

Your Council Tax Guide 2020/21

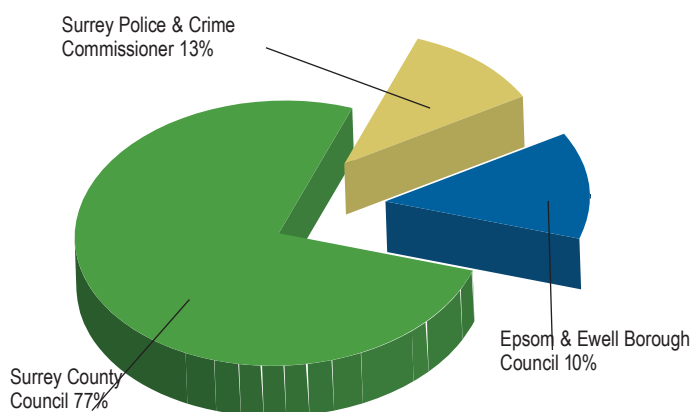


Where your Council Tax goes

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 2020/21 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 2020/21 with those in 2019/20:

	2019/20	2019/20	2020/21	2020/21	Increase for Band D property	
	Total precept	Amount per Band D property	Total precept	Amount per Band D property	£	%
	£'000	£	£'000	£		
Surrey County Council	47,814	1,453.50	49,908	1,511.46	57.96	3.99*
Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner	8,572	260.57	8,934	270.57	10.00	3.8
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	6,525	198.36	6,713	203.31	4.95	2.5**
Total	62,911	1,912.43	65,555	1,985.34	72.91	3.8

* The annual increase in council tax for the County of 3.99% 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 2.5% 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 2020/21.

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 (33,020 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	135.54	158.13	180.72	203.31	248.49	293.67	338.85	406.62
Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner	180.38	210.44	240.51	270.57	330.70	390.82	450.95	541.14
Surrey County Council	1,007.64	1,175.58	1,343.52	1,511.46	1,847.34	2,183.22	2,519.10	3,022.92
Total per Household	1,323.56	1,544.15	1,764.75	1,985.34	2,426.53	2,867.71	3,308.90	3,970.68
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	Meals on Wheels and Transport from Home	Sports and Leisure
Relief 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:

	2019/20	2019/20	2019/20	2020/21	2020/21	2020/21
	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	6,525	198.36	82.13	6,713	203.31	84.00

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

Gross Expenditure 2019/20	Government Grants 2018/19/20	Other Income 2019/20	Net Expenditure 2019/20	Service	Gross Expenditure 2020/21	Government Grants 2020/21	Other Income 2020/21	Net Expenditure 2020/21	Expenditure per resident 2020/21
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£
3,399	0	1,459	1,940	Refuse Collection	3,509	0	1,427	2,082	26.05
748	0	479	269	Environmental Health	759	0	493	266	3.32
3,720	0	4,425	(705)	Highways & Car Parks	3,849	0	4,668	(819)	(10.24)
20,740	18,267	457	2,016	Housing	19,612	16,916	589	2,107	26.37
1,597	6	741	850	Social & Welfare	1,647	6	759	882	11.03
1,396	0	851	545	Planning	1,486	0	888	598	7.48
6,020	0	2,482	3,538	Recreation	6,281	0	2,658	3,623	45.33
8,337	603	9,800	(2,066)	Other Services	11,547	470	10,073	1,004	12.57
1,804	0	1,665	138	Retained Business Rates / Collection Fund surplus	0	0	3,030	(3,030)	(37.91)
47,760	18,876	22,359	6,525	Council Tax Requirement	48,690	17,392	24,585	6,713	84.00

The main budget changes

Our Council Tax requirement is estimated to increase by £188,000 (2.9%) including the main budget changes in the table shown below:

	£'000	£'000
Council tax requirement for 2019/20		6,525
Add: Increased contribution towards reserves and provisions	2,825	
Increase in salaries and other overheads	645	
Increase in cost of temporary accommodation	380	
Reduction in New Homes Bonus Grant funding for services	137	
Increase in cost of providing waste and recycling service	111	
Increase in revenue funding for capital projects	100	
Less: Reduction in retained income from business rates / Change in surplus from council tax income for previous year	(3,170)	
Increase in fees and charges	(353)	
Increase in income from investment properties	(154)	
Reduction in net housing benefit payments	(155)	
Funding from flexible housing support grant	(116)	
Variations in service and budget provisions	(62)	
Sub-Total of Changes		188
Add: Change in contribution from Working Balance		0
Council Tax Requirement for 2020/21		6,713

Capital expenditure on project and grants

Schemes	£'000
Disabled Facilities grants	600
Information Technology/Electronic Service Delivery	250
Improvement works to car parks	80
Works to Council owned buildings and venues	263
Improvements to parks and open spaces	315
Total capital investment	1,508