

# Your Council Tax Guide 2023/24

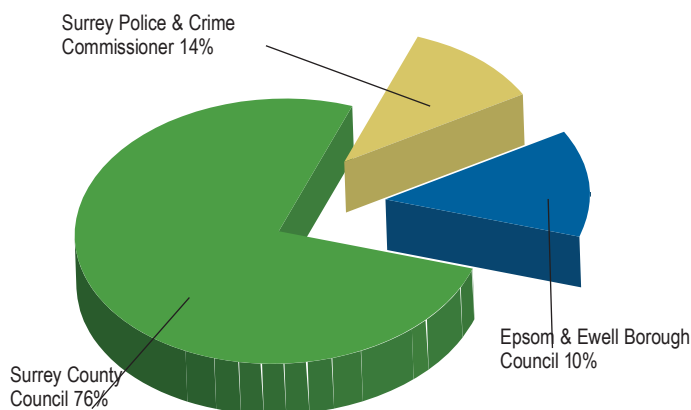


## Where your Council Tax goes

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 2023/24 as illustrated right:



This year the Borough Council will collect over £70m from Council Taxpayers. The following table compares the total amounts to be collected from Council Tax in 2023/24 with those in 2022/23:

	2022/23	2022/23	2023/24	2022/24	Increase for Band D property	
	Total precept	Amount per Band D property	Total precept	Amount per Band D	£	%
	£'000	£	£'000	£		
Surrey County Council	54,429	1,626.39	56,151	1,675.08	48.69	2.99*
Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner	9,828	295.57	10,411	310.57	15.00	5.1
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	7,090	213.21	7,361	219.60	6.39	2.99**
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,347</b>	<b>2,135.17</b>	<b>73,923</b>	<b>2,205.25</b>	<b>70.08</b>	<b>3.3</b>

\* The annual increase in council tax for the County of 2.99% 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 2.99% 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 2023/24.

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 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	146.40	170.80	195.20	219.60	268.40	317.20	366.00	439.20
Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner	207.05	241.55	276.06	310.57	379.59	448.60	517.62	621.14
Surrey County Council	1,116.72	1,302.84	1,488.96	1,675.08	2,047.32	2,419.56	2,791.80	3,350.16
<b>Total per Household</b>	<b>1,470.17</b>	<b>1,715.19</b>	<b>1,960.22</b>	<b>2,205.25</b>	<b>2,695.31</b>	<b>3,185.36</b>	<b>3,675.42</b>	<b>4,410.50</b>
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:

	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24
	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>7,090</b>	<b>213.21</b>	<b>87.52</b>	<b>7,361</b>	<b>219.60</b>	<b>90.88</b>

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

Gross Expenditure 2022/23	Government Grants 2022/23	Other Income 2022/23	Net Expenditure 2022/23	Service	Gross Expenditure 2023/24	Government Grants 2023/24	Other Income 2023/24	Net Expenditure 2023/24	Expenditure per resident 2023/24
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
3,515	0	1,465	2,050	Refuse Collection	3,566	0	1,529	2,037	25.15
851	0	532	319	Environmental Health	902	0	559	343	4.24
3,975	0	4,979	(1,004)	Highways & Car Parks	3,485	0	4,049	(564)	(6.97)
19,889	17,051	603	2,235	Housing	17,692	15,246	240	2,206	27.24
1,589	6	702	881	Social & Welfare	1,592	6	721	865	10.68
1,476	0	625	851	Planning	1,416	0	660	756	9.33
6,159	0	2,640	3,519	Recreation	6,290	0	2,664	3,626	44.76
10,147	422	9,949	(224)	Other Services	9,983	226	10,736	(979)	(12.08)
0	64	1,473	(1,537)	External Funding	0	280	649	(929)	(11.47)
<b>47,601</b>	<b>17,543</b>	<b>22,968</b>	<b>7,090</b>	<b>Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>44,926</b>	<b>15,758</b>	<b>21,807</b>	<b>7,361</b>	<b>90.88</b>

### The main budget changes

Our Council Tax requirement is estimated to increase by £271,000 (3.8%) including the main budget changes in the table shown below:

	£'000	£'000
<b>Council tax requirement for 2022/23</b>		<b>7,090</b>
<b>Add:</b> Reduced funding from retained business rates/council tax income	877	
Reduced car parking income	730	
Provision for increased cost of energy and inflation	638	
Variations in service and budget provisions	378	
Increase in salaries and other overheads	315	
Increase in building/facilities maintenance costs	242	
Increase in statutory audit fess	115	
Increase in revenue funding for capital projects	100	
<b>Less:</b> Change in contribution from Revenue Reserves	(1,077)	
Increase in fees and charges	(668)	
Increased income from treasury management	(610)	
Reduction in corporate contingencies/provisions	(350)	
Increase in Central Government funding	(269)	
Additional income form Surrey Business Rates pool	(150)	
Sub-Total of Changes		271
<b>Add:</b> Change in contribution from Working Balance		0
<b>Council Tax Requirement for 2023/24</b>		<b>7,361</b>

## Capital expenditure on project and grants

<b>Schemes</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Disabled Facilities grants	785
Improvement works to Council owned buildings	428
Improvements to parks and open spaces	251
Information Technology/Electronic Service Delivery	250
<b>Total capital investment</b>	<b>1,714</b>