

Council tax in East Dorset 2015/16



A guide to the 2015/16 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 Fire Authority and the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner.

Where the money is spent

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.

East Dorset District Council is expecting levels of Revenue Support Grant funding from the Government to reduce from £1,397,000 in 2014/15 to £310,000 in 2019/20, a reduction of £1,087,000 or 78%. 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, 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.

East Dorset is increasing its Council Tax by 1.95% for 2015/16 as a result of the financial challenges it faces. This equates to an increase of £3.87 per annum or £0.07 per week for a Band D property. A Band D property in East Dorset will pay £202.32 for East Dorset's element of their Council Tax bill.

The Government has offered a grant to councils that freeze their Council Tax and is worth the equivalent of a 1% increase. Whilst East Dorset District Council froze Council Tax in 2011/12 and 2012/13, the council believes that to accept further freeze grants would not support a long term financial strategy needed by the council to maintain services.

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 £4.440m on major projects over the next five years. This includes £0.430m on affordable housing, £0.331m for the council's contribution to delivering superfast broadband to the District and £1.817m maintaining and enhancing council assets.

Where the money is spent

2014/15 NET £000s	Where is the money spent	2015/16 Expenditure £000s	2015/16 Income £000s	2015/16 NET £000s
1,171	Growth & Economy	1,543	(440)	1,103
733	Finance	19,221	(18,442)	779
2,510	Property & Engineering	3,302	(774)	2,528
1,931	Housing & Health	2,836	(967)	1,869
1,897	Community & Leisure	4,686	(2,870)	1,816
807	Legal & Democratic	810	(2)	808
941	Organisational Development	984	0	984
286	Pension Lump Sum Payment	286	0	286
10,276	Cost of Providing Services	33,668	(23,495)	10,173
(780)	Reverse Capital Charges	N/A	N/A	(758)
(90)	Investment Income	N/A	N/A	(90)
583	Transfer To / (From) Reserves	N/A	N/A	567
(234)	General Government Grant	N/A	N/A	0
(50)	Staff Vacancy Factor	N/A	N/A	(50)
105	Parish & Town Council Support Grant	N/A	N/A	53
9,810	Net Expenditure	N/A	N/A	9,895
(1,397)	Revenue Support Grant	N/A	N/A	(979)
(1,230)	Retained Business Rate	N/A	N/A	(1,542)
7,183	Expenditure met from Council Tax	N/A	N/A	7,374

Why demand on council tax has changed

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Met By Council Tax Payers 2014/15	7,183
Additional Retained Business Rate Income	(312)
Savings Identified Through Budget Process	(247)
Savings Arising From Joint Working	(226)
Increases In Income	(124)
Investment In Services	447
Reduction In Revenue Support Grant	418
Reduction In Reliance New Homes Bonus	235
Met By Council Tax Payers 2015/16	7,374

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 2015/16	Band D Parish / Town 2015/16	Band D Council Tax 2015/16
Alderholt	78,206.40	64.79	1,737.35
Chalbury	2,023.61	27.72	1,700.28
Colehill	92,384.50	30.5	1,703.06
Corfe Mullen	236,487.00	62.25	1,734.81
Cranborne	14,014.00	50.41	1,722.97
Edmondsham	4,010.00	50.76	1,723.32
Ferndown	374,241.00	53.15	1,725.71
Gussage All Saints	1,894.00	16.05	1,688.61
Gussage St Michael	250.00	2.75	1,675.31
Hinton	3,496.00	17.22	1,689.78
Holt	13,703.00	21.02	1,693.58
Horton	6,320.31	27.72	1,700.28
Crichel	2135.96	19.78	1,692.34
Pamphill	2,994.00	11.43	1,683.99
St Leonards & St Ives	81,039.00	21.43	1,693.99
Shapwick	858.00	11.92	1,684.48
Sixpenny & Pentridge	48,683.00	88.84	1,761.40
Sturminster Marshall	19,145.56	24.39	1,696.95
Verwood	292,380.00	48.92	1,721.48
West Moors	103,757.00	34.19	1,706.75
West Parley	43,882.00	25.16	1,697.72
Wimborne Minster	304,000.00	108.42	1,780.98
Wimborne St Giles	3,936.34	27.72	1,700.28
Witchampton	3,639.04	19.78	1,692.34
Woodlands	5,682.74	27.72	1,700.28

Full Council Tax Amounts

Parish	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Alderholt	1,158.23	1,351.27	1,544.31	1,737.35	2,123.43	2,509.51	2,895.58	3,474.70
Chalbury	1,133.52	1,322.44	1,511.36	1,700.28	2,078.12	2,455.96	2,833.80	3,400.56
Colehill	1,135.37	1,324.60	1,513.83	1,703.06	2,081.52	2,459.98	2,838.43	3,406.12
Corfe Mullen	1,156.54	1,349.30	1,542.05	1,734.81	2,120.32	2,505.84	2,891.35	3,469.62
Cranborne	1,148.65	1,340.09	1,531.53	1,722.97	2,105.85	2,488.73	2,871.62	3,445.94
Edmondsham	1,148.88	1,340.36	1,531.84	1,723.32	2,106.28	2,489.24	2,872.20	3,446.64
Ferndown	1,150.47	1,342.22	1,533.96	1,725.71	2,109.20	2,492.69	2,876.18	3,451.42
Gussage All Saints	1,125.74	1,313.36	1,500.99	1,688.61	2,063.86	2,439.10	2,814.35	3,377.22
Gussage St Michael	1,116.87	1,303.02	1,489.16	1,675.31	2,047.60	2,419.89	2,792.18	3,350.62
Hinton	1,126.52	1,314.27	1,502.03	1,689.78	2,065.29	2,440.79	2,816.30	3,379.56
Holt	1,129.05	1,317.23	1,505.40	1,693.58	2,069.93	2,446.28	2,822.63	3,387.16
Horton	1,133.52	1,322.44	1,511.36	1,700.28	2,078.12	2,455.96	2,833.80	3,400.56
Crichel	1,128.23	1,316.26	1,504.30	1,692.34	2,068.42	2,444.49	2,820.57	3,384.68
Pamphill	1,122.66	1,309.77	1,496.88	1,683.99	2,058.21	2,432.43	2,806.65	3,367.98
St Leonards & St Ives	1,129.33	1,317.55	1,505.77	1,693.99	2,070.43	2,446.87	2,823.32	3,387.98
Shapwick	1,122.99	1,310.15	1,497.32	1,684.48	2,058.81	2,433.14	2,807.47	3,368.96
Sixpenny & Pentridge	1,174.27	1,369.98	1,565.69	1,761.40	2,152.82	2,544.24	2,935.67	3,522.80

Sturminster Marshall	1,131.30	1,319.85	1,508.40	1,696.95	2,074.05	2,451.15	2,828.25	3,393.90
Verwood	1,147.65	1,338.93	1,530.20	1,721.48	2,104.03	2,486.58	2,869.13	3,442.96
West Moors	1,137.83	1,327.47	1,517.11	1,706.75	2,086.03	2,465.31	2,844.58	3,413.50
West Parley	1,131.81	1,320.45	1,509.08	1,697.72	2,074.99	2,452.26	2,829.53	3,395.44
Wimborne Minster	1,187.32	1,385.21	1,583.09	1,780.98	2,176.75	2,572.53	2,968.30	3,561.96
Wimborne St Giles	1,133.52	1,322.44	1,511.36	1,700.28	2,078.12	2,455.96	2,833.80	3,400.56
Witchampton	1,128.23	1,316.26	1,504.30	1,692.34	2,068.42	2,444.49	2,820.57	3,384.68
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