

19 December 2024

Freedom of Information Request, Oxford City Council – Reference: **FOI2024/01295**

Further to our acknowledgement, we can confirm that Oxford City Council can advise as follows in response to your Freedom of Information Request received on 21 November:

Request

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please treat this enquiry as a Freedom of Information request.

From 1 April 2025, your authority is able to charge council tax at up to 2 times the normal rate on second homes.

Please can you tell me, for the financial year 2025/26,

(a) What rate of council tax you will charge on second homes, and
100%.

(b) Your forecast of additional income from any premium above the normal rate, and

Our forecast is £186,000 for 2025/26.

(c) Whether you have adopted a policy to make any of this additional income available for new community led housing in your area.

All council tax is collected and distributed as explained at:

[Council Tax Income 2024 to 2025 | Oxford City Council](#)

How Council Tax income is split

Authority	Percentage of Council Tax	2024 to 2025 amount
Oxford City Council (including parish precepts)	14.42%	£352.07
Oxfordshire County Council	74.55%	£1,820.56
Police and Crime Commissioner (Thames Valley)	11.03%	£269.28

If you disagree with any part of the response to your request, you are entitled to ask the Council for an internal review of the decision(s) made. You may do this by writing to the Monitoring Officer, by either email monitoringofficer@oxford.gov.uk – or by post to Monitoring Officer, Oxford City Council, Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX. After the result of the internal review, if you remain dissatisfied, you may ask the Information Commissioner to intervene on your behalf. You may do this by writing to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

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