

Your Council Tax Guide

2017/18



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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 2017/18 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 £56m from Council Tax payers. The following table compares the total amounts to be collected from Council Tax in 2017/18 with those in 2016/17:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2016/17** | | **2016/17** | **2017/18** | **2017/18** |  | |
| Total precept | | Amount per Band D property | Total precept | Amount per Band D property | Increase for Band D property | |
|  | £’000 | £ | £’000 | £ | £ | % |
| Surrey County Council | 40,602 | 1,268.28 | 43,041 | 1,331.55 | 63.27 | 4.99\* |
| Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner | 7,049 | 220.19 | 7,259 | 224.57 | 4.38 | 1.99 |
| Epsom & Ewell Borough Council | 5,829 | 182.07 | 6,045 | 187.02 | 4.95 | 2.72\*\* |
| **Total** | **53,480** | **1,670.54** | **56,345** | **1,743.14** | **72.60** | **4.35** |

\*The annual increase in council tax for the Borough Council of 2.72% is below the new capping limit as set by Government and does not trigger the requirement for a local referendum.

Adult Social Care (ASC)

Surrey County Council has taken up the option to charge an annual social care precept and has charged the maximum 2.99% (rounded to 3% on your bill) for 2017-18. This amount is in addition to adult social care precept which was levied in 2016-17 of 1.96% (rounded to 2% on your bill) as shown below

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Surrey CC Band D Council Tax Precept** | **2016/17 ASC Amount (1.96% of 2016/17 Charge)** | **2017/18 ASC Amount (2.99% of 2017/18 Charge)** | **ASC Amount To pay** |
| **2016/17** | £1,243.89 | £24.39 | £0.00 | £24.39 |
| **2017/18** | £1,269.11 | £24.39 | £38.05 | £62.44 |

This amount is included in the overall increase in the Surrey County Council charge of 4.99% for 2017/18. The basic charge for other expenditure and that for adult social care are shown separately on your Council Tax bill.

More information on adult social care funding can be found on the Surrey County Council website

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/your-council/council-tax-and-finance/council-tax>. or by telephoning 03456 009 009

# 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 2017/18.

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 (32,324 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 | 124.68 | 145.46 | 166.24 | 187.02 | 228.58 | 270.14 | 311.70 | 374.04 |
| Surrey Police & |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crime Commissioner | 149.71 | 174.67 | 199.62 | 224.57 | 274.47 | 324.38 | 374.28 | 449.14 |
| Surrey County |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Council | 887.70 | 1,035.65 | 1,183.60 | 1,331.55 | 1,627.45 | 1,923.35 | 2,219.25 | 2,663.10 |
| Total per Household | 1,162.09 | 1,355.78 | 1,549.46 | 1,743.14 | 2,130.50 | 2,517.87 | 2,905.23 | 3,486.28 |
| 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

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 Centre

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:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2016/17** | **2016/17** | **2016/17** | **2017/18** | **2017/18** | **2017/18** |
| 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** | **5,829** | **182.07** | **74.42** | **6,045** | **187.02** | 76.57 |

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

Gross Expenditure 2016/17

Government Grants 2016/167

Other Income 2016/17

Net Expenditure 2016/17

Service

Gross Expenditure 2017/18

Government Grants 2017/18

Other Income 2017/18

Net Expenditure 2017/18

Expenditure per resident 2017/18

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| £’000 | £’000 | £’000 | £’000 |  | £’000 | £’000 | £’000 | £’000 | £ |  |
| 3,425 | 0 | 1,763 | 1,662 | Refuse Collection | 3,310 | 0 | 1,706 | 1,604 | 20.31 |  |
| 844 | 0 | 628 | 216 | Environmental Health | 704 | 0 | 492 | 212 | 2.68 |  |
| 3,494 | 0 | 4,263 | (769) | Highways & Car Parks | 3,551 | 0 | 4,314 | (763) | (9.66) |  |
| 25,207 | 22,313 | 717 | 2,177 | Housing | 22,250 | 19,499 | 598 | 2,153 | 27.27 |  |
| 1,562 | 6 | 846 | 710 | Social & Welfare | 1,557 | 6 | 767 | 784 | 9.93 |  |
| 1,532 | 0 | 845 | 687 | Planning | 1,547 | 0 | 873 | 674 | 8.54 |  |
| 6,044 | 0 | 2,338 | 3,706 | Recreation | 6,071 | 0 | 2,430 | 3,641 | 46.12 |  |
| 6,107 | 2,382 | 4,387 | (662) | Other Services | 6,187 | 1,724 | 5,123 | (660) | (8.36) |  |
| 0 | 510 | 0 | (510) | Formula & Transitional Grant | 0 | 83 | 0 | (83) | (1.05) |  |
| 0 | 0 | 1,388 | (1,388) | Retained Business Rates / Collection Fund surplus | 0 | 0 | 1,517 | (1,517) | (19.21) |  |
| **48,215** | **25,211** | **17,175** | **5,829** | **Council Tax Requirement** | **45,177** | **21,312** | **17,820** | **6,045** | **76.57** |  |

# The main budget changes

Our Council Tax requirement is estimated to increase by £216,000 (3.7%) including the main budget changes in the table shown below:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | £’000 | £’000 |
| **Council tax requirement for 2016/17** |  | **5,829** |
| **Add:** | Reduction in New Homes Bonus Grant | 563 |  |
|  | Reduction in Formula and Transitional Grants | 427 |  |
|  | Additional cost of business rates and utilities for Council properties | 238 |  |
|  | Variations in service and budget provisions | 177 |  |
|  | Increase in specific contingencies | 175 |  |
| **Less:** | Reduction in contributions from earmarked reserves and provisions | (397) |  |
|  | Increase in income from investment properties | (281) |  |
|  | Reduction in salaries and other overheads | (241) |  |
|  | Increase in Fees and Charges | (198) |  |
|  | Reduction in retained income from business rates / Change in surplus from council tax income for previous year | (129) |  |
|  | Reduction in homelessness costs | (118) |  |
|  | Sub-Total of Changes |  | 216 |
| **Add:** | Change in contribution from Working Balance |  | 0 |
|  | **Council Tax Requirement for 2017/2018** |  | **6,045** |

# Capital expenditure on project and grants

**Schemes £’000**

**Disabled Facilities grants 535**

**Information Technology/Electronic Service Delivery 270**

**Improvement works to car parks 174**

**Improvements to parks 156**

**Waste bin containers 93**

**Bourne Hall lighting improvements 21**

**Total capital investment 1,249**