

Council tax in East Dorset 2016/17



A guide to the 2016/17 council tax in East Dorset.

This section explains some of the financial information relating to Council Tax with specific relevance to the East Dorset District Council area. It shows how the council's budget is allocated and compares this year's expenditure to last year's.

As well as paying for services from your local district council as outlined on this page, the Council Tax you pay goes towards paying for services provided by Dorset County Council, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Authority and Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner.

Why Council Tax has changed

East Dorset District Council is sensitive to the strength of public feeling relating to increases in taxation. However, the council is facing significant financial challenges in setting the annual budgets due to reductions in government funding and exposure to risks concerning the Localisation of Council Tax Support and Retention of Business Rates.

The Government has confirmed that East Dorset District Council will see its Revenue Support Grant reduce from £979,476 in 2015/16 to zero in 2017/18, after already experiencing significant reductions in Government support over previous years. The decrease for 2016/17 is £716,612 or 73%. In addition to the cessation of Government support through Revenue Support Grant, the Government has announced that as part of the national deficit reduction programme this Council will pay over a contribution of £980,000 to Central Government from 2019/20.

The funding pressures that the council faces and will continue to face are significant but are at present forecast to be managed through a wide combination of measures which include setting a Council Tax increase strategy, growing business rate income, achieving savings through the shared service programme, and fundamental budget reviews. The shared service programme has resulted in revenue savings of over £1,000,000 per annum and has allowed the council to balance its books without cutting services. The council's Medium Term Financial Strategy projects further savings required of £1,130,000 by 2021/22 in order to balance the books.

East Dorset is increasing its Council Tax by £5 (2.47%) for a Band D for 2016/17 as a result of the financial challenges it faces. This equates to an increase of less than 10 pence per week for a Band D property. A Band D property in East Dorset will pay £207.32 for East Dorset's element of their Council Tax bill. The Government is no longer offering councils grants to freeze their Council Tax.

Despite the financial challenges the council remains ambitious and will continue to seek opportunities to provide further resilience to its financial position in order that services are protected.

Spending on Major Projects

The council plans to spend £5.167m on major projects over the next five years. This includes £0.425m on affordable housing, £0.314m for the council's contribution to delivering superfast broadband to the district, £0.313m on grounds maintenance equipment and £1.601m maintaining and enhancing council assets.

Where the money is spent

2015/16 NET £000s	Where is the money spent	2016/17 Expenditure £000s	2016/17 Income £000s	2016/17 NET £000s
1,103	Growth & Economy	1,401	(422)	979
779	Finance	19,005	(18,030)	975
2,528	Property & Engineering	3,119	(802)	2,317
1,869	Housing & Health	2,866	(961)	1,905
1,816	Community & Leisure	4,480	(2,807)	1,673
808	Legal & Democratic	785	(1)	784
984	Organisational Development	956	(5)	951
286	Pension Lump Sum Payment	298	0	298
10,173	Cost of Providing Services	32,910	(23,028)	9,882
(758)	Reverse Capital Charges	N/A	N/A	(756)
(90)	Investment Income	N/A	N/A	(83)
567	Transfer To / (From) Reserves	N/A	N/A	644
(50)	Staff Vacancy Factor	N/A	N/A	(50)
53	Parish & Town Council Support Grant	N/A	N/A	0
9,895	Net Expenditure	N/A	N/A	9,637
(979)	Revenue Support Grant	N/A	N/A	(263)
(1,542)	Retained Business Rate	N/A	N/A	(1,740)
7,374	Expenditure met from Council Tax	N/A	N/A	7,634

Why demand on Council Tax has changed

Why Demand On Council Tax Has Changed	£000
Met By Council Tax Payers 2015/16	7,374
Additional Retained Business Rate Income	(198)
Savings Identified Through Budget Process	(167)
Savings Arising From Joint Working	(543)
Increases In Income	(71)
Investment In Services	426
Reduction In Revenue Support Grant	717
Decreases In Income	96
Met By Council Tax Payers 2016/17	7,634

Parish precepts

Within each valuation band, the tax required by Dorset County Council, the Dorset Police Authority, the Dorset Fire Authority and East Dorset District Council remains constant throughout the district. However, tax levels differ between parishes because some town and parish councils make additional charges for parish purposes.

