

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	£726.66	£847.77	£968.88	£1,089.99	£1,332.21	£1,574.43	£1,816.65	£2,179.98
Dartford Borough Council	£108.60	£126.70	£144.80	£162.90	£199.10	£235.30	£271.50	£325.80
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent	£98.10	£114.45	£130.80	£147.15	£179.85	£212.55	£245.25	£294.30
Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Authority	£47.10	£54.95	£62.80	£70.65	£86.35	£102.05	£117.75	£141.30
Total Council Tax (excluding Parish Precepts)	£980.46	£1,143.87	£1,307.28	£1,470.69	£1,797.51	£2,124.33	£2,451.15	£2,941.38

Dartford Borough Council's Revenue Budget

The 2015/16 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 to keep its proportion of the Council Tax you pay frozen again.

	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000
Gross expenditure on services	50,001	49,024
Less gross income from services	(44,731)	(43,611)
Net cost of services	5,270	5,413
Dartford Council budget requirement	5,270	5,413
Amount to be funded from council tax	5,270	5,413
Band D Council Tax	£162.90	£162.90

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	£1,001.71	£1,168.67	£1,335.62	£1,502.57	£1,836.47	£2,170.38	£2,504.28	£3,005.14
Darenth Parish Council	£1,011.35	£1,179.91	£1,348.47	£1,517.03	£1,854.15	£2,191.27	£2,528.38	£3,034.06
Longfield & New Barn Parish Council	£999.00	£1,165.50	£1,332.00	£1,498.50	£1,831.50	£2,164.50	£2,497.50	£2,997.00
Southfleet Parish Council	£990.32	£1,155.37	£1,320.43	£1,485.48	£1,815.59	£2,145.69	£2,475.80	£2,970.96
Stone Parish Council	£1,030.04	£1,201.71	£1,373.39	£1,545.06	£1,888.41	£2,231.75	£2,575.10	£3,090.12
Sutton-at-Hone and Hawley Parish Council	£1,024.47	£1,195.22	£1,365.96	£1,536.71	£1,878.20	£2,219.69	£2,561.18	£3,073.42
Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council	£1,054.21	£1,229.92	£1,405.62	£1,581.32	£1,932.72	£2,284.13	£2,635.53	£3,162.64
Wilmington Parish Council	£999.25	£1,165.80	£1,332.34	£1,498.88	£1,831.96	£2,165.05	£2,498.13	£2,997.76

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

	Net total cost		Band D tax	
	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £
Kent County Council	34,570,852	36,219,256	1,068.66	1,089.88
Dartford Borough Council	5,269,769	5,413,001	162.90	162.90
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent	4,667,418	4,889,644	144.28	147.15
Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Authority	2,241,836	2,347,627	69.30	70.65
	46,749,875	48,869,528	1,445.14	1,470.69

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	
	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £
Gross expenditure on services	681,485	695,023	369,950	396,250
Less gross income from services	81,790	84,764	92,250	92,500
Net cost of services	599,695	610,259	277,700	303,750
Less transfer from/(to) reserves	38,495	53,150	(15,000)	-
Less transitional government grant	48,701	41,590	23,687	20,229
Less contribution from Dartford Borough Council	23,508	15,672	17,941	11,960
Net budget	488,991	499,847	251,072	271,561
Band D Council Tax	110.63	110.63	71.01	74.37