

All this for just £4.45 per week

YOUR BOROUGH COUNCIL TAX EXPLAINED INSIDE

Dear Resident,

In 2018 residents of Worthing will see some hugely positive steps forward for our town thanks to the efforts of your Borough Council. We have all waited too long for successive owners to redevelop long neglected town centre sites such as Teville Gate and the former police station. Your Council is now taking control of this matter and you will see dramatic changes to these areas over the coming months.

We are pioneering co-working with the local health service and the fruits of those efforts are more people assisted to better health through our 'Going Local' programme, more joined up working by mental health services and most excitingly for the town the construction of overdue new and modern premises for local GP surgeries.

At the same time we are successfully maintaining key public services. Our weekly household waste and fortnightly recycling collections have been protected making Worthing one of only a small number of areas in the country to benefit from this service. We have also kept our street sweeping, environmental protection and housing services while others are cutting back. Our wonderful parks and theatres are rightly treasured and we continue to invest in them on your behalf.

We are achieving all of this at the same time as absorbing another £800,000 reduction in Government funding to help reduce the national deficit. Regrettably this will necessitate a below inflation uplift in your Council Tax bills. For the average household the element charged by Worthing Borough Council will go up by 11p per week - a weekly sum of just £4.45 (based on Band D household) - to ensure that we can continue to deliver the services we all rely on.

It is a privilege to represent you. Over the next twelve months we will see great things happening in Worthing.



DANIEL HUMPHREYS

Leader of Worthing Borough Council



Secured **£6.6m**
of external
funding to support
economic growth



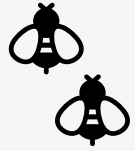
Collected **44,000**
tonnes of waste
and emptied **3.6**
million bins



