

Value for money

WE spent around £807 million in 2009/10 on providing high quality, cost effective services for the people of the district - and this figure does not include money spent on major building schemes such as Trinity Walk or schools such as Outwood Grange.

Our income comes from various sources, mainly from Government grants but also from the money you pay as Council Tax. In 2009/10, £107.5 million of the Council's money came from Council Tax.

Most of the money was spent on providing services such as schools, social services, highways, culture and sport and environmental services such as street cleaning and refuse.

That works out at roughly £2,500 being spent for every citizen in the district. The image provides a breakdown of how this money is spent.

The cost of the services we provide is equivalent to £27 per resident per week. The remainder of the information across these two pages shows just what this money buys.

Wakefield district was subject to the new Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) in 2009. CAA is made up of two main elements: an Area Assessment about how well all public services are working together in Wakefield to tackle local priorities; and an Organisational Assessment of the Council.

The Area Assessment uses a flag system; red flags highlight areas where key issues are not being tackled and green flags are awarded for excellent or innovative work. The district scored no red flags and also got a green for the development of six new nature reserves. It also said the district is safer and becoming cleaner and greener.

The Organisational Assessment said the Council was performing well, and scored us at 3 out of 4 - the highest in West Yorkshire.