

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	£779.76	£909.72	£1,039.68	£1,169.64	£1,429.56	£1,689.48	£1,949.40	£2,339.28
Kent County Council – Social Care Precept	£45.36	£52.92	£60.48	£68.04	£83.16	£98.28	£113.40	£136.08
Dartford Borough Council	£115.20	£134.40	£153.60	£172.80	£211.20	£249.60	£288.00	£345.60
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent	£112.77	£131.56	£150.36	£169.15	£206.74	£244.33	£281.92	£338.30
Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Authority	£50.34	£58.73	£67.12	£75.51	£92.29	£109.07	£125.85	£151.02
Total Council Tax (excluding Parish Precepts)	£1,103.43	£1,287.33	£1,471.24	£1,655.14	£2,022.95	£2,390.76	£2,758.57	£3,310.28

Dartford Borough Council's Revenue Budget

The 2018/19 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 tax as low as possible.

	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Gross expenditure	48,077	47,389	48,647
Less gross income	(43,995)	(43,916)	(45,759)
Net cost	4,082	3,473	2,915
Net contribution to (from) balances	1,496	2,458	3,424
Amount to be funded from council tax	5,578	5,931	6,339
Band D Council Tax	£162.90	£167.85	£172.80

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	£1,126.52	£1,314.26	£1,502.02	£1,689.77	£2,065.28	£2,440.78	£2,816.29	£3,379.54
Darenth Parish Council	£1,135.78	£1,325.08	£1,514.38	£1,703.67	£2,082.26	£2,460.86	£2,839.45	£3,407.34
Longfield & New Barn Parish Council	£1,121.96	£1,308.95	£1,495.95	£1,682.94	£2,056.93	£2,430.92	£2,804.90	£3,365.88
Southfleet Parish Council	£1,112.63	£1,298.06	£1,483.51	£1,668.94	£2,039.82	£2,410.69	£2,781.57	£3,337.88
Stone Parish Council	£1,161.76	£1,355.38	£1,549.01	£1,742.63	£2,129.88	£2,517.13	£2,904.39	£3,485.26
Sutton-at-Hone and Hawley Parish Council	£1,150.10	£1,341.77	£1,533.46	£1,725.14	£2,108.51	£2,491.87	£2,875.24	£3,450.28
Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council	£1,167.74	£1,362.35	£1,556.98	£1,751.60	£2,140.85	£2,530.09	£2,919.34	£3,503.20
Wilmington Parish Council	£1,123.26	£1,310.46	£1,497.68	£1,684.88	£2,059.30	£2,433.72	£2,808.14	£3,369.76

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

	Net total cost		Band D tax	
	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	2017/18 £	2018/19 £
Kent County Council – excluding social care precept	40,082,474	42,908,314	1,134.36	1,237.68
Kent County Council – social care precept	1,570,989	2,496,051	44.46	68.04
Dartford Borough Council	5,930,960	6,339,178	167.85	172.80
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent	5,552,876	6,205,278	157.15	169.15
Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Authority	2,591,813	2,770,089	73.35	75.51
	55,729,112	60,718,910	1,577.17	1,723.18

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	
	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	2017/18 £	2018/19 £
Gross expenditure on services	740,613	741,599	476,330	494,550
Less gross income from services	89,604	119,615	118,000	110,300
Net cost of services	651,009	621,984	358,330	384,250
Less transfer from/(to) reserves	110,135	101,346	-	-
Less transitional government grant	33,688	19,246	16,385	9,361
Less contribution from Dartford Borough Council	12,695	7,253	9,688	5,535
Net budget	494,491	494,139	332,257	369,354
Band D Council Tax	102.07	96.46	84.30	87.49