

Your Council Tax Guide 2019/20

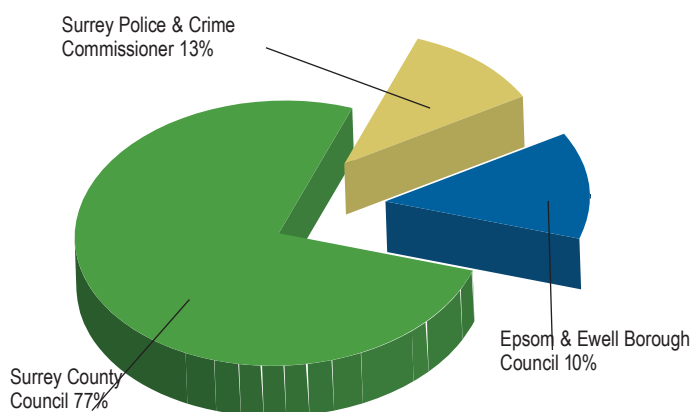


Where your Council Tax goes

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 2018/19 as illustrated right:



This year the Borough Council will collect over £60m from Council Tax payers. The following table compares the total amounts to be collected from Council Tax in 2020/19 with those in 2018/19:

	2018/19	2018/19	2020/19	2020/19	Increase for Band D property	
	Total precept	Amount per Band D property	Total precept	Amount per Band D property	£	%
	£'000	£	£'000	£	£	%
Surrey County Council	46,090	1,411.29	47,814	1,453.50	42.21	2.99*
Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner	7,726	236.57	8,572	260.57	24.00	10.14**
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	6,290	192.60	6,525	198.36	5.76	2.99***
Total	60,106	1,840.46	62,911	1,912.43	71.97	3.91

* The annual increase in council tax for the County of 2.99% includes an increase for adult social care as allowed under the Government's provisions and does not trigger the requirements for a local referendum.

**Special provisions have been brought in by the government enabling for Police and Crime Commissioners to increase their precept level for a typical (band D) household by a maximum of £2 a month without holding a local referendum.

***The annual increase in council tax for the Borough Council of 2.99% 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 2019/20.

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 (32,896 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	132.24	154.28	176.32	198.36	242.44	286.52	330.60	396.72
Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner	173.71	202.67	231.62	260.57	318.47	376.38	434.28	521.14
Surrey County Council	969.00	1,130.50	1,292.00	1,453.50	1,776.50	2,099.50	2,422.50	2,907.00.
Total per Household	1,274.95	1,487.45	1,699.94	1,912.43	2,337.41	2,762.40	3,187.38	3,824.86
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	Planning and Building Control
Allotments	Graffiti Removal	Rainbow Leisure
Car parks	Housing Advice Service and Housing Needs	Centre Recycling
Cemetery	Register Land Charges	Refuse Collection
Council Tax Support and Housing Benefit	Licensing	Social Centre
Discretionary Rate Relief	Meals on Wheels and Transport from Home	Sports and Leisure
The Ebbisham Centre (in Partnership with others)	Parking enforcement	Development Streetcare and Environmental Improvements
Epsom Playhouse, Ewell Court House, Bourne Hall	Parks and Open Spaces (including Nonsuch Park with London Borough of Sutton)	Support for Voluntary Organisations

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:

	2018/19	2018/19	2018/19	2019/20	2019/20	2019/20
	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	6,290	192.60	79.03	6,478	198.36	82.13

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

Gross Expenditure 2018/19	Government Grants 2018/19	Other Income 2018/19	Net Expenditure 2018/19	Service	Gross Expenditure 2019/20	Government Grants 2019/20	Other Income 2019/20	Net Expenditure 2019/20	Expenditure per resident 2019/20
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£
3,415	0	1,691	1,724	Refuse Collection	3,399	0	1,459	1,940	24.42
706	0	465	241	Environmental Health	748	0	479	269	3.38
3,669	0	4,417	(748)	Highways & Car Parks	3,720	0	4,425	(705)	(8.88)
21,426	19,009	471	1,946	Housing	20,740	18,267	457	2,016	25.37
1,453	6	695	752	Social & Welfare	1,597	6	741	850	10.71
1,425	0	819	606	Planning	1,396	0	851	545	6.86
6,306	0	2,615	3,691	Recreation	6,020	0	2,482	3,538	44.53
10,084	815	9,698	(429)	Other Services	8,337	603	9,800	(2,066)	(26.00)
0	0	1,493	(1,493)	Retained Business Rates / Collection Fund surplus	1,803	0	1,665	138	1.74
48,484	19,830	22,364	6,290	Council Tax Requirement	47,760	18,876	22,359	6,525	82.13

The main budget changes

Our Council Tax requirement is estimated to increase by £235,000 (3.7%) including the main budget changes in the table shown below:

	£'000	£'000
Council tax requirement for 2018/19		6,290
Add: Reduction in retained income from business rates / change in deficit on collection	1,631	
Increase in salaries and other overheads	588	
Reduction in New Homes Bonus Grant funding for services	480	
Increase in cost of providing waste and recycling service	166	
Less: Increase in contributions from earmarked reserves and provisions	(1,779)	
Reduction in revenue funding for capital projects	(440)	
Increase in income from investment properties	(287)	
Increase in Fees and Charges	(123)	
Variations in service and budget provisions	(1)	
Sub-Total of Changes		235
Add: Change in contribution from Working Balance		0
Council Tax Requirement for 2019/2020		6,525

Capital expenditure on project and grants

Schemes	£'000
Disabled Facilities grants	650
Information Technology/Electronic Service Delivery	306
Improvement works to car parks	118
Works to Council owned buildings and venues	40
Total capital investment	1,114