

# Dudley's Council Tax 2012/13



Dudley Council's Council Tax will not increase from 1st April 2012. The Council's budget includes an increased funding package of £2.4 million, and efficiency and other savings of £7.5 million.

## The increased funding includes:

- £1.0 million for adult social care, including services for the increasing number of adults with learning disabilities and elderly clients with dementia.
- £0.6 million more for investment in environmental services, including street lighting, parks and road surfacing.
- £0.6 million to support the care of looked after children and other improvements in children's services.

The savings will as far as possible be made through service modernisation, improved efficiency and by reducing management and administration costs, support and overheads. Every effort will be made to reduce the impact on services and jobs.

## Estimated Revenue Spending & Income

2011/12 £m		2012/13 £m
273.7	Schools	277.7
56.0	Other Children's Services	55.0
18.1	Refuse Collection and Disposal	18.3
8.1	Other Environmental Services	8.0
91.0	Housing	98.8
15.2	Leisure	14.8
7.2	Planning and Economic Development	5.6
20.2	Highways	21.1
115.0	Adult and Community	113.1
87.5	Other Services	86.2
<b>692.0</b>	<b>Gross Service Expenditure</b>	<b>698.6</b>
2.5	Contingencies	1.0
17.4	West Midlands Transport levy	17.1
0.1	Environment Agency levy	0.1
<b>712.0</b>	<b>Dudley's Total Expenditure</b>	<b>716.8</b>
-128.1	Formula Grant	-121.7
-473.3	Other Income	-483.5
-	Use of Balances	-0.3
<b>110.6</b>	<b>Dudley's Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>111.3</b>

## Funding the Council Tax Requirement

The amount required from Council Tax payers of £111.3 million has been allocated over the Council's Tax Base of around 98,900 'band D equivalent' properties, to produce a 'band D' Council Tax for Dudley's requirement of £1125.38. To this is then added a total of £14.6 million for Police and Fire requirements, producing taxes of £99.45 and £47.83 respectively, to give a total 'band D' Council Tax of £1272.66

The Council Tax for each band is as follows :

Band	Valuation (£)	Council Tax (£)
A	Up to 40,000	848.45
B	40,001-52,000	989.85
C	52,001-68,000	1131.26
D	68,001-88,000	1272.66
E	88,001-120,000	1555.47
F	120,001-160,000	1838.29
G	160,001-320,000	2121.10
H	more than 320,000	2545.32

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## Why the Council's spending has changed

Estimated gross spending for 2012/13 on Dudley's services amounts to £698.6 million as shown in the table overleaf. This is an increase of £6.6 million compared with the 2011/12 original estimate. The reasons for the change are:

	£m
• Inflation	4.3
• Capital Programme financing costs	0.6
• Service improvements and spending pressures	2.4
• Expenditure funded directly by extra income	9.2
• Efficiency and other savings	-7.5
• Other net cost reductions	-2.4
<b>Total change</b>	<b>6.6</b>

*Estimated income (excluding formula grant) is £483.5m, an increase of £10.2m, mainly resulting from increases in specific grants together with housing rents and other fees and charges.*

## Levy issued by the Environment Agency

This relates to construction of new flood defences, the maintenance of the river system and existing flood defences and the operation of a flood warning system.

The majority of funding comes directly from Central Government. Schemes which do not attract such funding are financed by a levy on councils.

Details of planned expenditure in the Severn Trent Region as a whole are:

2011/12 £m		2012/13 £m
51.066	Gross Expenditure	43.004
3.000	Levies raised from Councils	3.000

Dudley's share of the 2012/13 levy is £0.101 million. The change in gross expenditure between years reflects the impact of the Government Spending Review and national prioritisation of capital projects.



## DISCOUNTS / EXEMPTIONS

Any Council Tax discount or exemption entitlement is shown on your bill. If it does not appear to be correct, please use this form to let us know.

Name.....

Daytime Telephone Number (optional).....

Account Ref. (as shown on your bill).....

Address.....

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With effect from.....(date),

I am / am not\* entitled to a discount/exemption\* because:

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.....(\*delete as appropriate)

(See the accompanying document 'Your Council Tax Bill - Explanatory Notes' for details of discounts and exemptions)

Signed .....

Date .....

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please let us know if you have changed or are about to change your address.

Name.....

Daytime Telephone Number (optional).....

Account Ref. (as shown on your bill).....

Old Address .....

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Date of your move.....

Name(s) of new owner(s)/occupier(s)

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New Address.....

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Number of adults at your new address.....

Signed .....

Date .....

**If completed, please return to: Dudley MBC, PO Box 3, Priory Road, Dudley DY1 1HG  
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