

About your Council Tax

Dartford Borough Council, Kent County Council, The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent and Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Authority together deliver most of the local services in your area. If you live in an area with a parish or town council, it too provides some local services.

The Council Tax you pay is collected by Dartford Borough Council on behalf of all the authorities. The total amount is then divided between these authorities.

Joint Council Tax breakdown

The table below shows how your Council Tax is divided between the different authorities.

Some areas also pay tax to a parish or town council. This amount varies so the changes are shown separately (see 'Parish Precepts' section on right).

Council Tax Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Kent County Council – excluding Social Care Precept	£756.24	£882.28	£1,008.32	£1,134.36	£1,386.44	£1,638.52	£1,890.60	£2,268.72
Kent County Council – Social Care Precept	£29.64	£34.58	£39.52	£44.46	£54.34	£64.22	£74.10	£88.92
Dartford Borough Council	£111.90	£130.55	£149.20	£167.85	£205.15	£242.45	£279.75	£335.70
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent	£104.77	£122.23	£139.69	£157.15	£192.07	£226.99	£261.92	£314.30
Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Authority	£48.90	£57.05	£65.20	£73.35	£89.65	£105.95	£122.25	£146.70
Total Council Tax (excluding Parish Precepts)	£1,051.45	£1,226.69	£1,401.93	£1,577.17	£1,927.65	£2,278.13	£2,628.62	£3,154.34

Dartford Borough Council's Revenue Budget

The 2017/18 budget has been set, once more, in a challenging economic climate – perhaps particularly so for local government.

Despite these challenges, the Council has managed to set a balanced budget and has set out, as it always tries to do, to keep our part of the council as low as possible.

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000
Gross expenditure on services	49,024	49,573	49,847
Less gross income from services	(43,611)	(43,995)	(43,916)
Net cost of services	5,413	5,578	5,931
Dartford Council budget requirement	5,413	5,578	5,931
Amount to be funded from council tax	5,413	5,578	5,932
Band D Council Tax	£162.90	£162.90	£167.85

Parish Precepts

If you live in one of the following parishes you pay an amount to the parish in addition to the sum outlined in the table on the left. The total amount payable is shown in the table below.

Council Tax Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Bean Parish Council	£1,073.38	£1,252.27	£1,431.17	£1,610.06	£1,967.85	£2,325.64	£2,683.44	£3,220.12
Darenth Parish Council	£1,082.61	£1,263.04	£1,443.48	£1,623.91	£1,984.78	£2,345.64	£2,706.52	£3,247.82
Longfield & New Barn Parish Council	£1,069.98	£1,248.31	£1,426.64	£1,604.97	£1,961.63	£2,318.29	£2,674.95	£3,209.94
Southfleet Parish Council	£1,060.78	£1,237.57	£1,414.37	£1,591.16	£1,944.75	£2,298.34	£2,651.94	£3,182.32
Stone Parish Council	£1,107.47	£1,292.05	£1,476.62	£1,661.20	£2,030.35	£2,399.51	£2,768.67	£3,322.40
Sutton-at-Hone and Hawley Parish Council	£1,096.86	£1,279.67	£1,462.48	£1,645.29	£2,010.91	£2,376.53	£2,742.15	£3,290.58
Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council	£1,119.50	£1,306.08	£1,492.66	£1,679.24	£2,052.40	£2,425.56	£2,798.74	£3,358.48
Wilmington Parish Council	£1,070.90	£1,249.38	£1,427.86	£1,606.34	£1,963.30	£2,320.26	£2,677.24	£3,212.68

Your Council Tax contributes towards services provided in Dartford by the following organisations:

	Net total cost		Band D tax	
	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	2016/17 £	2017/18 £
Kent County Council – excluding social care precept	38,070,329	40,082,474	1,111.77	1,134.36
Kent County Council – social care precept	745,812	1,570,989	21.78	44.46
Dartford Borough Council	5,578,183	5,930,960	162.90	167.85
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent	5,210,071	5,552,876	152.15	157.15
Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Authority	2,465,495	2,591,813	72.00	73.35
	52,069,890	55,729,112	1,520.60	1,577.17

The following town and parish councils intend to raise more than £140,000 through Council Tax and are required to show summary details of their budgets.

	Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council		Stone Parish Council	
	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	2016/17 £	2017/18 £
Gross expenditure on services	676,680	740,613	457,400	476,330
Less gross income from services	88,082	89,604	117,250	118,000
Net cost of services	588,598	651,009	340,150	358,330
Less transfer from/(to) reserves	54,923	110,135	-	-
Less transitional government grant	37,431	33,688	18,206	16,385
Less contribution from Dartford Borough Council	14,105	12,695	10,764	9,688
Net budget	482,139	494,491	311,180	332,257
Band D Council Tax	102.07	102.07	80.60	84.03