

COUNCIL RESPONDS TO RISING NEEDS OF RESIDENTS

Surrey County Council has set an overall gross budget for 2018-19 of £1.7 billion to help meet the growing needs of residents, particularly support for vulnerable children and adults.

This will mean a **2.99% increase in general council tax** for county council services, and **an additional 3% increase specifically for adult social care** (known as the adult social care precept).

The overall increase is the equivalent of £1.53 a week for a Band D household, or £79.74 a year.

The council is under unprecedented financial pressure following seven years of cuts to its Government funding, while numbers of people requiring services have continued to rise. For example, since 2010-11 there has been:

- A 46% rise in people with learning disabilities (up to 3,760);
- A 9% rise in children needing school places (up to 142,208);
- A 44% rise in children with Education, Health and Care Plans (up to 7,700);
- A 15% rise in older people in need of support (up to 9,822).

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 the people in this age bracket are likely to have chronic conditions that require support. Government funding for Surrey roads has also dropped.

The council has continued to pursue an ambitious programme of efficiency savings since 2010 that puts it on track to achieve combined savings of more than £540m by this year. However, loss of Government funding and the pressures outlined above will require a further £133m in savings over the next three years.

Surrey now receives no revenue support grant (RSG) from the Government, so has to raise more of its funding locally (eg from council tax and business rates) than most councils elsewhere. This year the council will also have to raise money from asset sales and use of its reserves. Independent financial advice from the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) confirms that to achieve financial sustainability, a fundamental transformation of public services is required.

This is what we are doing.

The council and its public sector partners have already responded by working together to see how their combined efforts can achieve further efficiencies. To address future challenges will require a step change in collaboration with partner organisations, with a greater focus on changes across the public sector in Surrey as a whole and engagement with local communities.

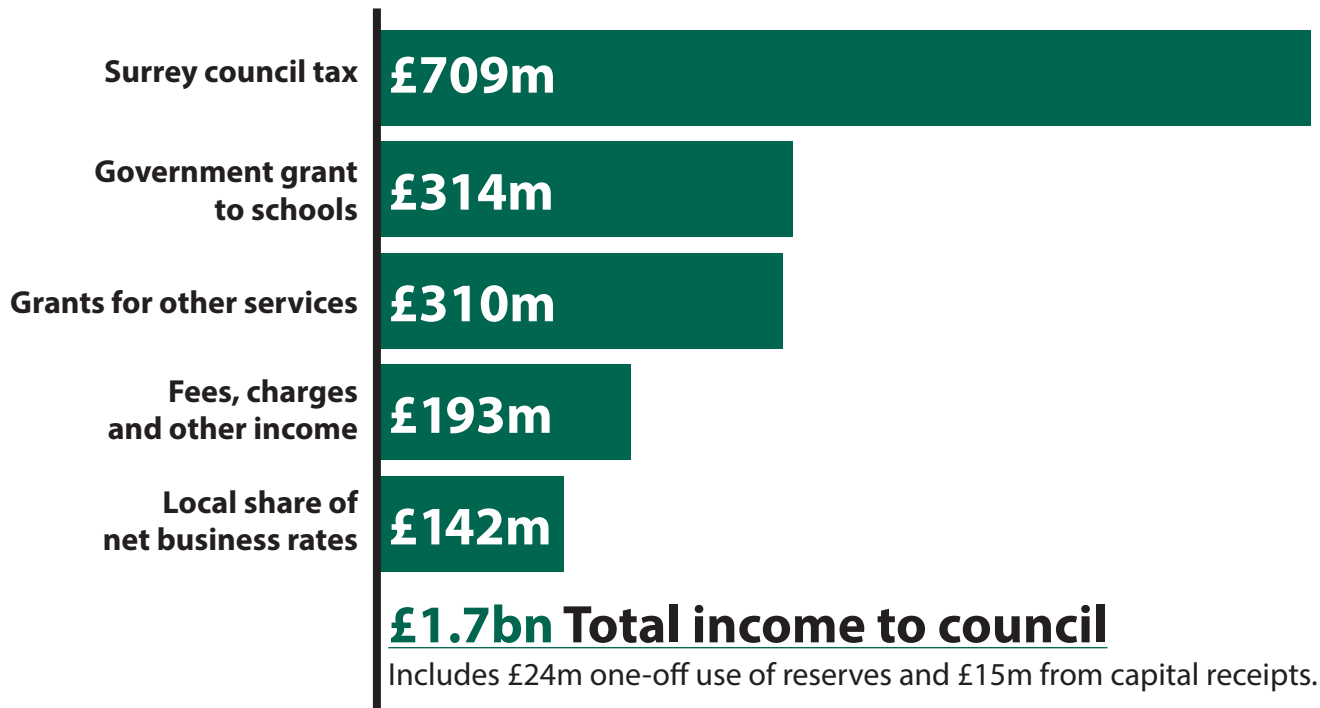
What you will pay

The amount of council tax payable for each property band for county council services in 2018-19 is shown here. This amount includes a 3% levy (or precept) to fund adult social care (ASC).

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Standard amount	£872.60	£1,018.03	£1,163.47	£1,308.90	£1,599.77	£1,890.63	£2,181.50	£2,617.80
ASC levy	£68.26	£79.64	£91.01	£102.39	£125.14	£147.90	£170.65	£204.78
Overall council tax	£940.86	£1,097.67	£1,254.48	£1,411.29	£1,724.91	£2,038.53	£2,352.15	£2,822.58

The table shows the council tax payable for standard council services, the additional 3% levy (precept) specifically for adult social care and the overall total council tax payable for a household in each valuation band.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



WHERE THE MONEY IS SPENT

