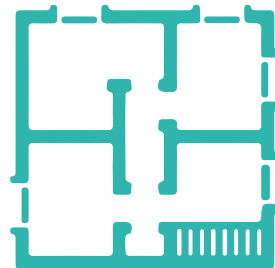
Had **200,430** visits to our libraries last year  
**5,475** visits to our local studies and  
archives centre  
**39,750** visits to Portland Basin museum  
**1,728** visits to Astley Cheetham Art Gallery  
(note: covid restrictions impacted the museum and  
gallery, with PB requiring bookings for some of the year)



**448,912** issues of physical and digital items  
from the library service  
**327** physical and digital events in Culture  
**669,682** engagements with cultural  
activities, events and venues both physically  
and digitally.



Maintain **26,000**  
street lights, **48,000** road  
drainage gullies, **1,155**  
kilometers of pavements,  
**758** kilometers of  
carriageways, **26** parks,  
**37** playgrounds and **15** Multi  
Use Games Areas, **32** sports  
pitches cut and marked out  
and inspect **35,000** trees  
on highways and green space



Dealt with  
**747**  
planning applications  
**772** Licensed Premises



Answered  
**78,459** calls and webchats  
to the contact centre last year



**11 million** bins collected  
**75,000 tonnes** of household waste for recycling,  
composting and disposal  
Empty **50,000** domestic bins  
and **200,000** recycling bins per week  
**898** Street Litter Bins emptied at least twice per week  
**4,451** complaints received regarding dumped waste



# EXAMPLES OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

2023  
2024



**160,000**

metres of ducting installed for  
Digital Tameside



**8,182**

supported through Housing  
Advice



Transport

**Over 700**

vulnerable residents each day



**150**

Hackney Carriage Vehicles Licensed

**617**

Private Hire Vehicles Licensed

**786** Licensed Drivers



Maintain and operate a fleet of over

**200** vehicles and items of plant



**2202**

residents supported to claim

**4.2 million**

pounds of welfare benefits

**81%**

successful representation at  
benefits appeals

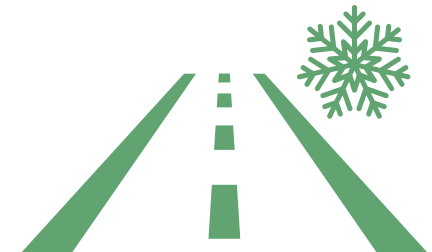


**1130**

households given emergency  
support through welfare rights

**3,272**

welfare and debt cases  
opened



**350km**

of carriageways treated during  
winter gritting operations

**400** grit bins

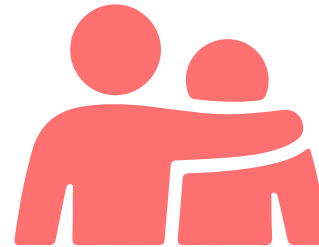
**270km** of Public Rights of  
Way (public footpaths)

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2024



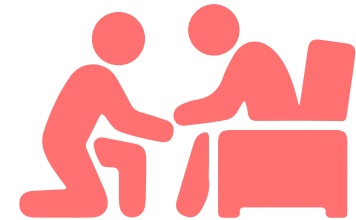
Commission care for  
**886 people**  
in residential or  
nursing homes



Act as parent to  
**Over 666 looked  
after children**



We have visited or contacted  
**2,305 new mothers**  
to offer help and advice



Provide support to  
**2962 people**  
to live independently  
and remain in their  
own homes