

COUNCIL: EXPLAINED

The Budget

Every council develops and follows an annual budget.

The Budget outlines how Council will fund its plans and priorities. It is made up of three parts:

- **Estimated Income**
- **Estimated Expenditure**
- **Fees and Charges**

The Budget is reviewed annually to ensure it is responsible and financially sustainable.

Estimated Income

Council receives money from a variety of different sources, and this is outlined in the Estimated Income section.

Estimated Expenditure

The Estimated Expenditure section outlines how Council will allocate our income, to best meet our goals.

This includes Capital Works, which are new projects, as well as funding for maintaining and renewing existing assets such as roads, footpaths, and buildings.

Fees and Charges

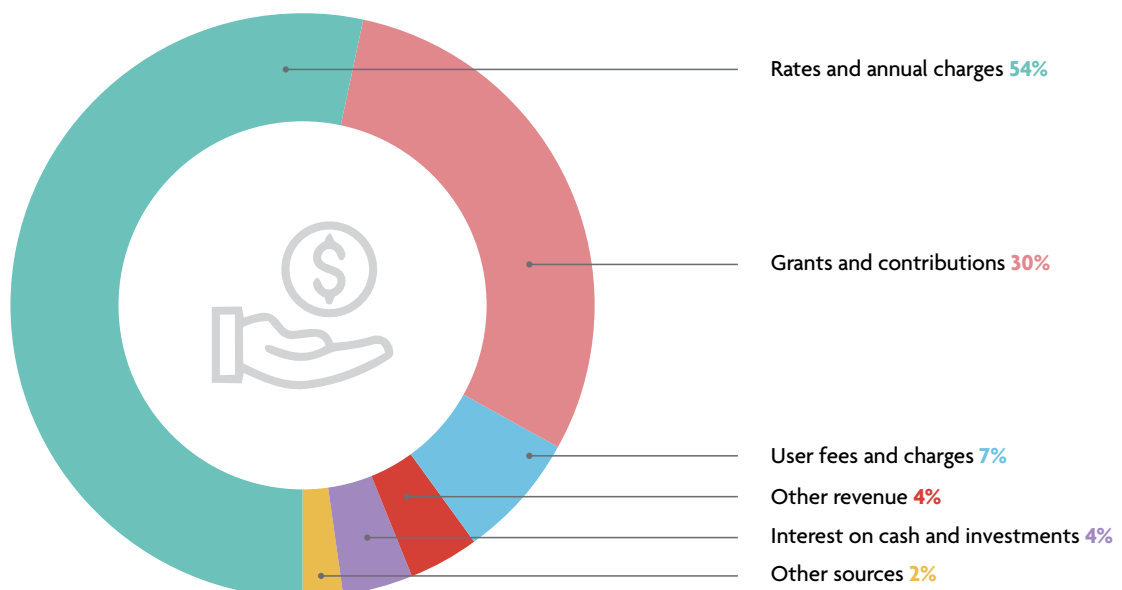
Council offers a variety of services including venue and sportsground hire, planning assessments, compliance inspections and more.

The Fees and Charges outline how much these services cost and is available on Council's website for transparency.

Draft Budget FY2026/2027

The following graphs show the income Council is expecting to receive in the financial year 2026/2027, and how we expect to spend it on investments, and Council services.

