



REQUEST 17813

I am requesting detailed information concerning the financial contributions through council tax from residents and businesses in Atherton, alongside the corresponding allocation of services and investments specifically directed towards Atherton by the council.

Please provide the following details:

1. **Total Council Tax Collected:** The total amount of council tax collected from Atherton residents and businesses for the fiscal years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.
2. **Breakdown of Spending:** A detailed breakdown of how these funds have been allocated and spent on services within Atherton for the same periods.
3. **Comparison with Neighboring Towns:** If possible, a comparative breakdown showing the council tax collected from and services provided to neighboring towns such as Leigh, for a balanced view of fund allocation.
4. **Specific Services Analysis:** Detailed information on the specific services funded by the council tax in Atherton, including but not limited to public safety, infrastructure improvements, education, and waste management.

RESPONSE

1. The Council cannot provide the Council Tax provided by a specific area. Council Tax is a live system affected by the application and backdating of discounts, exemptions and reliefs.
2. Council Tax is not applied on a geographical basis. Direct and indirect overhead costs are incurred and recorded borough wide dependent on the statutory obligations and priorities across the whole of the council area. Where services span multiple areas costs cannot be meaningfully apportioned to individual towns.
3. As above
4. Council tax is a contribution towards the day to day running costs of delivering our services - it's not a charge for individual services. Council tax contributes towards around 22% of the total amount we'll spend delivering our services

The link below provides a breakdown of the application of every £1 of your 2025/26 Council Tax

[Your Council Tax explained](#)

5. **Investment in Atherton's High Street:** Information on any funds currently ringfenced or planned for investment specifically in Atherton's high street, including the nature of the projects, total investment, and projected timelines.

5. **Atherton and Tyldesley Links North**
This scheme will provide improved links between Atherton Train Station, Shakerley, Tyldesley town centre and the guided busway.

Proposals will include measures to make the rail station easier to access on foot and by bike from the neighbouring residential areas of Shakerley and Tyldesley. The scheme will also increase the opportunity for local sustainable travel to wider destinations. More details here: [Schemes proposed for the Borough](#)

The total budget estimated for this scheme is £1.4m and is fully funded from the Mayor's Challenge Fund. Planned works are due to commence in Autumn.