

Dudley's Council Tax 2016/17

The element of your Council Tax that funds Dudley Council's services will increase by 3.99% from 1st April 2016. The Council's budget includes funding to cover spending pressures of £16.0 million, and efficiency and other savings of £8.0 million.

The spending pressures include £13.3m to provide for increased cost of adult social care, including the impact of increased numbers of people needing care.

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.

Precept to fund Adult Social Care

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has made an offer to adult social care authorities. ("Adult social care authorities" are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014, namely county councils in England, district councils for an area in England for which there is no county council, London borough councils, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.)

The offer is the option of an adult social care authority being able to charge a "precept" of up to 2% on its council tax for the financial year beginning in 2016 without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting expenditure on adult social care. Subject to the annual approval of the House of Commons, the Secretary of State intends to offer the option of charging this "precept" in relation to each financial year up to and including the financial year 2019-20.

In relation to the financial year beginning in 2016 the Secretary of State has determined (and the House of Commons has approved) a referendum principle of 4% (comprising 2% for expenditure on adult social care and 2% for other expenditure), for adult social care authorities. These authorities may therefore set council tax up to this percentage in 2016 without holding a referendum.

Estimated Revenue Spending & Income

2015/16 £m		2016/17 £m
252.9	Schools	240.2
56.2	Other Children's Services	58.9
18.9	Refuse Collection and Disposal	19.1
5.3	Other Environmental Services	5.9
95.4	Housing and Community Safety	93.6
15.6	Leisure, Culture and Adult Learning	17.3
6.4	Planning and Economic Development	5.8
21.9	Highways	22.3
116.9	Adult Social Care	123.9
33.0	Health and Wellbeing, including Libraries	32.4
47.1	Other Services	40.1
669.6	Gross Service Expenditure	659.5
14.8	West Midlands Transport levy	14.0
0.1	Environment Agency levies	0.1
684.5	Dudley's Total Expenditure	673.6
-436.0	Grants	-418.2
-134.3	Other Income	-131.3
-11.0	Use of Earmarked Reserves	-7.1
-6.5	Use of General Balances	-13.9
96.7	Dudley's Council Tax Requirement	103.1

Funding the Council Tax Requirement

The amount required from Council Tax payers of £103.1 million has been allocated over the Council's Tax Base of around 88,100 'band D equivalent' properties, to produce a 'band D' Council Tax for Dudley's requirement of £1170.24. To this is then added a total of £14.8 million for Police and Fire requirements, producing taxes of £111.55 and £56.03 respectively, to give a total 'band D' Council Tax of £1337.82

The Council Tax for each band is as follows :

Band	Valuation (£)	Council Tax (£)
A	Up to 40,000	891.88
B	40,001-52,000	1040.53
C	52,001-68,000	1189.18
D	68,001-88,000	1337.82
E	88,001-120,000	1635.12
F	120,001-160,000	1932.41
G	160,001-320,000	2229.71
H	more than 320,000	2675.64

Why the Council's spending has changed

Estimated gross spending for 2016/17 on Dudley's services amounts to £659.5 million as shown in the table overleaf. This is a reduction of £10.1 million compared with the 2015/16 estimate. The reasons for the change are:

	£m
• Pay costs	4.8
• Spending pressures	16.0
• Efficiency and other savings	-8.0
• Changes in expenditure funded directly by income, etc.	-14.3
• Other net cost reductions	-8.6
Total change	-10.1

Levies issued by the Environment Agency

These relate to construction of new flood defences, the maintenance of the river system and existing flood defences, management of the risk of coastal erosion and the operation of a flood warning system.

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

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

2015/16		2016/17
£m		£m
62.749	Gross Expenditure	59.242
3.000	Levies raised from Councils	3.059

Dudley's share of the 2016/17 levies is £0.103 million. The change in gross budgeted expenditure between years reflects the programme of works for both capital and revenue needed by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committees.

DISCOUNTS / EXEMPTIONS

Any Council Tax discount or exemption entitlement is shown on your bill. If it does not appear to be correct:

Please complete an on-line form at www.dudley.gov.uk/counciltax or call us on 0300 555 8000 Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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