



# Keeping council tax down

We are pleased to report that we have kept the amount you pay in council tax for county council services at last year's level. We firmly believe that is the right thing to do, although we face higher costs because of inflation, growing demand for adult care and the need to provide 8,000 more school places over four years.

The council's overall budget for 2011/12 is £1,587.1 million. As a council we are losing about £41 million in funding from central government this year and next, which adds to the pressures.

Fortunately the council anticipated the cuts to funding announced in the autumn, and we launched a programme of public value reviews of all our services to find savings and make improvements.

That process, along with other initiatives, is expected to achieve about

£66 million in savings for the year just gone, with further savings in the pipeline.

Major challenges remain, but we are in a better position to deal with them because of the early action we have taken. We are also working closely with the district and borough councils and Surrey Police to find £80 million in savings across all the public bodies under our Surrey First joint initiative. In addition, we have joined up with six other, mainly county, councils to find savings through closer co-operation and joint buying power.

We are looking at many changes over the coming year. Some of these will be difficult, but there are also new opportunities and ways of doing things. We are committed to listening to and working with you to ensure we remain focused on the things that are important to you and make Surrey so special.

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

Band	Council Tax	Band	Council tax
A	£744.24	E	£1,364.44
B	£868.28	F	£1,612.52
C	£992.32	G	£1,860.60
D	£1,116.36	H	£2,232.72

## How Surrey County Council uses its budget

2010/11* £Million	Expenditure – our spending	2011/12 £Million
294.7	Children and Young People – includes special educational needs, early years, children's social care and youth service	274.1
612.6	Schools – includes funding directly to schools	625.0
326.3	Adults Social Care – includes care and support for adults across a broad range of services	324.9
69.5	Customers & Communities - trading standards, libraries, fire and rescue services and adult education	67.5
107.5	Environment & Infrastructure – includes roads, public transport, disposal of waste and countryside	121.1
87.8	Change and Efficiency – includes finance, information management and technology, procurement, property and HR	88.8
18.3	Chief Executive's Office – includes performance management, communications and support to the voluntary sector	15.9
66.5	Central income and expenditure – includes capital financing, land drainage precept and contingency funding	69.8
1583.2	<b>Total spending</b>	<b>1587.1</b>
	<b>Where our money comes from</b>	
-16.2	Government formula grant	-36.0
-111.3	Contribution from business rates	-116.5
-902.8	Other Government revenue grants	-866.7
	Raised from Reserves and Balances	-11.7
-1.5	Collection fund surplus	-2.8
-551.4	Surrey Council Tax – the number of properties in Surrey has increased by 0.3%	-553.4
-1583.2	<b>Total income</b>	<b>-1587.1</b>

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

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If you have a question about your own council tax bill, contact your local district or borough council.