# All this for just £6.61 per week\*

### YOUR 2025/26 COUNCIL TAX EXPLAINED INSIDE

#### Dear Adur Residents,

#### A fairer, greener Adur

Following the May 2024 election, a new Adur District Council administration took office. We promised to use taxpayers' money wisely, ensuring efficient and value-for-money council services.

We are on course to reduce council costs by £4 million through reorganisation and we have secured funding from government and independent foundations, as well as relying on your Council Tax. Despite spending within our means, inflation and increasing demands on our services means we must raise Council Tax by 2.99%, an increase of 19p per week extra for the average Band D home.

We'll continue supporting residents at risk of homelessness, or who are struggling with the cost of living, as well as help more people claim Pension Credit. Our partnership with Southern Water helped 4,500 residents in Adur and Worthing save at least £177 on their bills.

Next year, our refuse lorries will switch to HVO fuel (hydrotreated vegetable oil) - reducing CO2 emissions and improving air quality.

We're finalising details for a new community football facility - supporting children, young people, and adults' health and education.

We'll continue supporting the Sussex Bay project and its partner groups to restore marine life on our coast and in the Adur Estuary.

We'll complete 68 new council homes and improve maintenance for existing properties. We will be seeking your views on an Adur Local Plan. How can we balance housing needs with our environment and job creation? We will be discussing this with our communities.

We'll do this and much more thanks to Council Tax, external funding, and, most of all, the hard work of our council staff.

Get involved in shaping the future of our places in Adur and inform our plans for devolution: www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/devolution





New council homes built for local people

**Better facilities** 

created in our parks

More investment in our environment



#### CIIr Jeremy Gardner Leader of Adur District Council

\* For Adur DC services, based on an average Band D household

## Just some of the things we do for your money

Council Tax Support worth £4.63 million to 3,300 households

Housing Benefit support to more than 1,486 households

1.45 million household bins collected, over 342,800 garden waste subscriber collections and an estimated 24 tonnes of Waste Electrical Electronic Equipment removed

508 litter bins, 229 dog bins and 19 on-street recycling bins regularly emptied

Other 4% Revenues & Benefits 5% **Total Spend** Treasury (incl interest & for Adur DC services borrowing costs) 14% £22.251m and where the money goes Com Waste, Cleansing & blic Conveniences 114 Parks, Coast & Cemeteries 7%

Events bringing in investment, tourism and community cohesion:

38,900 people attended 54 events hosted on the council's open spaces

> Adur Markets: 22 in Shoreham 1 in Southwick and 4 in Lancing (in partnership with Lancing Parish Council)

Helped 96,677 people by phone and 27,239 face-to-face who contacted us for advice and guidance



51 sites managed including parks, recreation grounds, cemeteries and 4 Green Flag parks

#### New long term investment

#### £10 million

programme for development and capital investment in housing stock

#### £1.8 million

investment in waste and cleansing

#### £0.6 million

investment in our leisure centre sites

#### £0.3 million

investment in parks and open spaces

#### £0.2 million

coastal protection works

## Where our money comes from...



#### How your Council Tax bill is split

Did you know that between just 13.2% and 14.6% of your bill goes to Adur District Council?



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