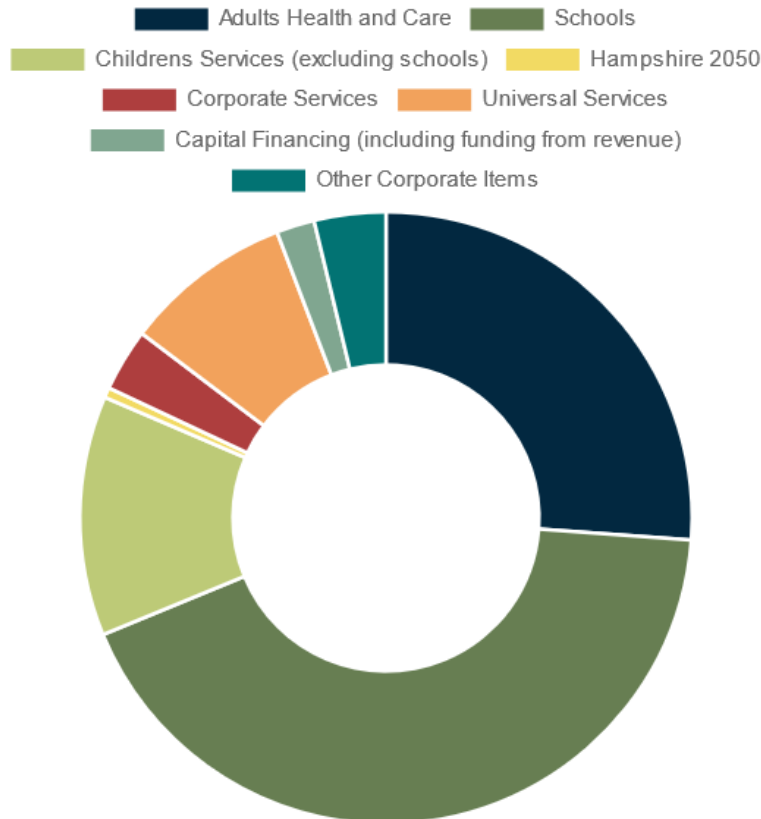


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HCC budget 2026-27 The County Council's budget for the next financial year has been approved by the council. This budget covers £3.3 billion of public spending on the ongoing delivery of important local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents. Hampshire County Council employs around 37,000 staff across the following areas:

Where the budget is spent



The Financial Challenge

Care Home residents needing financial support increase by **360 people/year £18.7m extra**

Cost of SEN transport has increased from **£8m to £75m** over last 10 years

A 5% council tax increase raises £40.1m

Devolution and the Mayoral Combined Authority

Mayoral Combined Authority -new regional duties in transport and infrastructure, housing and planning, economic development and investment, post-16 skills, environment, health and wellbeing, public safety. The combined authority will commence next month with the Leaders of the existing upper tier authorities and limited funds as the Mayoral elections have been deferred by government until May 2028.

- A seat at the national table
- New funding and investment (economic and transport)
- Local energy planning

- Strategic housing delivery

Local Government Reorganisation

Government has announced their preferred choice of unitary councils as four unitary councils on the mainland plus the Isle of Wight. Winchester will be in mid-Hampshire alongside Test Valley, East Hampshire and part of the New Forest.

Grants

My grants over the past nine years have supported projects across nine parishes. These have focused on community start-up projects, events and school PTA initiatives such as musical instruments and sports equipment for primary schools, bike shelters, repair cafes, Royal jubilee and coronation celebrations, the Hursley community shop, and Hursley village planters. Thank you to all the voluntary groups making a real difference in our community.

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Cllr Jan Warwick
Hampshire County Councillor (2017-2026)