

Draft Budget 2024-25

Changes to the draft budget presented at the November 2023 meeting:

- Donation to PCC increased from £300 to £325
- Assuming Grants & Donations Policy is adopted and a community grant budget line of £250 has been added.

Council Tax Base

What is the Council Tax Base?

It's the estimated number of properties in an area liable for council tax. For Barton Bendish, it's set at 95.9 for 2024-25, up from 95.3 in 2023-24 and 93.8 in 2022-23.

What's it used for?

It helps understand how changes in the Precept will affect householders Council Tax bill. For Barton Bendish, the draft budget recommends a Precept demand of £5900. This means a Band D property could expect to pay **£61.52pa in 2024-25**, a 7.7% increase from the previous year's £57.11.

Why does the Tax Base change?

Changes in discounts, exemptions, new builds, demolitions, and alterations to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme can affect the Council Tax Base. It reflects the number of properties liable for council tax.