

Your Council Tax Guide 2022/23

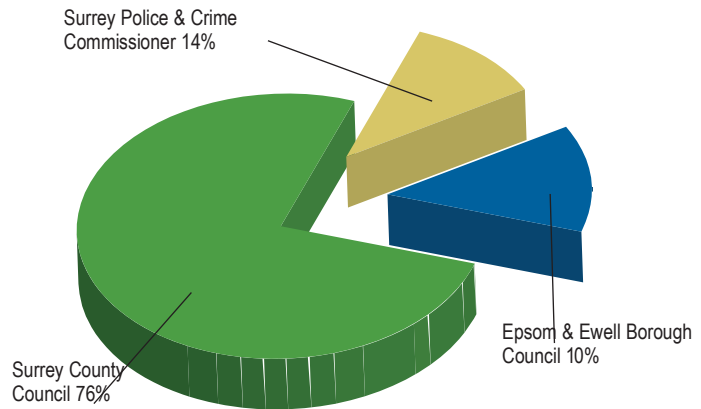


Where your Council Tax goes

Your bill is made up of three elements:

- An amount charged by Surrey County Council
- An amount charged by Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner
- An amount charged by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

Each authority will receive a portion of the Council Tax that you pay during 2022/23 as illustrated right:



This year the Borough Council will collect over £67m from Council Tax payers. The following table compares the total amounts to be collected from Council Tax in 2022/23 with those in 2021/22:

	2021/22	2021/22	2022/23	2022/23	Increase for Band D property	
	Total precept	Amount per Band D property	Total precept	Amount per Band D property	£	%
	£'000	£	£'000	£		
Surrey County Council	51,305	1,549.08	54,429	1,626.39	77.31	5.0*
Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner	9,467	285.57	9,828	295.57	10.00	3.5
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	6,904	208.26	7,090	213.21	4.95	2.4**
Total	67,722	2042.91	70,997	2,135.17	92.26	4.5

* The annual increase in council tax for the County of 4.99% includes an increase for adult social care as allowed under the Government's provisions and does not trigger the requirements for a local referendum.

**The annual increase in council tax for the Borough Council of 2.4% is below the new capping limit as set by Government and does not trigger the requirement for a local referendum.

Council Tax charges

The Council Tax is calculated according to property bands. Single person discounts (25%) or other discounts and exemptions will be applied to your account if appropriate. The table below indicates the charges where the full amount is payable in 2022/23.

The way your Council Tax bill is calculated is set out in legislation. The total amount to be raised in the Borough is first calculated by adding together the amount Epsom & Ewell Borough Council needs to pay for services, to the amounts that Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner and Surrey County Council need to raise in this Borough. The money to be raised to pay for all services is divided by the tax base for the area (33,251 properties) to give the charge for properties in property valuation Band D.

Property Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	142.14	165.83	189.52	213.21	260.59	307.97	355.35	426.42
Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner	197.05	229.89	262.73	295.57	361.25	426.93	492.62	591.14
Surrey County Council	1,084.26	1,264.97	1,445.68	1,626.39	1,987.81	2,349.23	2,710.65	3,252.78
Total per Household	1,423.45	1,660.69	1897.93	2,135.17	2,609.65	3,084.13	3,558.62	4,270.34
Valuation Band (An adjustment is made to Band D to calculate other property bands)	D x 6/9ths	D x 7/9ths	D x 8/9ths		D x 11/9ths	D x 13/9ths	D x 15/9ths	D x 18/9ths

Some of the services provided by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council with your Council Tax money include:

Affordable housing	Environmental Health	Rainbow Leisure Centre
Allotments	Housing Advice Service and Housing Needs	Recycling Refuse Collection
Car parks	Register Land Charges	Social Centre
Cemetery	Licensing	Sports and Leisure
Council Tax Support and Housing Benefit	Meals on Wheels and Transport from Home	Development Streetcare and Environmental improvements
Discretionary Relief	Parking enforcement	Support for Voluntary Organisations
Epsom Playhouse, Ewell Court House, Bourne Hall	Parks and Open Spaces (including Nonsuch Park with London Borough of Sutton)	
Planning and Building Control		
Graffiti Removal		

How we calculate the amount to be collected

The Borough Council's council tax requirement includes its spend on local services less income raised from those services and the monies received in Central Government grants. It is the amount of money that will need to be raised through local taxation:

	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23
	Total	Amount per Band D property	Amount per resident for year	Total	Amount per Band D property	Amount per resident for year
	£'000	£	£	£'000	£	£
Council Tax Requirement	6,904	208.26	86.38	7,090	213.21	87.52

The main areas of expenditure and net of service income are set out in the following table:

Gross Expenditure 2021/22	Government Grants 2021/22	Other Income 2021/22	Net Expenditure 2021/22	Service	Gross Expenditure 2022/23	Government Grants 2022/23	Other Income 2022/23	Net Expenditure 2022/23	Expenditure per resident 2022/23
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£
3,585	0	1,454	2,131	Refuse Collection	3,515	0	1,465	2,050	25.31
792	0	536	256	Environmental Health	851	0	532	319	3.94
3,951	0	4,844	(893)	Highways & Car Parks	3,975	0	4,979	(1,004)	(12.40)
20,587	17,827	581	2,179	Housing	19,889	17,051	603	2,235	27.60
1,719	6	581	877	Social & Welfare	1,589	6	702	881	10.88
1,676	0	941	735	Planning	1,476	0	625	851	10.50
6,349	0	2,603	3,746	Recreation	6,159	0	2,640	3,519	43.45
9,684	399	9,703	(418)	Other Services	10,147	422	9,949	(224)	(2.77)
0	365	1,344	(1,709)	External Funding	0	64	1,473	(1,537)	(18.97)
48,343	18,597	22,842	6,904	Council Tax Requirement	47,601	17,543	22,968	7,090	87.54

The main budget changes

Our Council Tax requirement is estimated to increase by £186,000 (2.7%) including the main budget changes in the table shown below:

	£'000	£'000
Council tax requirement for 2021/22		6,904
Add: Increase in salaries and other overheads	592	
Variations in Service and Budget Provisions	308	
Increased cost of homelessness	290	
Reduced income from investment properties (including Property Company EEPIC)	247	
Increase in premises costs	220	
Reduced funding from retained business rates	172	
Increased cost of outsourced Building Control service	147	
Increase in revenue funding for capital projects	100	
Less: Increase in contributions from earmarked strategic reserves	(1,129)	
Funding from Homelessness Prevention Grant	(256)	
Increase in fees and charges	(238)	
Service efficiencies	(167)	
Reduction in corporate contingencies/provisions	(100)	
Sub-Total of Changes		186
Add: Change in contribution from Working Balance		0
Council Tax Requirement for 2022/23		7,090

Capital expenditure on project and grants

Schemes	£'000
Disabled Facilities grants	600
Improvements to Wellbeing Centre	75
Improvement works to car parks	37
Total capital investment	712