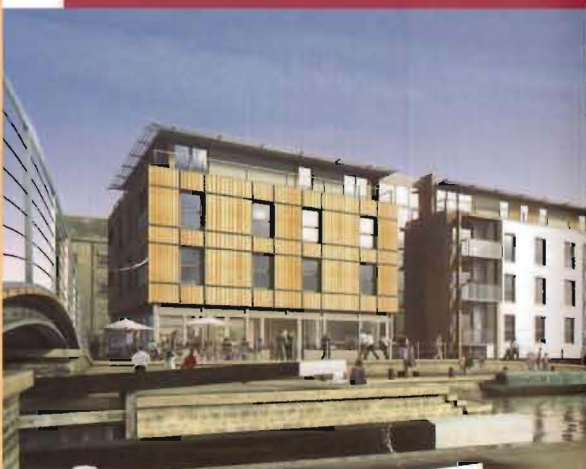


Looking after ourselves

- Last year we helped 1,346 older people to get the residential and nursing care they need at a cost of £62.5 million, that's 86p per citizen per week
- We provided over one million hours of Homecare to support people to live independently in their homes, at a cost of 22p per citizen per week
- We run over 1000 sport and leisure facilities in the district and over 350 sports and recreation clubs at a cost of £6 million per year, that's 8p per citizen per week



Developing a dynamic local economy

- We have secured £750m of external funding to be invested in major regeneration projects around the district, creating 4,000 jobs
- We spend over 50% of our budget for supplies and services with local and regional companies
- Nearly 90% of our suppliers are small and medium sized local companies

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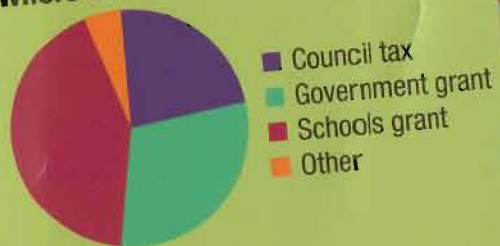
This leaflet gives you an idea of the range of services that Wakefield Council provides and contact details for each of these services.

All of the services are paid for by Council tax and through government funding. The average household in the district pays around £3 per day with some of you paying only £2 - *that's less than the price of a sandwich.*

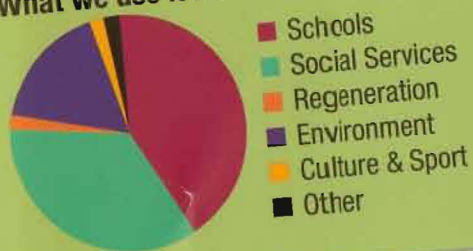
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Did you know...

Only 23% of the Council's budget comes from Council tax
Where our money comes from



What we use it for



Did you know... We are working to improve your local area and your quality of life

Feeling and being safer

- 41,000 streetlights light up the district at a cost of £900,000 per year, that's 65p per citizen
- We employ 85 school crossing patrollers to get your children to and from school safely at a cost of £170,000, that's 12p per citizen
- It costs you 87p per year to reduce anti-social behaviour and environmental crime in your local area - this includes every area of the district being patrolled by one of our 24 Neighbourhood Patrollers



Improving our places

- We manage 595 green spaces totalling 1,712 hectares, that's the equivalent of 2,500 football pitches at a cost of 18p per citizen per week
- It costs you 10p per week to maintain 1,352km of roads, enough road to get you to Paris and back
- Each Wakefield citizen creates over half a tonne of waste every year, the equivalent of a small car - last year we helped you to recycle or compost 22% of it at a cost of £2.23 per citizen per week
- The green belt covers 70% of the district. We plan to keep it this way so that future generations can enjoy our beautiful countryside



Investing in our people

- Over 50,000 children attend schools in the district each day at a cost of £18 per child per school day
- Our GCSE results last year were higher than the national average
- There were over 1.5 million visitors to libraries last year who borrowed 1,134,039 books and 144,935 CDs, DVDs and CD-ROMs
- We spend over £10,000 renewing our library stock each week so you can borrow what you need at a cost of 8p per citizen per week

Did you know... In the last 12 months...

- We were judged the country's most improved council and were awarded a Local Government Chronicle Award
- Wakefield was named Britain's Best 'Second-Tier' City for Business
- Our Council Tax increase was the lowest in West Yorkshire
- Satisfaction with the Council and its services rose by 6%
- Complaints against the Council reduced by 43%

