

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	£804.48	£938.56	£1,072.64	£1,206.72	£1,474.88	£1,743.04	£2,011.20	£2,413.44
Kent County Council – Social Care Precept	£61.80	£72.10	£82.40	£92.70	£113.30	£133.90	£154.50	£185.40
Dartford Borough Council	£118.50	£138.25	£158.00	£177.75	£217.25	£256.75	£296.25	£355.50
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent	£128.77	£150.23	£171.69	£193.15	£236.07	£278.99	£321.92	£386.30
Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Authority	£51.84	£60.48	£69.12	£77.76	£95.04	£112.32	£129.60	£155.52
Total Council Tax (excluding Parish Precepts)	£1,165.39	£1,359.62	£1,553.85	£1,748.08	£2,136.54	£2,525.00	£2,913.47	£3,496.16

Dartford Borough Council's Revenue Budget

The 2019/20 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.

	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000
Gross expenditure	47,389	48,647	48,843
Less gross income	(43,916)	(45,759)	(45,128)
Net cost	3,473	2,915	3,715
Net contribution to (from) balances	2,458	3,424	4,162
Amount to be funded from council tax	5,931	6,339	7,877
Band D Council Tax	£167.85	£172.80	£177.75

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	£1,188.92	£1,387.08	£1,585.23	£1,783.38	£2,179.68	£2,575.99	£2,972.30	£3,566.76
Darenth Parish Council	£1,200.82	£1,400.95	£1,601.09	£1,801.22	£2,201.49	£2,601.76	£3,002.04	£3,602.44
Longfield & New Barn Parish Council	£1,183.92	£1,381.24	£1,578.56	£1,775.88	£2,170.52	£2,565.16	£2,959.8	£3,551.76
Southfleet Parish Council	£1,174.62	£1,370.39	£1,566.16	£1,761.93	£2,153.47	£2,545.01	£2,936.55	£3,523.86
Stone Parish Council	£1,225.98	£1,430.30	£1,634.63	£1,838.96	£2,247.62	£2,656.27	£3,064.94	£3,677.92
Sutton-at-Hone and Hawley Parish Council	£1,212.99	£1,415.15	£1,617.32	£1,819.48	£2,223.81	£2,628.13	£3,032.47	£3,638.96
Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council	£1,229.05	£1,433.89	£1,638.73	£1,843.57	£2,253.25	£2,662.93	£3,072.62	£3,687.14
Wilmington Parish Council	£1,185.52	£1,383.10	£1,580.69	£1,778.27	£2,173.44	£2,568.61	£2,963.79	£3,556.54

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

	Net total cost		Band D tax	
	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	2018/19 £	2019/20 £
Kent County Council – excluding social care precept	42,908,314	45,550,096	1,169.64	1,206.72
Kent County Council – social care precept	2,496,051	3,499,150	68.04	92.70
Dartford Borough Council	6,339,178	6,709,535	172.80	177.75
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent	6,205,278	7,290,839	169.15	193.15
Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Authority	2,770,089	2,935,209	75.51	77.76
	60,718,910	65,984,829	1,723.18	1,748.08

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	
	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	2018/19 £	2019/20 £
Gross expenditure on services	741,599	704,508	494,550	497,050
Less gross income from services	119,615	113,374	110,300	106,500
Net cost of services	621,984	591,134	384,250	390,550
Less transfer from/(to) reserves	101,346	144,453	0	0
Less transitional government grant	19,246	14,435	9,361	7,021
Less contribution from Dartford Borough Council	7,253	5,440	5,535	4,151
Net budget	494,139	426,806	369,354	379,378
Band D Council Tax	96.46	95.49	87.49	90.88