



COUNCIL TAX 2025/26

Our 2025/26 budget ensures that we can continue to deliver services that support those residents most in need, improve our local communities, and improve people's everyday lives.

Surrey County Council is responsible for a wide range of things including Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Education, Highways and Transport,

Libraries and Culture, Public Health and Surrey Fire & Rescue Service.

The council will also be delivering a huge level of investment in the county, including new children's homes, care accommodation, improved roads and town centre infrastructure, and community-led projects.

All to make Surrey a better place.

The average Band D Council Tax per year is £1,846.35*, here's how your money is spent:



£768.28

ADULTS, WELLBEING AND HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS

Adult Social Care, Public Health and community support

£458.63

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND LIFELONG LEARNING

Looking after children in care, schools and adult education

£288.32

PLACE

Highways, countryside, waste management and environmental services

£117.58

RESOURCES

Support services like IT, Finance, HR and communications

£66.60

COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND EMERGENCIES

Surrey Fire and Rescue, Emergency Management, Trading Standards and Safer Communities

£146.94

CENTRAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Includes capital financing costs

*For illustrative purposes, this represents the total budget split by the Surrey County Council portion of Band D Council Tax value. Some areas are funded by specific restricted grants, which are not reflected here.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

We are proud that we can set a balanced budget and protect our services in a tough economic climate, thanks to years of strong financial management.

However, with higher costs and higher levels of demand on our services, we must increase Council Tax as our main source of funding, as well as deliver cost savings across our budget.

This will help us make sure our services can continue to be delivered.

In order to achieve a balanced budget, councillors have approved a Council Tax increase of 4.99% (made up of 2.99% increase in the core Council Tax and 2% increase on the Adult Social Care Precept).

The increase of £1.69 per week for the average Band D Council Taxpayer (£1.01 on core Council Tax and £0.68 on Adults Social Care Precept), will help support our most vulnerable residents and keep Surrey a great place to live.

WHAT INVESTMENT WILL YOU SEE THIS YEAR?



£76M ON HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



240 NEW SCHOOL PLACES FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND



£5M FOR ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING GRASS CUTTING

£4.3M LOOKING AFTER AND IMPROVING MUCH OF SURREY'S COUNTRYSIDE

NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART ACCOMMODATION FOR ADULTS WITH COMPLEX NEEDS



OVER £10M INVESTED IN IMPROVING OUR 52 LIBRARIES

A NEW TOWN CENTRE IN FARNHAM



163 MILES OF ROADS AND PAVEMENTS RESURFACED



£20M OF INVESTMENT IN NEW CHILDREN'S HOMES AND CARE LEAVERS ACCOMODATION

Ensuring children in care stay close to their communities



REDEVELOPMENT AND MODERNISATION OF SOME OF OUR FIRE STATIONS AND TRAINING FACILITIES

To better serve our communities and meet the highest standards of safety

For more information about our budget and Council Tax, please visit surreycc.gov.uk/yourmoney

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