

Annual Report

2025/26

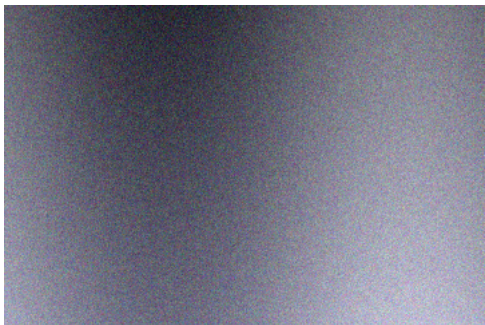
Eastholme Council: delivering for our communities

Foreword from the Leader

This report looks back on the year against our four priorities: homes where residents can live well, a green and sustainable borough, an enterprising economy with vibrant local centres, and healthy, safe and engaged communities.

None of this happens without our staff, partners and volunteers, and I want to thank everyone who has helped. There is more to do, especially on housing, and next year's plan sets out how we will do it.

Councillor A. Patel, Leader of Eastholme Council



trees planted



residents helped to wellbeing

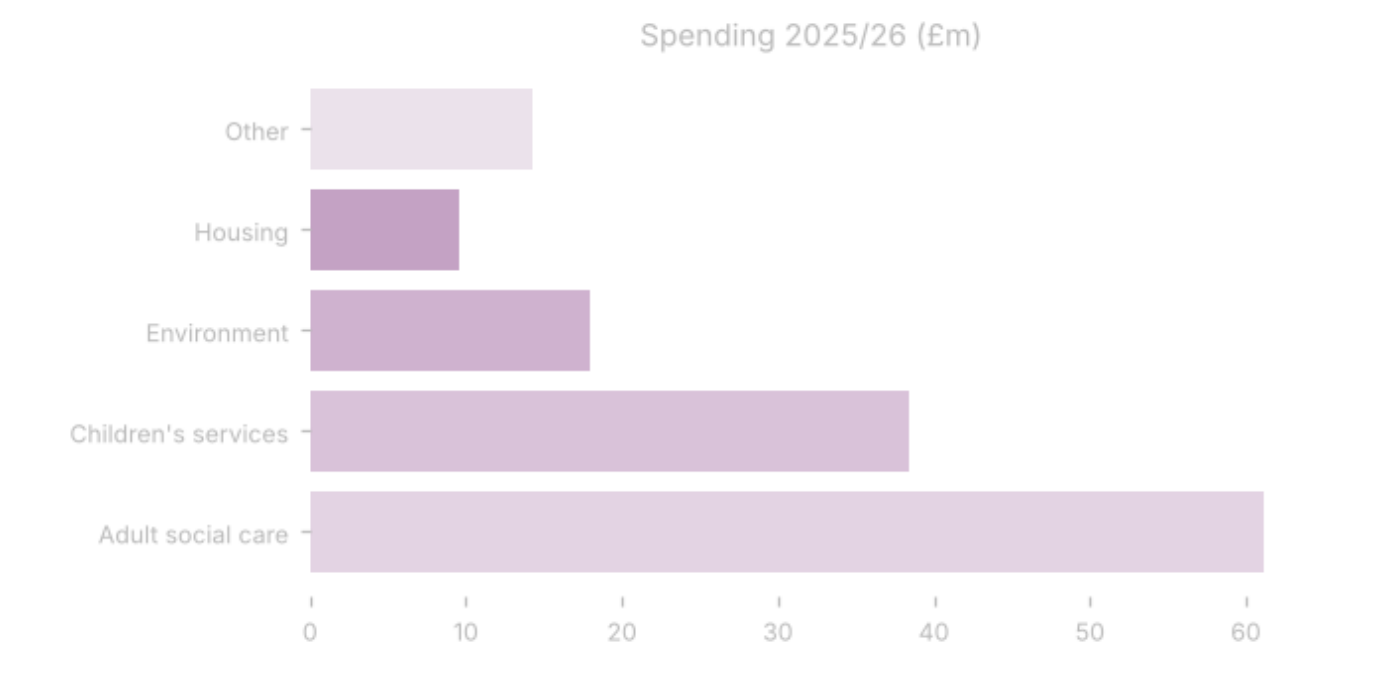


Green Flag parks



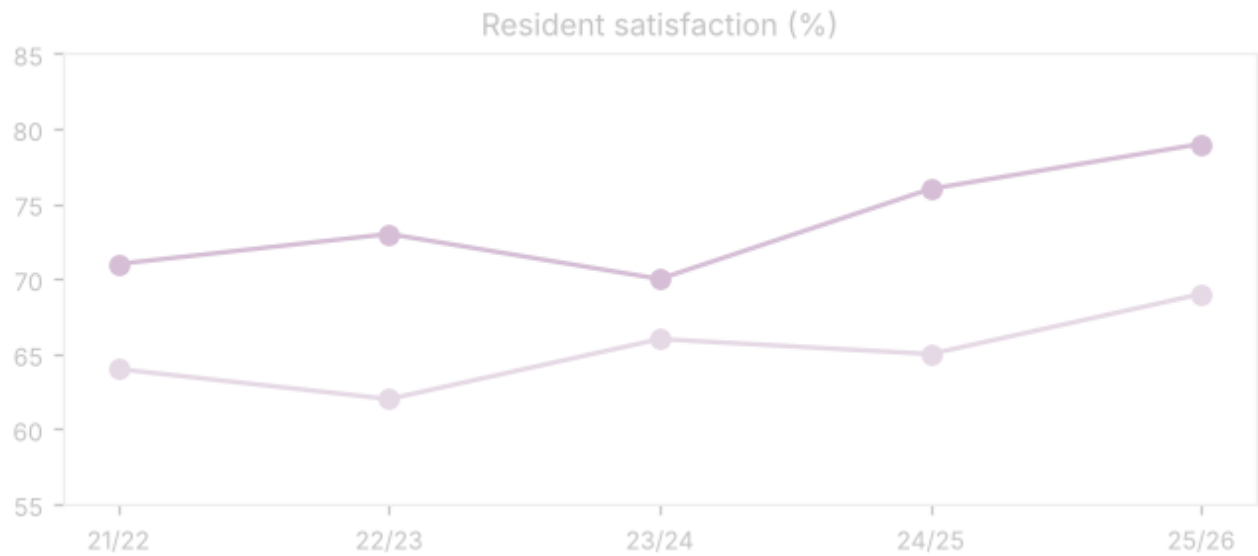
home adaptation grants

Where the money went



Service	Budget £m	Actual £m	Variance
Adult social care	59.8	61.2	+1.4
Children's services	37.0	38.4	+1.4
Environment	18.5	17.9	-0.6
Housing	10.2	9.6	-0.6
Other	15.0	14.3	-0.7
Total	140.5	141.4	+0.9

What residents told us



Dark line: satisfied with the council overall. Light line: feel informed about council services.

Satisfaction with the council rose to 79 per cent, the highest since the survey began. Fewer residents feel well informed about our services, so next year we are redesigning the website and the residents' magazine.

Homes where residents can live well

More than 480 households were given advice and practical help to make their homes warmer and cheaper to heat, and 171 disabled facilities grants paid for adaptations such as stairlifts, ramps and level-access showers.

We identified 210 privately rented homes that did not meet the minimum energy efficiency standard and are working with landlords to bring them up to standard.

Work started on 180 new affordable homes across four sites, including the first council homes built in Eastholme for over twenty years.

A green and sustainable borough

We improved 64 of the 75 bus shelters planned for the year and two more parks won Green Flag awards, bringing the total to seven.

