

# Your Council Tax Guide 2018/19

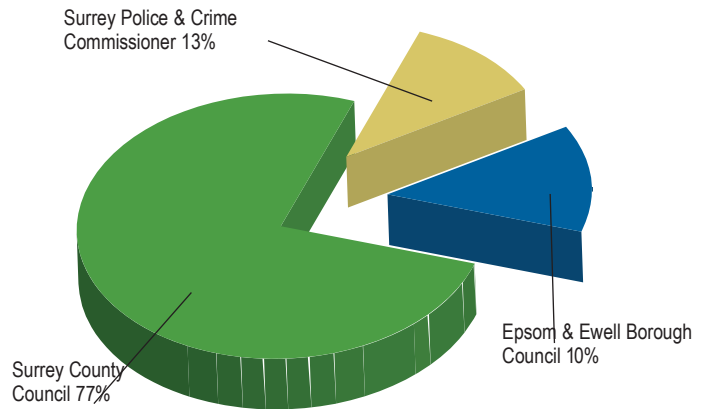


## Where your Council Tax goes

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 2018/19 with those in 2017/18:

	2017/18	2017/18	2018/19	2018/19	Increase for Band D property	
	Total precept	Amount per Band D property	Total precept	Amount per Band D property	£	%
	£'000	£	£'000	£		
Surrey County Council	43,041	1,331.55	46,090	1,411.29	79.74	5.99*
Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner	7,259	224.57	7,726	236.57	12.00	5.35
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	6,045	187.02	6,290	192.60	5.58	2.98**
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,345</b>	<b>1,743.14</b>	<b>60,106</b>	<b>1,840.46</b>	<b>97.32</b>	<b>5.58</b>

\* The annual increase in council tax for the County of 5.99% includes a 3% 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 2.98% 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 2018/19.

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 (32,658 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	128.40	149.80	171.20	192.60	235.40	278.20	321.00	385.20
Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner	157.71	184.00	210.28	236.57	289.14	341.71	394.28	473.14
Surrey County Council	940.86	1,097.67	1,254.48	1,411.29	1,724.91	2,038.53	2,352.15	2,822.58
Total per Household	1,226.97	1,431.47	1,635.96	1,840.46	2,249.45	2,658.44	3,067.43	3,680.92
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 Rate Relief The Ebbisham Centre (in Partnership with others)	Meals on Wheels and RouteCall Parking enforcement	Sports and Leisure
Epsom Playhouse, Ewell Court House, Bourne Hall	Parks and Open Spaces (including Nonsuch Park with London Borough of Sutton)	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:

	2017/18	2017/18	2017/18	2018/19	2018/19	2018/19
	Total	Amount per Band D property	Amount per resident for year	Total	Amount per Band D property	Amount per resident for year
	£'000	£	£	£'000	£	£
<b>Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>6,045</b>	<b>187.02</b>	<b>76.57</b>	<b>6,290</b>	<b>192.60</b>	<b>79.03</b>

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

Gross Expenditure 2017/18	Government Grants 2017/18	Other Income 2017/18	Net Expenditure 2017/18	Service	Gross Expenditure 2018/19	Government Grants 2018/19	Other Income 2018/19	Net Expenditure 2018/19	Expenditure per resident 2018/19
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£
3,310	0	1,706	1,604	Refuse Collection	3,415	0	1,691	1,724	21.6631
704	0	492	212	Environmental Health	706	0	465	241	3.03
3,551	0	4,314	(763)	Highways & Car Parks	3,669	0	4,417	(748)	(9.39)
22,250	19,499	598	2,153	Housing	21,426	19,009	471	1,946	24.45
1,557	6	767	784	Social & Welfare	1,453	6	695	752	9.45
1,547	0	873	674	Planning	1,424	0	818	606	7.62
6,071	0	2,430	3,641	Recreation	6,306	0	2,615	3,691	46.37
6,187	1,724	5,123	(660)	Other Services	10,084	815	9,698	(429)	(5.40)
0	83	0	(83)	Formula & Transitional Grant	0	0	0	0	0.00
0	0	1,517	(1,517)	Retained Business Rates / Collection Fund surplus	0	0	1,493	(1,493)	(18.76)
<b>45,177</b>	<b>21,312</b>	<b>17,820</b>	<b>6,045</b>	<b>Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>48,483</b>	<b>19,830</b>	<b>22,363</b>	<b>6,290</b>	<b>79.03</b>

### The main budget changes

Our Council Tax requirement is estimated to increase by £245,000 (4%) including the main budget changes in the table shown below:

	£'000	£'000
<b>Council tax requirement for 2017/18</b>		<b>6,045</b>
<b>Add:</b>		
Reduction in New Homes Bonus Grant	888	
Changes to charges made to revenue for capital expenditure	411	
Increase in salaries and other overheads	310	
Variations in service and budget provisions	153	
Increase in specific contingencies	133	
Reduction in funding from Surrey County Council for waste and recycling	111	
Additional cost of business rates and utilities for Council properties	104	
Reduction in Formula and Transitional Grants	83	
Reduction in retained income from business rates / Change in surplus from council	24	
<b>Less:</b>		
Increase in income from investment properties	(806)	
Reduction in contributions to earmarked reserves and provisions	(638)	
Reduction in homelessness costs	(280)	
Increase in Fees and Charges	(248)	
Sub-Total of Changes		245
<b>Add:</b>		
Change in contribution from Working Balance		0
<b>Council Tax Requirement for 2018/2019</b>		<b>6,290</b>

### Capital expenditure on project and grants

Schemes	£'000
Disabled Facilities grants	588
Information Technology/Electronic Service Delivery	425
Improvement works to car parks	427
Works to Council owned buildings and venues	296
Repairs to St Marys Churchyard Flint Faced Wall	77
<b>Total capital investment</b>	<b>1,813</b>