

# 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	£741.18	£864.71	£988.24	£1,111.77	£1,358.83	£1,605.89	£1,852.95	£2,223.54
Kent County Council – Social Care Precept	£14.52	£16.94	£19.36	£21.78	£26.62	£31.46	£36.30	£43.56
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	£101.43	£118.34	£135.24	£152.15	£185.96	£219.77	£253.58	£304.30
Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Authority	£48.00	£56.00	£64.00	£72.00	£88.00	£104.00	£120.00	£144.00
<b>Total Council Tax (excluding Parish Precepts)</b>	<b>£1,013.73</b>	<b>£1,182.69</b>	<b>£1,351.64</b>	<b>£1,520.60</b>	<b>£1,858.51</b>	<b>£2,196.42</b>	<b>£2,534.33</b>	<b>£3,041.20</b>

## Dartford Borough Council's Revenue Budget

The 2016/17 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.

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

## 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	£1,035.30	£1,207.85	£1,380.40	£1,552.95	£1,898.05	£2,243.15	£2,588.25	£3,105.90
Darenth Parish Council	£1,044.73	£1,218.86	£1,392.97	£1,567.10	£1,915.34	£2,263.59	£2,611.83	£3,134.20
Longfield & New Barn Parish Council	£1,032.27	£1,204.32	£1,376.36	£1,548.41	£1,892.50	£2,236.59	£2,580.68	£3,096.82
Southfleet Parish Council	£1,023.51	£1,194.10	£1,364.68	£1,535.27	£1,876.44	£2,217.61	£2,558.78	£3,070.54
Stone Parish Council	£1,067.47	£1,245.38	£1,423.28	£1,601.20	£1,957.02	£2,312.84	£2,668.66	£3,202.40
Sutton-at-Hone and Hawley Parish Council	£1,058.25	£1,234.63	£1,411.00	£1,587.38	£1,940.13	£2,292.88	£2,645.63	£3,174.76
Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council	£1,081.78	£1,262.08	£1,442.37	£1,622.67	£1,983.26	£2,343.85	£2,704.45	£3,245.34
Wilmington Parish Council	£1,032.90	£1,205.05	£1,377.20	£1,549.35	£1,893.65	£2,237.95	£2,582.25	£3,098.70

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

	Net total cost		Band D tax	
	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	2015/16 £	2016/17 £
Kent County Council – excluding social care precept	36,219,256	38,070,329	1,089.99	1,111.77
Kent County Council – social care precept	-	745,812	-	21.78
Dartford Borough Council	5,413,001	5,578,183	162.90	162.90
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent	4,889,644	5,210,071	147.15	152.15
Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Authority	2,347,627	2,465,495	70.65	72.00
	<b>48,869,528</b>	<b>52,069,890</b>	<b>1,470.69</b>	<b>1,520.60</b>

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	
	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	2015/16 £	2016/17 £
Gross expenditure on services	695,023	676,680	396,250	457,400
Less gross income from services	84,764	88,082	92,500	117,250
Net cost of services	610,259	588,598	303,750	340,150
Less transfer from/(to) reserves	53,150	54,923	-	-
Less transitional government grant	41,590	37,431	20,229	18,206
Less contribution from Dartford Borough Council	15,672	14,105	11,960	10,764
Net budget	499,847	482,139	271,561	311,180
<b>Band D Council Tax</b>	<b>110.63</b>	<b>102.07</b>	<b>74.37</b>	<b>80.60</b>