

# Guildford Borough Council

## Your council tax The year ahead

### A message from Guildford Borough Council Executive

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

We keep 8% of the council tax we collect from you. This money helps us provide important services, including bin collections, maintaining our beautiful parks and green spaces and, importantly, supporting those most in need in our community.

For an average Band D property council tax payment we only keep £198.16 a year, yet we provide around £1,530 of services per household.

We pay for most of these services from other sources of funding. But inflationary pressures continue to increase the cost of running the essential services we want to protect. Cuts to funding from central government also continues to put financial strain on local councils.

Despite making efficiency savings and reviewing our services to find extra savings and income, we feel we have no choice but to increase our



part of the council tax to protect vital public services.

The increase will be 2.99%. That's £5.75 per year for an average Band D property and less than the current rate of inflation.

We recognise the financial pressures many individuals and families face. We are committed to supporting those in need and we will continue to provide support that helps people who may be struggling to pay council tax.

We have balanced our budget for this financial year, but difficult decisions still lie ahead. We will continue to put the interests of our residents first, being honest, open and transparent about decisions we take.

## 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 £148 million.**

## Guildford Borough Council spending 2024/2025

### For every £1 we spend



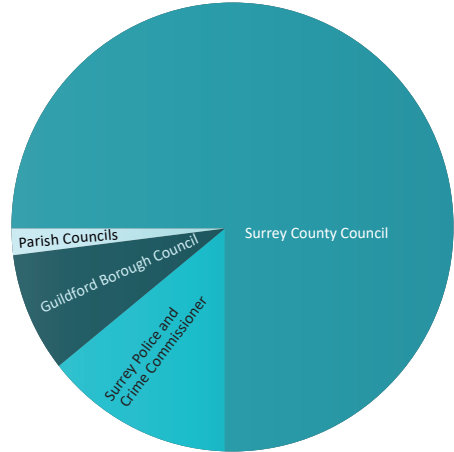
**Note:** figures and percentages have been rounded

## What we get

**We collect £139 million in council tax.** Guildford Borough Council keeps approximately 8% of the total amount collected which is £11.9 million. Our Parish Councils receive £2 million from the total collected. We use this to pay for key services to support our communities.

## For every £1 we collect:

Guildford Borough Council	<b>8p</b>
Surrey County	<b>76p</b>
Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner	<b>14p</b>
Parish Councils	<b>2p</b>



## Guildford Borough Council expected income 2024/2025

**Total income: £139 million**

We fund our services from the following sources:

Parking	<b>14%</b>	Planning development and building control	<b>3%</b>
Council Tax	<b>14%</b>	Housing Benefits	<b>35%</b>
Property rents	<b>14%</b>	Bereavement Services	<b>3%</b>
Grants	<b>4%</b>	Other income, fees and charges	<b>9%</b>
Business rates	<b>4%</b>		

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

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