

# Your service

## 2021/22

**Dear resident,**

**We hope you, your friends and family are safe and well.**

Gloucestershire residents and businesses have shown immense community spirit and resilience during 2020, and our priorities are centred on fighting the Coronavirus, as well as planning for the future of Gloucestershire.

The county council will continue to deliver your essential services, supporting our health and social care partners to make sure the most vulnerable members of our families are looked after through the toughest times our generation has experienced.

We will support economic recovery from the pandemic by putting protecting jobs and protecting our environment at our core, while keeping Council Tax levels among the lowest in the country.

We have made great strides towards becoming a carbon neutral council, reducing our corporate emissions by 97 per cent since 2006/7, and we continue to put tackling climate change at the heart of decision-making.

Our commitment to reducing air pollution, cutting traffic congestion and tackling transport carbon emissions means there is £9.5 million in the capital programme which will fund the landmark B4063 Cheltenham to Gloucester cycleway scheme. We have started rolling out on street electric vehicle charging points, and we have brought forward our commitments to become a carbon neutral county by 2045.

At the same time, we recognise that budgets are tight for everyone – that's why we've worked hard once again to deliver one of the lowest Council Tax bills of any county council.

Thank you for continuing to follow the national guidance to help protect our loved ones from Coronavirus.

Yours faithfully



A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to be 'M Hawthorne'.

**Councillor Mark Hawthorne**  
Leader of Gloucestershire County Council

# What we do with your money



Just over  
**£5**  
per month increase for  
Band D Council Tax



An extra  
**£11.5m**  
of government support set  
aside in next year's budget to  
deal with Covid related spend

**£1m**  
to make new  
school buildings  
carbon neutral



**£1.8m**  
to ensure everyone  
has Broadband  
across the county

**£15m**  
in 2021/22  
towards a £30m  
new secondary  
school in  
Cheltenham



**£11m**  
for a new primary school  
in Bishops Cleeve

**£9.2m**  
in 21/22 to complete  
a new special school



**£3m**  
towards a £9.470m  
Gloucester to  
Cheltenham cycle  
route scheme



A further  
**£4.9m**  
towards the Gloucester  
South West Bypass



**£2.7m**  
investment in new  
and improved life-  
saving equipment  
for GFRS'  
firefighters

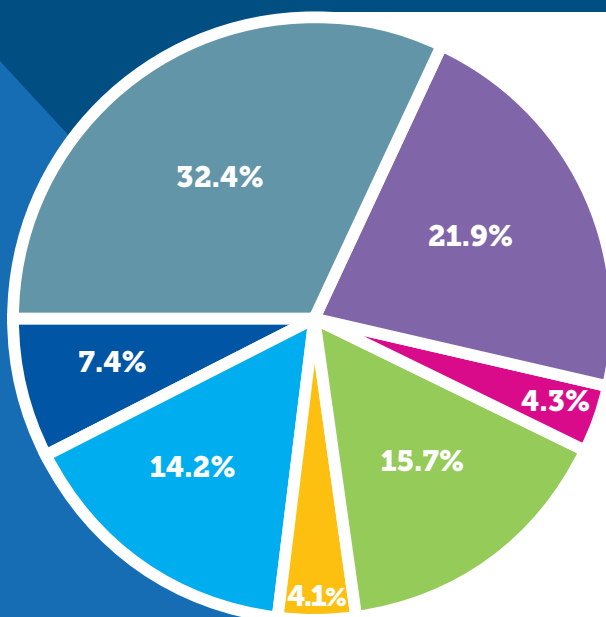
One of the  
**lowest council  
tax levels**  
amongst county councils



Year five of  
**£150m**  
in 'Your Highways'  
programme

# How our budget is broken down

Our overall budget is £483 million – this goes towards providing essential services.



**Adults - £156.5m**

**Vulnerable children - £105.7m**

**Other children services - £20.9m**

**Economy, environment  
and infrastructure - £75.9m**

**Community Safety  
(including GFRS) - £20m**

**Corporate resources  
and countywide - £68.4m**

**Prevention and wellbeing -  
£35.6m**

Foster for Gloucestershire County Council

# Change the life of a local child



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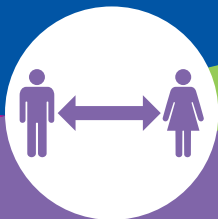
## Do it for Gloucestershire



HANDS



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SPACE



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