

We need to save **£30 million** next year

Please tell us what you think of our plans

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Edinburgh is a popular, growing city. Our population is increasing and ageing, and more and more people need our help and support.

We don't have enough money to deliver all the services we would like – our costs are continuing to rise and our funding from Scottish Government isn't keeping up. As a result, we're now expecting to have to save at least £30 million next year, and £109 million by 2028/29. This means our budget decisions are only going to get harder.

We'll continue to protect the services that matter most to our residents. We've already saved over £400 million since 2014. But we must do more to change and improve how we work, reduce spending and generate more income for the city. One of the things we're considering is to increase Council Tax by 10% (or more). We also have plans to introduce a visitor levy, which will help us invest in the city and some services, but we can't do that until summer 2026.

Other councils in Scotland are facing the same financial challenges of trying to balance their budgets while protecting services. Like them, we'll need to make difficult decisions to make these savings. So, knowing what you think is important. Please give us your views.

How we're funded



Total £1.756 billion

How we spend our budget

- £307 million** on roads, street cleaning, street lighting, parks, waste, recycling and facilities management
- £209 million** on housing and homelessness
- £451 million** on education
- £89 million** on care for vulnerable children
- £476 million** on care services and social work
- £79 million** on customer services, benefits processing, business support and ICT services
- £37 million** on support services including finance, legal and HR

Please give us your views by Tuesday 14 January 2025

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