

# Your council tax, 2017-18

## COUNCIL SETS BUDGET TO INVEST IN SOCIAL CARE

Surrey County Council has set a budget for 2017-18 of £656.8 million to help meet the cost of increasing pressures on adult social care.

This will mean a **4.99% increase in council tax** for county council services. The increase is made up of a 1.99% general council tax rise and a 3% increase specifically for adult social care (which will raise £18m to help meet the growing needs of vulnerable older people).

**The overall increase is the equivalent of £1.22 a week for a Band D household, or £63.29 a year.**

The increase is designed to protect vital services following significant cuts in Government funding and an ongoing increase in demand for services as a result of Surrey's ageing population, and an increase in the number of adults and children with learning disabilities and special needs. An increasing birth rate has also led to a growing need for school places.

Since 2010 the Government has cut Surrey County Council's annual grant by £170m,

putting significant pressure on its budget, despite a continuing efficiency drive that has achieved £450m in savings over the last six years.

Nearly two-thirds of the council's budget (65p in every £1) goes on providing social care for adults and children. The biggest demand is for adult social care services. By 2020 Surrey's elderly population will increase by 20,000 and by the middle of the next decade 56% of the population will be aged over 65. Half of these will have chronic conditions that require support.

### Further savings needed

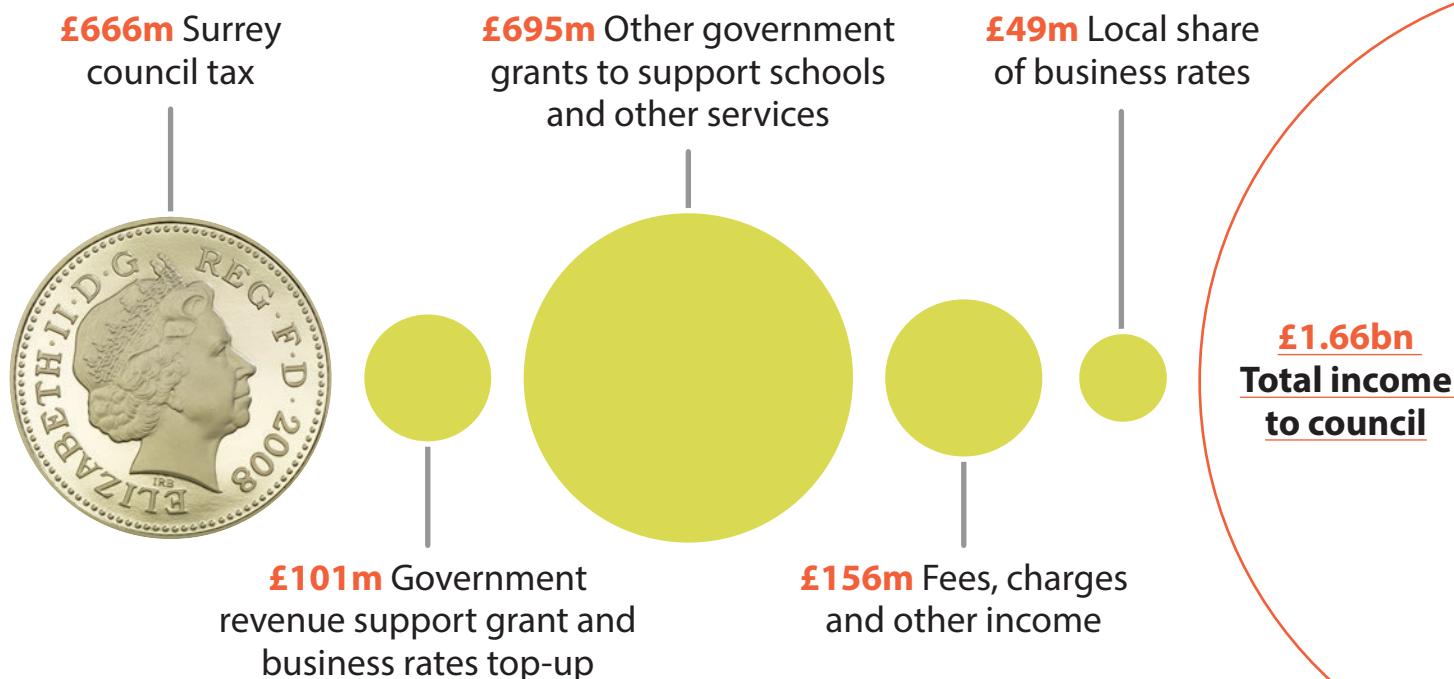
Despite the additional funding raised through council tax this year, the pressures are so great that the council has plans to **make further significant savings of £93m in 2017/18**. It has also set up a sustainability review board to identify additional savings to help meet growing demand for services.

The amount of council tax payable for each property band for county council services in 2017-18 is shown here. This amount includes a levy (or precept) to fund adult social care (ASC).

