Council Tax 2015/16

How your money helps fund the services we provide

This booklet is about how much your Council Tax will be and how our budget is spent.
Dear resident

While protecting and improving services and facilities, the Council has saved over £9 million from our annual budget in the last five years.

Our grant from Government is expected to disappear by 2020. To provide services we depend on income we generate and on Council Tax. As these are limited, we are looking for new sources of income and taking a more commercial approach to our property and assets, which can provide significant financial returns. We will continue to focus our resources on key services and changes needed to them. We will use technology even more and encourage self-service where possible. To achieve all we want to, we will also need our partners, residents and communities to work with us.

We’ve achieved savings by investing in new technology, working more efficiently, reducing our management team and staff costs and rationalising our office space.

This year, we are increasing our share of the Council Tax bill by 1.9% or 8 pence a week for the average household*. This will ensure we can continue to deliver quality services to make the area a great place to live and work, support residents to live happy, healthy lifestyles and respond to the changing needs of our borough and its residents.

Since 2010, our share of the Council Tax bill has risen by an average of £2.32 a year - or 4 pence per week - for the average household.*

You pay just 13 pence in every pound of Council Tax for Reigate & Banstead Borough Council’s services.

Cllr Victor Broad, Leader, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council

“In order to balance our budget, we will need to generate more income by 2020”
Reigate & Banstead Borough Council

What your Council Tax helps to fund

Here are just a few of the things our 13% pays for. To:
- empty 11 million bins and recycling boxes
- clean 300 miles of streets and clear 2,400 tonnes of litter
- provide for almost 9 million visits to the parks and countryside we care for
- maintain 55 parks and open spaces and 33 children’s play areas
- provide for 1 million visits to our three leisure centres
- license and regulate over 2,000 bars, restaurants, events, taxis and minicabs and their drivers
- check 450 businesses for cleanliness and safety
- process over 4,000 housing benefit and council tax support claims
- award over 400,000 in grants to local voluntary groups
- determine 1,500 planning applications

“For Reigate & Banstead Borough Council’s services an average household pays just £205.45 a year, which equates to £3.95 a week.”
Reigate & Banstead Borough Council

How much Council Tax each band pays

Council tax payments for 2015/16 (based on a two adult household) are:

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<th>Band</th>
<th>Horley Town Council area</th>
<th>Salfords &amp; Sidlow Parish area</th>
<th>Rest of Borough</th>
<th>% of properties in Band</th>
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*based on Band D charges for a two adult household
How your Council Tax is allocated

Your Council Tax bill is set by Surrey County Council, Surrey Police and us to pay for services. For every pound in Council Tax you pay, this is how it’s allocated:

- Reigate & Banstead Borough Council: £13p
- Surrey Police: £13p
- Surrey County Council: £74p

If you live in Salfords and Sidlow or Horley, you will pay a bit more for the services your local parish council provides.

Reigate & Banstead Borough Council collects your Council Tax on behalf of all these authorities.

Budget breakdown

At Reigate & Banstead Borough Council our budget for providing services is £68.6 million (excluding capital charges), made up of:

- Income: £52.9 million (fees, recycling, grants, benefits* and investments) 77%
- Government grant: £3.8 million 6%
- Council Tax: £12.1 million 17%

*benefits payments from government

Horley Town Council’s budget is £302,780 and Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council’s budget is £32,000.

For information about Surrey County Council’s budget visit www.surreycc.gov.uk or call 03456 009009. For Surrey Police’s budget visit www.surrey-pcc.gov.uk or call 01483 630200.

How your Council Tax is spent

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<th>Services</th>
<th>Expenditure (£000)</th>
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<td>Housing and Leisure</td>
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<td>Environmental Health and Parking</td>
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<td>Corporate Resources</td>
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<td>(2,869.1)</td>
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<td>Cost of Services</td>
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<td>(52,989.3)</td>
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<td>Horley Town Council precept</td>
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<td>293.5</td>
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<td>Salfords &amp; Sidlow Parish Council</td>
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<td>Total Budget</td>
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<td>Government grants and Business rates</td>
<td>(3,830.6)</td>
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<td>Council Tax requirement</td>
<td>(12,174.4)</td>
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<td>Total Funding</td>
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1 From grants, fees for services and investments

Our annual financial report is available on our website www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk.

As at 1 February 2015 we employ

447 people or 412.39 full-time equivalent posts once part-time staff have been taken into account.

Fact
We’ve reduced our salary budget by £2 million+ over five years
Our Five Year Plan

Our Five Year Plan 2015-2020 explains how we plan to deliver and prioritise our services over the coming years.

Our ambition is to be a leading and increasingly commercial council:

- delivering quality services and support
- making the borough a great place to live
- providing value for money
- being flexible and sustainable so we can respond to the needs of residents, businesses and our borough.

Our priorities

Our Five Year Plan has three key themes, each with a number of priorities, as follows:

1. People

To support residents to enjoy happy, healthy lifestyles we will:

- support residents into employment, particularly young people and vulnerable families
- help provide great services for older people so they can stay independent
- encourage healthy lifestyles through our leisure centres, parks and open spaces
- improve safety, working with Surrey Police and others.

2. Place

To help make the area a great place to live and work we will:

- attract new businesses and encourage existing businesses to thrive and grow locally
- ensure our towns and public spaces are clean and attractive
- establish a Development Management Plan (DMP) to deliver affordable and other types of housing, employment space and infrastructure while protecting our pleasant environment.

3. Organisation

To be a great council we will:

- be financially self-sufficient by 2020, without impacting on our priorities
- increase the value of and the income from our property and assets
- communicate and engage with residents and businesses to help inform our service delivery
- maximise the potential of those working for us.

You can read more about our new Five Year Plan on our website at www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk or call us on 01737 276000 for your copy.
Ten ways we’re making Reigate & Banstead a great place to live and work

1. Improving our recycling service, helping you to recycle more and generating income
2. Looking after and investing in our parks, countryside and public spaces
3. Investing significantly in new and improved leisure facilities to help residents get fit and live healthy lifestyles
4. Helping residents over 55 to stay active through our ‘Ageing Well’ programme
5. Through our Joint Enforcement Team working with Surrey Police to tackle antisocial behaviour and make residents feel safer
6. Investing in our communities to make them better places to live, work and do business and attracting investment from other public and private sector partners to do the same
7. Sharing services with other authorities, including legal, building control and insurance, to save money
8. Giving more than 165 unemployed young people paid work experience through our Young Workers programme
9. Helping the borough’s small businesses to thrive and grow through our business support initiatives
10. Generating more income from our property and assets to keep Council Tax rises down and become more financially self-sufficient.

Alternative formats
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