



# Dudley's Council Tax 2014/15



The element of your Council Tax that funds Dudley Council's services will not increase from 1st April 2014. The Council's budget includes funding to cover spending pressures of £4.1 million, and efficiency and other savings of £9.5 million.

## The spending pressures include:

- £3.0 million to support the care of looked after children.
- £0.9 million for adult social care services for the increasing number of adults with learning disabilities and elderly clients with dementia.

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

2013/14 £m		2014/15 £m
261.1	Schools	250.8
59.4	Other Children's Services	58.4
18.9	Refuse Collection and Disposal	18.7
8.0	Other Environmental Services	8.1
101.0	Housing	101.6
15.5	Leisure	15.9
5.5	Planning and Economic Development	6.0
23.2	Highways	22.2
118.2	Adult and Community	121.1
18.4	Public Health	20.4
59.4	Other Services	53.2
<b>688.6</b>	<b>Gross Service Expenditure</b>	<b>676.4</b>
1.0	Contingencies	-
16.6	West Midlands Transport levy	15.7
0.1	Environment Agency levies	0.1
<b>706.3</b>	<b>Dudley's Total Expenditure</b>	<b>692.2</b>
-476.2	Grants	-449.0
-124.3	Other Income	-129.9
-13.7	Use of Earmarked Reserves	-14.6
0.7	Use of (-) / contribution to General Balances	-4.1
<b>92.8</b>	<b>Dudley's Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>94.6</b>

## Funding the Council Tax Requirement

The amount required from Council Tax payers of £94.6 million has been allocated over the Council's Tax Base of around 84,100 'band D equivalent' properties, to produce a 'band D' Council Tax for Dudley's requirement of £1125.36. To this is then added a total of £13.3 million for Police and Fire requirements, producing taxes of £104.47 and £53.87 respectively, to give a total 'band D' Council Tax of £1283.70

The Council Tax for each band is as follows :

Band	Valuation (£)	Council Tax (£)
A	Up to 40,000	855.80
B	40,001-52,000	998.43
C	52,001-68,000	1141.06
D	68,001-88,000	1283.70
E	88,001-120,000	1568.97
F	120,001-160,000	1854.23
G	160,001-320,000	2139.50
H	more than 320,000	2567.39

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### Why the Council's spending has changed

Estimated gross spending for 2014/15 on Dudley's services amounts to £676.4 million as shown in the table overleaf. This is a reduction of £12.2 million compared with the 2013/14 estimate. The reasons for the change are:

	£m
• Inflation	4.2
• Capital Programme financing costs	-1.5
• Spending pressures	4.1
• Efficiency and other savings	-9.5
• Changes in expenditure funded directly by income, etc.	-11.2
• Other net cost increases	1.7
<b>Total change</b>	<b><u>-12.2</u></b>

### Levies issued by the Environment Agency

These relate 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 and Trent Regions as a whole are:

2013/14 £m		2014/15 £m
44.866	Gross Expenditure	47.098
3.000	Levies raised from Councils	3.000

Dudley's share of the 2014/15 levies 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:

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