



Investment in children and adults

Supporting older people and children with severe and complex needs is at the heart of the council tax set by the county council for 2012/13. Improving the condition of Surrey's road network – a major concern for residents and businesses – is also high on the council's agenda.

This year the level of council tax for county council services will rise by 2.99%, an extra 64 pence a week (or £33.30 a year), for a band D household. The rise is significantly below inflation, which has been running well above 4%.

At the same time government grant to Surrey is reducing by a further £15m.

More than 35% of the council's overall budget for 2012/13 goes directly to schools. Other significant areas of investment are around services for vulnerable adults and support for children, schools and families.

A 20% rise in Surrey's birth rate over the last decade

means the council has embarked on a classroom building programme to provide 14,000 more school places over a five-year period. And over the next five years the council is investing £149m to improve roads and tackle the backlog of repairs.

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. For example, the number of residents aged over 85 is projected to double to 60,000 over the next 20 years – putting extra pressure on our care services.

Our efficiency drive has enabled us to make savings of about £130m over the last two years and we are on course to save over £330m by 2016. Efficiencies alone will not be enough, but the council is committed to working with residents and communities to find solutions and open up new opportunities to do things differently.

The figures (right) only represent Surrey County Council's portion of your Council Tax bill.

Band	Council Tax	Band	Council tax
A	£766.44	E	£1,405.14
B	£894.18	F	£1,660.62
C	£1,021.92	G	£1,916.10
D	£1,149.66	H	£2,299.32

How Surrey County Council uses its budget

2011/12*

£Million	Expenditure – our spending	2012/13 £Million
283.4	Children and Young People – includes special educational needs, early years, children's social care and youth service	286.8
616.2	Schools – includes funding directly to schools**	536.6
324.9	Adults Social Care – includes care and support for adults across a broad range of services	331.5
68.3	Customers & Communities - trading standards, libraries, fire and rescue services and adult education	70.3
121.1	Environment & Infrastructure – includes roads, public transport, disposal of waste and countryside	124.2
88.7	Change and Efficiency – includes finance, information management and technology, procurement, property and HR	84.8
15.9	Chief Executive's Office – includes performance management, communications and support to the voluntary sector	15.1
70.2	Central income and expenditure – includes capital financing, land drainage precept and contingency funding	75.0
1,588.7	Total spending	1,524.3
	Where our money comes from	
-36	Government formula grant	-2.8
-116.5	Contribution from business rates	-145.8
-868.3	Other Government revenue grants	-780.4
-11.7	Raised from Reserves and Balances	-15.2
-2.8	Collection fund balance	-5.3
-553.4	Surrey Council Tax – the number of properties in Surrey has increased by just under 0.9%	-574.8
-1,588.7	Total income	-1,524.3

* The budget now shows all expenditure funded by government grants, as well as the contribution from Surrey council taxpayers.

** The amount to schools has decreased due to about 20 schools becoming academies.

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