Maintained **155**
green spaces and
cut **11 miles**
of hedges



Just some of the things we do for your money



Cultivated wildflower meadows equivalent of **33** football pitches

Beach Office responded to **1,149** incidents on Worthing's seafront

Maintained **22** play areas

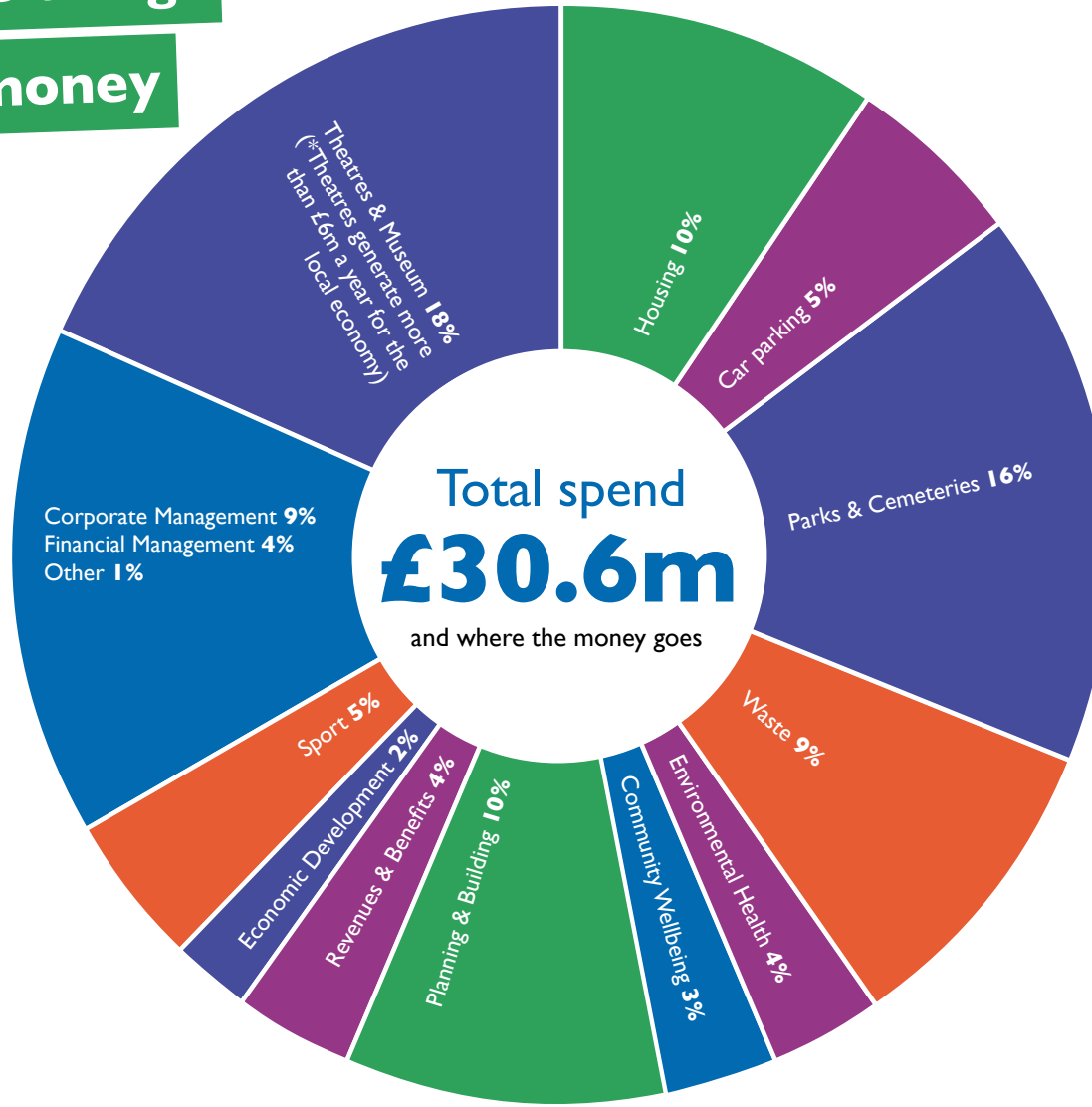


Handled **8,100** Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support claims



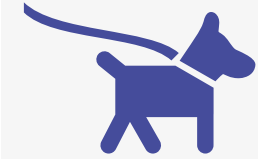
Saw record audience of **170,000** at Worthing Theatres.

*For every £1 we spend on Theatres, audiences spend another £7 in the local economy



Answered **159,000** of your calls for help and guidance

Helped **115** households from becoming homeless



Reunited **30** lost dogs with owners

Helped **300** residents change their lives on Get Active programme



Dealt with **1,300** planning applications

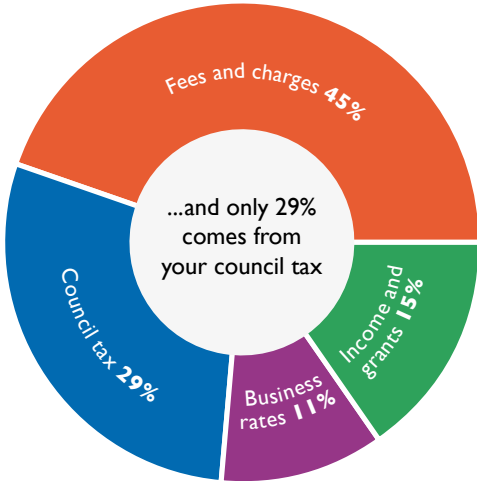
Saw **30,000** visitors at world-famous Highdown Gardens

Welcomed **44,000** visitors to Worthing Museum



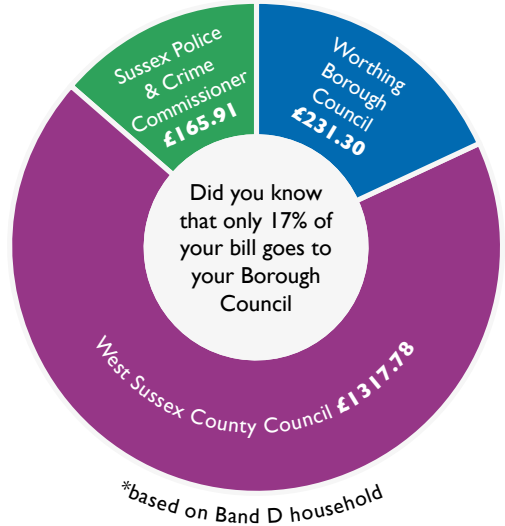
Where our money

comes from...



How your council

tax bill is split



Long term investment

£6m to invest in temporary and emergency accommodation

£2.61m to support vulnerable residents in their homes

£2m to support local partners to provide affordable housing

£1.12m to maintain and improve our parks and public amenities

£1.09m to improve our waste and cleansing services



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