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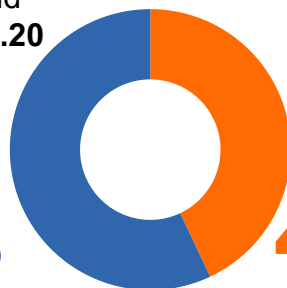
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Central  
govt grant  
**57%**



Council tax  
precept  
**43%**

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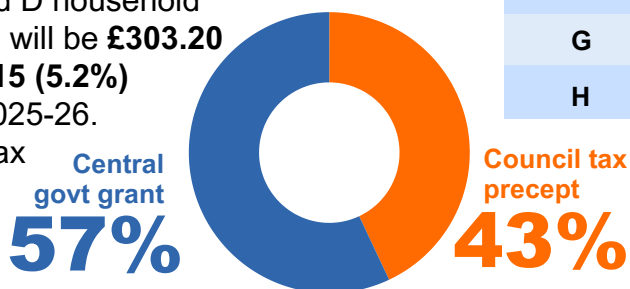
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