

Your Council Tax Guide 2021/22

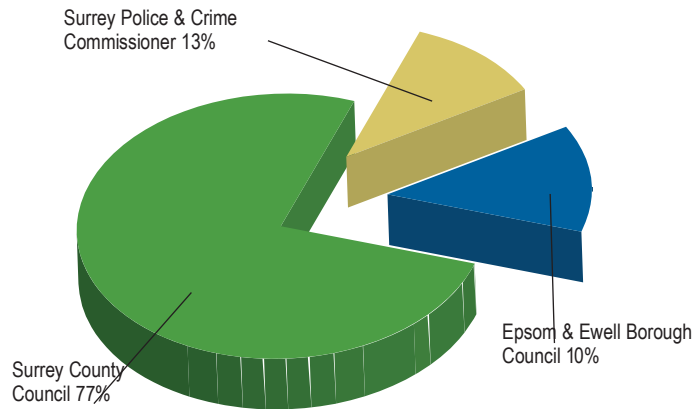


Where your Council Tax goes

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 2021/22 as illustrated right:



This year the Borough Council will collect over £65m from Council Tax payers. The following table compares the total amounts to be collected from Council Tax in 2021/22 with those in 2020/21:

	2020/21	2020/21	2021/22	2021/22	Increase for Band D property	
	Total precept	Amount per Band D property	Total precept	Amount per Band D property	£	%
	£'000	£	£'000	£		
Surrey County Council	49,908	1,511.46	51,305	1,549.08	37.62	2.5*
Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner	8,934	270.57	9,467	285.57	15.00	5.5
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	6,713	203.31	6,904	208.26	4.95	2.4**
Total	65,556	1,985.34	67,722	2,042.91	57.57	2.9

* The annual increase in council tax for the County of 2.5% 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 2021/22.

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 (33,150 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	138.84	161.98	185.12	208.26	254.54	300.82	347.10	416.52
Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner	190.38	222.11	253.84	285.57	349.03	412.49	475.95	571.14
Surrey County Council	1,032.72	1,204.84	1,376.96	1,549.08	1,893.32	2,237.56	2,581.80	3,098.16
Total per Household	1,361.94	1,588.93	1,815.92	2,042.91	2,496.89	2,950.87	3,404.85	4,085.82
Valuation Band (An adjustment is made to Band D to calculate other property bands)	D x 69ths	D x 79ths	D x 89ths		D x 119ths	D x 139ths	D x 159ths	D x 189ths

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 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:

	2020/21	2020/21	2020/21	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22
	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	6,713	203.31	84.00	6,904	208.26	86.38

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

Gross Expenditure 2020/21	Government Grants 2020/21	Other Income 2020/21	Net Expenditure 2020/21	Service	Gross Expenditure 2021/22	Government Grants 2021/22	Other Income 2021/22	Net Expenditure 2021/22	Expenditure per resident 2021/22
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£
3,509	0	1,427	2,082	Refuse Collection	3,585	0	1,454	2,131	26.66
759	0	493	266	Environmental Health	792	0	536	256	3.21
3,849	0	4,668	(819)	Highways & Car Parks	3,951	0	4,844	(893)	(11.18)
19,612	16,916	589	2,107	Housing	20,587	17,827	581	2,179	27.26
1,647	6	759	882	Social & Welfare	1,719	6	836	877	10.97
1,486	0	888	598	Planning	1,676	0	941	735	9.19
6,281	0	2,658	3,623	Recreation	6,349	0	2,603	3,746	46.86
11,547	470	10,073	1,004	Other Services	9,684	399	9,703	(418)	(5.22)
0	0	3,030	(3,030)	External Funding	0	365	1,344	(1,709)	(21.37)
48,690	17,392	24,585	6,713	Council Tax Requirement	48,343	18,597	22,842	6,904	86.38

The main budget changes

Our Council Tax requirement is estimated to increase by £191,000 (2.8%) including the main budget changes in the table shown below:

	£'000	£'000
Council tax requirement for 2020/21		6,713
Add: Reduced funding from retained business rates	1,688	
Contingency for impact of Covid-19	950	
Reduced dividend income from Property Company (EEPIC)	741	
Increase in salaries and other overheads	361	
Reduction in New Homes Bonus Grant funding for services	137	
Increase in revenue funding for capital projects	100	
Less: Reduction in contribution to Business Rates Equalisation Reserve	(1,688)	
Funding from the Property Income Equalisation Reserve	(741)	
Change in contribution from Corporate Projects Reserve	(444)	
New Central Government funding	(365)	
Increase in fees and charges	(278)	
Increase in income from investment properties	(121)	
Reduction in pension back-funding	(96)	
Variations in service and budget provisions	(53)	
Sub-Total of Changes		191
Add: Change in contribution from Working Balance		0
Council Tax Requirement for 2021/22		6,904

Capital expenditure on project and grants

Schemes	£'000
Disabled Facilities grants	600
Information Technology/Electronic Service Delivery	225
Improvement works to car parks	30
Replacement of lamp columns	425
Improvements to parks and open spaces	205
Total capital investment	1,485