Parish	Precept Parish / Town 2016/17	Band D Parish / Town 2016/17	Band D Council Tax 2016/17
Alderholt	77,786.20	63.86	1,794.97
Chalbury	2,074.50	28.42	1,759.53
Colehill	100,980.00	33.00	1,764.11
Corfe Mullen	288,205.00	75.51	1,806.62
Cranborne	14,753.09	52.32	1,783.43
Edmondsham	4,136.91	52.37	1,783.48
Ferndown	422,902.00	59.02	1,790.13
Gussage All Saints	1,669.00	14.26	1,745.37
Gussage St Michael	250.00	2.69	1,733.80
Hinton	3,131.00	15.05	1,746.16
Holt	14,250.00	21.79	1,752.90
Horton	6,507.68	28.42	1,759.53
Crichel	3,181.40	27.91	1,759.02
Pamphill	3,875.65	14.74	1,745.85
St Leonards & St Ives	83,146.00	21.83	1,752.94
Shapwick	1,075.75	14.74	1,745.85
Sixpenny & Pentridge	49,847.00	90.63	1,821.74
Sturminster Marshall	24,275.00	30.88	1,761.99
Verwood	299,585.00	49.93	1,781.04
West Moors	114,134.00	37.17	1,768.28
West Parley	43,882.00	25.08	1,756.19
Wimborne Minster	312,000.00	108.45	1,839.56
Wimborne St Giles	4,006.91	28.42	1,759.53
Witchampton	5,218.60	27.91	1,759.02
Woodlands	5,910.91	28.42	1,759.53

Full Council Tax Amounts

Valuation bands	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Town/ Parish	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Alderholt	1,196.64	1,396.09	1,595.52	1,794.97	2,193.85	2,592.73	2,991.61	3,589.94
Chalbury	1,173.02	1,368.52	1,564.02	1,759.53	2,150.54	2,541.54	2,932.55	3,519.06
Colehill	1,176.07	1,372.09	1,568.09	1,764.11	2,156.13	2,548.16	2,940.18	3,528.22
Corfe Mullen	1,204.41	1,405.15	1,605.88	1,806.62	2,208.09	2,609.56	3,011.03	3,613.24
Cranborne	1,188.95	1,387.11	1,585.27	1,783.43	2,179.75	2,576.06	2,972.38	3,566.86
Edmondsham	1,188.98	1,387.15	1,585.31	1,783.48	2,179.81	2,576.14	2,972.46	3,566.96
Ferndown	1,193.42	1,392.32	1,591.22	1,790.13	2,187.94	2,585.74	2,983.55	3,580.26
Gussage All Saints	1,163.58	1,357.51	1,551.44	1,745.37	2,133.23	2,521.09	2,908.95	3,490.74
Gussage St Michael	1,155.86	1,348.51	1,541.15	1,733.80	2,119.09	2,504.38	2,889.66	3,467.60
Hinton	1,164.10	1,358.13	1,552.14	1,746.16	2,134.19	2,522.23	2,910.26	3,492.32
Holt	1,168.60	1,363.37	1,558.13	1,752.90	2,142.43	2,531.96	2,921.50	3,505.80
Horton	1,173.02	1,368.52	1,564.02	1,759.53	2,150.54	2,541.54	2,932.55	3,519.06
Crichel	1,172.68	1,368.13	1,563.57	1,759.02	2,149.91	2,540.80	2,931.70	3,518.04
Pamphill	1,163.90	1,357.88	1,551.86	1,745.85	2,133.82	2,521.78	2,909.75	3,491.70
St. Leonards & St. Ives	1,168.62	1,363.40	1,558.16	1,752.94	2,142.48	2,532.02	2,921.56	3,505.88
Shapwick	1,163.90	1,357.88	1,551.86	1,745.85	2,133.82	2,521.78	2,909.75	3,491.70
Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge	1,214.49	1,416.91	1,619.32	1,821.74	2,226.57	2,631.40	3,036.23	3,643.48
Sturminster Marshall	1,174.66	1,370.44	1,566.21	1,761.99	2,153.54	2,545.09	2,936.65	3,523.98
Verwood	1,187.36	1,385.25	1,583.14	1,781.04	2,176.83	2,572.61	2,968.40	3,562.08
West Moors	1,178.85	1,375.33	1,571.80	1,768.28	2,161.23	2,554.18	2,947.13	3,536.56
West Parley	1,170.79	1,365.93	1,561.05	1,756.19	2,146.45	2,536.72	2,926.98	3,512.38
Wimborne Minster	1,226.37	1,430.77	1,635.16	1,839.56	2,248.35	2,657.14	3,065.93	3,679.12
Wimborne St Giles	1,173.02	1,368.52	1,564.02	1,759.53	2,150.54	2,541.54	2,932.55	3,519.06
Witchampton	1,172.68	1,368.13	1,563.57	1,759.02	2,149.91	2,540.80	2,931.70	3,518.04
Woodlands	1,173.02	1,368.52	1,564.02	1,759.53	2,150.54	2,541.54	2,932.55	3,519.06