

Critical time to invest in care, schools, roads and apprentices

The council remains committed to helping boost the economy and supporting local people

We have set an overall budget for 2013/14 of £1,683 million to enable investment in services that Surrey people tell us are important to them. This includes more school places, responding to the growing demand for adult care services, improving the road network and supporting apprenticeships.

This investment means an increase in council tax of just under 2% this year, the equivalent of an extra 44 pence a week for a Band D household – about the price of a pint of milk.

It was not a decision the council took lightly, especially in the difficult economic climate, but one that was necessary.

Council leader David Hodge said:

“People have consistently told us that roads, schools, care for the vulnerable and opportunities for young people to get into employment are what matter to them most. That’s where we are directing this investment.”



£25m investment in roads over five years to give the local economy a boost when it needs it most, in line with what residents have asked us to do

£11m in adult social care next year to help people care for their loved ones as demand continues to grow



£10m over five years to raise school standards, with £45m extra capital funds to provide the 12,000 school places needed for the rising birth rate



£250,000 in the Community Improvements Fund to help people enhance their local areas (rising to £1m in 2013/14)



£750,000 in 500 apprenticeships next year to give young people the leg up they need to find work in a difficult jobs market and provide employers with the skilled workforce necessary to thrive

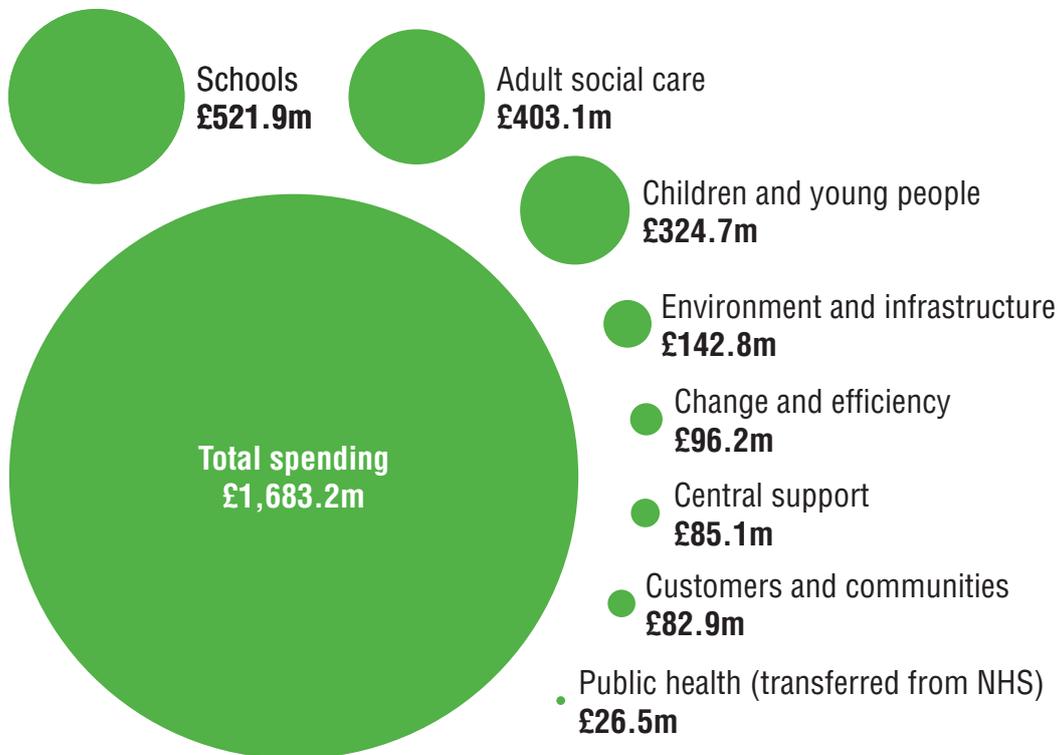
The combination of reduced Government funding, inflationary pressures and growing demand for services for vulnerable children and adults will continue to pose serious challenges for the future.

In response, the council is on track to achieve £330m a year in savings by 2016, and is looking beyond efficiencies to a systematic approach to innovation to drive the changes necessary to meet the challenges ahead.

The figures below represent Surrey County Council's portion of your council tax bill for 2013/14

Band	Council tax
A	£781.68
B	£911.96
C	£1,042.24
D	£1,172.52
E	£1,433.08
F	£1,693.64
G	£1,954.20
H	£2,345.04

How the council will spend its budget



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Where the money comes from

