

Your council tax

The year ahead

A message from Guildford Borough Council Executive

Your council tax helps fund a wide range of vital services for people in our borough.

We keep 9% of your council tax and from this provide crucial services, like bin collections and supporting vulnerable people. For an average Band D property council tax payment we will keep £186.82 a year, yet we provide around £780 of services per household.

Despite having made £8 million savings through our Future Guildford transformation programme, we still need to save £6 million in the next four years. We are operating within significant financial constraints with ongoing cuts to government funding and now the added impact of the Coronavirus (Covid 19) pandemic.

We hope this explains why we feel we have no choice but to increase our part of the council tax to protect critical services. The increase will be £5 per year for an average Band D property, or 2.75% increase – which is less than current inflation.

We will continue to transform our Council to better serve our residents while reducing costs. Difficult decisions will be unavoidable and as we navigate the challenges ahead we will continue to put our residents first and be honest, open and transparent with you every step of the way.



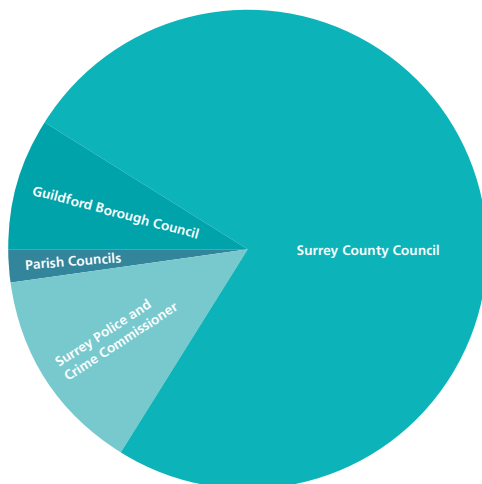
What we get

We collect £125m in council tax.

Guildford Borough Council keeps approximately **9% of the total amount collected** which is £10.9m. Our Parish Councils receive £2m from the total collected. We use this to pay for vital services to support our communities.

For every £1 spent we collect:

Guildford Borough Council	9p
Surrey County Council	75p
Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner	14p
Parish Councils	2p



Guildford Borough Council expected income 2022/23

Total income: £125m (including parish council precepts)

Parking	24%	Planning development and building control	5%
Council tax	22%	Business rates	4%
Property rents	21%	Crematorium	3%
Grants and other	14%	Leisure income	2%
Refuse and recycling	5%		

Detailed information on council tax tariffs and the Council's full spending plans are available at www.guildford.gov.uk/taxcharge

Where the money goes

Your council tax pays for local services like waste and recycling, street cleaning, parks and much more. It also pays for social care for vulnerable people, support for children and emergency services like the fire service and the police. **Our total expenditure is £138m.**

Guildford Borough Council spending 2022/23

For every £1 we spend



Note: figures and percentages have been rounded

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