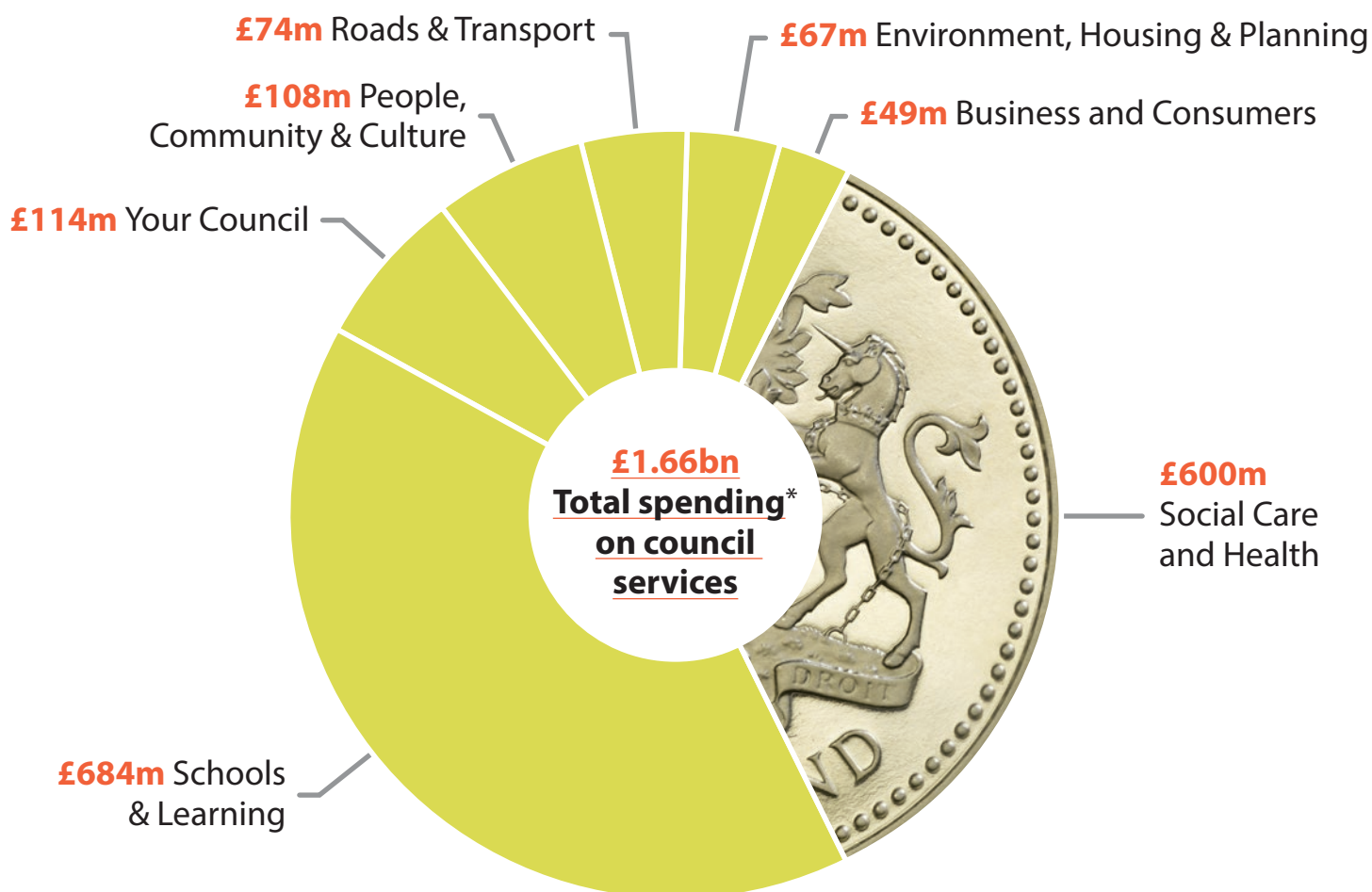
Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
<b>Standard amount</b>	£846.07	£987.08	£1,128.10	£1,269.11	£1,551.14	£1,833.16	£2,115.19	£2,538.22
<b>ASC levy</b>	£41.63	£48.57	£55.50	£62.44	£76.31	£90.19	£104.06	£124.88
<b>Overall council tax</b>	£887.70	£1,035.65	£1,183.60	£1,331.55	£1,627.45	£1,923.35	£2,219.25	£2,663.10

NOTE: The adult social care levy (£62.44) combines the amount charged in 2016-17 (£24.39) and the 2017-18 levy (£38.05). The 2017-18 levy (3%) is based on the 2016-17 overall council tax precept (£1,268.26).

# WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



# WHERE THE MONEY GOES



\*Note: £30m in savings to be identified from this amount.

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