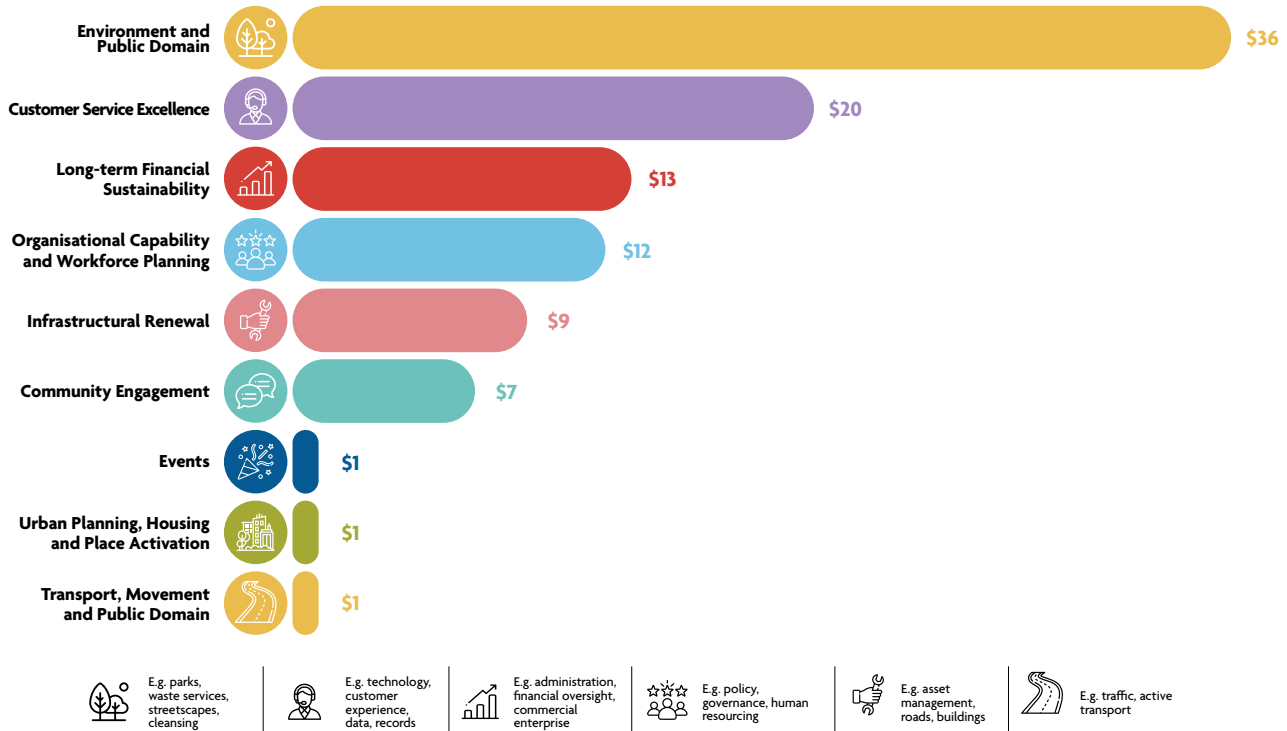
Where Does The Money Come From? (Estimated Income)



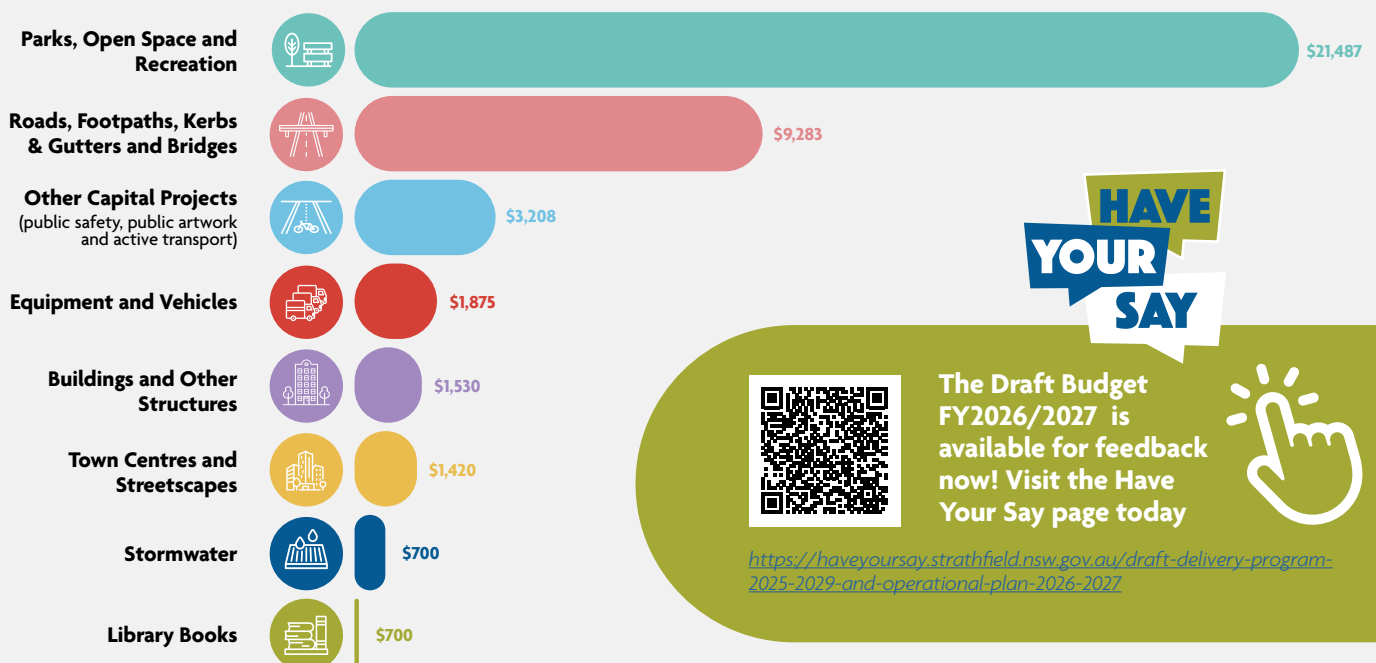
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How We Allocate Every \$100 of the Budget (Estimated Expenditure)



How We Are Investing in Our Assets (\$'000) (Investment Expenditure)



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