Residents and schools collected 16,500 free trees, and with our own planting over 24,000 trees went into the ground this year. We secured 4.6 million pounds of public sector decarbonisation funding to cut carbon from four council buildings.

Recycling rose to 46 per cent, and we introduced weekly food waste collections for every household.

An enterprising economy

Eighteen million pounds of government funding is paying for the transformation of the town centre, including a new covered market and better walking routes between the station and the high street.

We gave grants to 132 local businesses to help them grow, take on staff or cut their energy use, and five Eastholme businesses won regional net zero awards.

Our business support team answered over 2,000 enquiries and helped 41 new businesses get started.

Healthy, safe and engaged communities

Our social prescribing service supported over 1,050 residents, connecting them with groups, activities and advice. Almost everyone who used it reported better wellbeing afterwards.

We funded 50 warm spaces across the borough over the winter, and the Household Support Fund helped 15,800 households with food, energy and essential costs.

Over 170 adults joined our healthy lifestyle and weight management programme.

How we did against our targets

We met 14 of our 18 targets for the year. The four we missed were the number of affordable homes completed, the time taken to process housing benefit claims, sickness absence among staff and the percentage of residents who feel informed about council services.

Each missed target has an improvement plan, and progress is reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee every quarter. The reports are published on our website.

Our priorities for 2026/27

1. Build 300 affordable homes
2. Open a third family hub in Westholme
3. Halve missed bin collections
4. Launch the new website

Read the full Council Plan at <https://www.eastholme.example.gov.uk/plan>. For this report in another format email info@eastholme.example.gov.uk.