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| **Full Council to decide council plan and final budget**  |
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| A series of measures to ensure a balanced budget for the year ahead (2024/25), and an updated council plan will be put forward for a final decision by West Sussex County Council on Friday 16 February.Members of the public can attend the meeting, which starts at 10.30am at County Hall, Chichester, or watch online at <https://westsussex.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>The County Council is expected to spend £2 billion during 2024/25 on day-to-day services and £131.6m through capital investment into areas such as schools, highways, and the environment.The council reported in July last year that it was looking at ways to close a £45m budget gap for the coming year. Proposals to balance the budget include re-prioritising resources to enable reductions of £15.7m, an increase in core council tax of 2.99%, plus an additional adult social care precept of 2%.The proposals and any amendments put forward will be debated at Full Council, followed by a vote.You can find the agenda for [Full Council](https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=136), watch a live webcast of the meeting, or watch again at a later date, via the County Council’s website: [www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk).For the latest news and information on the council’s budget visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk/Budget](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/Budget).**ENDS** **For further information please contact the news desk on 0330 222 8090 or email** **pressoffice@westsussex.gov.uk****. For urgent out-of-hours enquiries please call 07767 098415.** Facebook  Twitter |

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