

Council Tax in Weymouth and Portland 2015-16

A guide to the 2015/16 council tax in Weymouth and Portland

What your council tax pays for:

The borough council uses the money to provides a range of services, including:

- Rubbish collections and kerbside recycling
- Housing services, street cleaning and litter bins
- Public toilets and car parks
- Environmental health
- Flood defence, coast protection and harbour works
- Development and building control, including dealing with planning applications

Working to serve you and reduce costs

The borough council is facing difficult financial circumstances. It expects to have £9 million less to run services with in 2020 than it had in 2010. This is due to falling Government funding and rising costs. Great efforts are being made to reduce costs but minimise the effect on services. However, given the scale of the reductions, changes will be inevitable. This is why we are looking to the future and aiming to design a council and services that will be fit (and affordable) for 2020 and beyond.

2020 Vision

This project is examining whether services could be provided more efficiently in different ways, or sometimes not at all.

Weymouth and Portland Borough Council's spending plans

Net budget 2014/2015 (£000)	Where the money is spent	Expenditure budget 2015/16 (£000)	Income budget 2015/2016 (£000)	Net budget 2015/2016 (£000)	Per band B property 2015/2016 (in pounds £)
2,615	Cultural and related services	2,961	-787	2,174	82.93
4,234	Environmental services	5,878	-1,413	4,465	170.33
1,249	Planning and development	1,702	-498	1,204	45.93
-1,247	Highways, roads and transport	1,961	-3,268	-1,307	-49.86
1,435	Housing services	32,567	-31,211	1,356	51.73
637	Corporate and democratic management (Audit Fees, councillors and committee support, mayoral services, corporate management)	1,841	-1,060	781	29.79
900	Non distributed costs	918	0	918	35.02
1,594	Central services to the public (Electoral Services,	2,170	-695	1,475	56.27

	Council Tax collection, Land Charges)				
11,417	Cost of providing services	49,998	-38,932	11,066	422.13
373	Trading accounts	3,350	3,050	300	11.44
-2,198	Net Capital Charges	-2,169	0	-2,169	-82.74
-542	Interest and investment income	-	-542	-542	-20.68
342	Transfer to / from Reserves	444	-30	414	15.79
9,392	Budget requirement	51,623	-42,554	9,069	345.95
-742	Local Council Tax Support Grant	0	0	0	.00
-1,659	Government Revenue Support Grant	0	0	-1,424	-54.32
-1,325	Redistributed Non- Domestic Rates	0	0	-1,712	-65.31
-64	Collection Fund Surplus	0	0	-148	-5.65
5,602	To be met by Council Tax payers	-	-	5,785	220.66

Budget Changes

This explains significant budget changes that the borough council is managing.

Changes to the base budget	£'000
Council Tax requirement 2014/15	5,602
Price inflation	124
Changes in Government grant	589
Known commitments	306
Partnership savings	-424
Savings / additional income	-700
Contribution to balances	287
Council Tax Requirement 2015/16	5,785

Summary of the council tax

This shows what each organisation charges in pounds (£) for its services, from band A to band H homes.

Organisation	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Dorset County Council	810.18	945.21	1,080.24	1,215.27	1,485.33	1,755.39	2,025.45	2,430.54
Dorset Police Authority	124.74	145.53	166.32	187.11	228.69	270.27	311.85	374.22
Dorset Fire Authority	45.24	52.78	60.32	67.86	82.94	98.02	113.10	135.72
Weymouth and Portland Borough Council	189.14	220.66	252.19	283.71	346.76	409.80	472.85	567.42
Total (minus Portland Town Council charges for Portland residents).	1,169.30	1,364.19	1,559.07	1,753.95	2,143.72	2,533.48	2,923.25	3,507.90

Portland Town Council charges

Budget information showing the charges Portland Town Council make in pounds (£) to homes from band A to band H.

Bands	Amount charged by Portland Town Council
A	10.01
B	11.68
C	13.35
D	15.02
E	18.36
F	21.70
G	25.03
H	30.04