

Your Council Tax Guide

2016/17



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# 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 2016/17 as illustrated right:

Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner 13%

Surrey County Council 76%

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council 11%

This year the Borough Council will collect over £53m from Council Tax payers. The following table compares the total amounts to be collected from Council Tax in 2016/17 with those in 2015/16:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2015/16** | | **2015/16** | **2016/17** | **2016/17** |  | |
| Total precept | | Amount per Band D property | Total precept | Amount per Band D property | Increase for Band D property | |
|  | £’000 | £ | £’000 | £ | £ | % |
| Surrey County Council | 38,434 | 1,219.68 | 40,602 | 1,268.28 | 48.60 | 3.98 |
| Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner | 6,803 | 215.89 | 7,049 | 220.19 | 4.30 | 1.99 |
| Epsom & Ewell Borough Council | 5,581 | 177.12 | 5,829 | 182.07 | 4.95 | 2.79 |
| **Total** | **50,818** | **1,612.69** | **50,818** | **1,670.54** | **57.85** | **3.59** |

The annual increase in council tax for the Borough Council of 2.79% 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 2016/17.

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 (32,013 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 | 121.38 | 141.61 | 161.84 | 182.07 | 222.53 | 262.99 | 303.45 | 364.14 |
| Surrey Police & |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crime Commissioner | 146.79 | 171.26 | 195.72 | 220.19 | 269.12 | 318.05 | 366.98 | 440.38 |
| Surrey County |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Council | 845.52 | 986.44 | 1,127.36 | 1,268.28 | 1,550.12 | 1,831.96 | 2,113.80 | 2,536.56 |
| Total per Household | 1,113.69 | 1,299.31 | 1,484.92 | 1,670.54 | 2,041.77 | 2,413.00 | 2,784.23 | 3,341.08 |
| Valuation Band  (An adjustment is made | D x | D x | D x |  | D x | D x | D x | D x |
| to Band D to calculate | 6⁄9ths | 7⁄9ths | 8⁄9ths |  | 11⁄9ths | 13⁄9ths | 15⁄9ths | 18⁄9ths |
| other property bands) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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

Affordable housing Allotments

Car parks Cemetery

Council Tax Support and Housing Benefit Discretionary Rate Relief The Ebbisham Centre (in Partnership with others)

Epsom Playhouse, Ewell Court House, Bourne Hall

Environmental Health

Graffiti Removal

Gypsy Site Management Housing Advice Service and Housing Needs Register Land Charges

Licensing

Meals on Wheels and RouteCall Parking enforcement

Parks and Open Spaces (including Nonsuch Park

with London Borough of Sutton) Planning and Building Control

Rainbow Leisure Centre Recycling

Refuse Collection Social Centres

Sports and Leisure Development Streetcare and Environmental

Improvements

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:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2015/16** | **2015/16** | **2015/16** | **2016/17** | **2016/17** | **2016/17** |
| 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** | **5,581** | **177.12** | **72.36** | **5,829** | **182.07** | **74.42** |

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

Gross Expenditure 2015/16

Government Grants 2015/16

Other Income 2015/16

Net Expenditure 2015/16

Service

Gross Expenditure 2016/17

Government Grants 2016/17

Other Income 2016/17

Net Expenditure 2016/17

Expenditure per resident 2014/15

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| £’000 | £’000 | £’000 | £’000 |  | £’000 | £’000 | £’000 | £’000 | £ |  |
| 3,804 | 0 | 1,780 | 2,024 | Refuse Collection | 3,425 | 0 | 1,763 | 1,662 | 21.23 |  |
| 831 | 0 | 581 | 250 | Environmental Health | 844 | 0 | 628 | 216 | 2.76 |  |
| 3,403 | 0 | 3,911 | (508) | Highways & Car Parks | 3,494 | 0 | 4,263 | (769) | (9.82) |  |
| 22,008 | 19,648 | 621 | 1,739 | Housing | 25,207 | 22,313 | 717 | 2,177 | 27.79 |  |
| 1,652 | 6 | 817 | 829 | Social & Welfare | 1,562 | 6 | 846 | 710 | 9.07 |  |
| 1,408 | 0 | 758 | 650 | Planning | 1,532 | 0 | 845 | 687 | 8.76 |  |
| 5,712 | 0 | 2,336 | 3,376 | Recreation | 6,044 | 0 | 2,338 | 3,706 | 47.32 |  |
| 6,059 | 2,200 | 4,575 | (716) | Other Services | 6,107 | 2,382 | 4,387 | (662) | (8.46) |  |
| 0 | 1,006 | 0 | (1,006) | Formula Grant | 0 | 510 | 0 | (510) | (6.51) |  |
| 0 | 0 | 1,057 | (1,057) | Retained Business Rates / Collection Fund surplus | 0 | 0 | 1,388 | (1,388) | (17.72) |  |
| **44,877** | **22,860** | **16,436** | **5,581** | **Council Tax Requirement** | **48,215** | **25,211** | **17,175** | **5,829** | **74.42** |  |

# The main budget changes

Our Council Tax requirement is estimated to increase by £248,000 (4%) including the main budget changes in the table shown below:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | £’000 | £’000 |
| **Council tax requirement for 2015/16** |  | **5,581** |
| **Add:** | Reduction in Government Formula Grant | 496 |  |
|  | Contribution to earmarked reserves | 460 |  |
|  | Increase in homelessness costs | 429 |  |
|  | Reduction in income from services | 191 |  |
|  | Pension Fund additional deficit contributions | 133 |  |
| **Less:** | Increase in Fees and Charges | (752) |  |
|  | Reduction in retained income from business rates / Change in surplus from council  tax income for previous year | (331) |  |
|  | Reduction in salaries and other overheads | (243) |  |
|  | Increase in New Homes Bonus Grant | (217) |  |
|  | Variations in service and budget provisions | (147) |  |
|  | Sub-Total of Changes |  | 19 |
| **Add:** | Change in contribution from Working Balance |  | 229 |
|  | **Council Tax Requirement for 2016/2017** |  | **5,829** |

# Capital expenditure on project and grants

**Schemes £’000**

Cemetery extension 654

Disabled Facilities grants 286

Bin replacement 91

**Total capital investment 1,031**