

Council Tax in West Dorset 2018/19

A guide to the 2018/19 Council Tax in West Dorset.

Councillors have agreed West Dorset District Council's budget for 2018/19. The council is forecasting a balanced budget despite continuing financial challenges.

The budget has been set based on the council's aims to protect services and deliver further efficiencies.

For the coming financial year, the council is aiming to balance its budget against savings of £710,000.

To do this, the council has agreed a council tax rise which works out as an extra £5 a year for a Band D property, or £144.75 in total. West Dorset District Council charges one of the lowest council tax rates in England.

Efficiencies will come from continually improving how the council works and savings from initiatives such as the new arrangements for the Gryphon Sports Centre, which is now managed by Gryphon School.

A balanced budget will leave the council in a position of strength leading into the establishment of a new unitary council in 2019.

West Dorset District Council spending plans

This explains how the money is spent. Some services generate income through fees and charges and that is taken off the expenditure in the table below.

Net budget 2017/18 £000	Where the money is spent	Expenditure budget 2018/19 £	Income budget 2018/19 £	Net budget 2018/19 £
1,229	Cultural and related services	2,171	-1,329	842
8,682	Environmental services	8,971	-258	8,712
1,243	Planning and development	3,511	-2,005	1,506
-1,597	Highways, roads and transport	2,441	-4,178	-1,737
130	Housing services	31,923	-31,596	326
456	Corporate and democratic management (eg audit fees, councillors and committee support, mayoral services, corporate management)	2,452	-1,493	959
650	Non distributed costs	45	0	45
2,102	Central services to the public (eg electoral services, Council Tax collection, land charges)	3,337	-1,031	2,306
12,895	Cost of providing services	54,851	-41,890	12,959
0	Trading accounts	0	0	0
-3,760	Net capital charges	0	-3,224	-3,224
-692	Interest and investment income	0	-692	-692
1,043	Transfer to/from reserves	469	0	469
9,486	Budget requirement	55,320	-45,806	9,512
-1,071	Government Revenue Support Grant	-	-	-700
-2,527	Redistributed non-domestic rates	-	-	-2,601
-123	Collection fund surplus	-	-	-163
5,765	To be met by Council Tax payers	-	-	6,048
41,255	Council Tax base	-	-	41,782
139.75	Band D Council Tax	-	-	144.75

Budget changes

This explains significant budget changes that the council is managing.

Changes to the base budget 2018/19	£000
Council Tax requirement 2017/18	5,765
Price inflation	143
Known commitments	1,230
Changes In government grants	212
Efficiency savings	-365
Additional income	-177
Contribution to balances	-760
Council Tax requirement 2018/19	6,048

Summary of the Council Tax

This shows what each organisation charges for its services for 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	937.56	1,093.82	1,250.08	1,406.34	1,718.86	2,031.38	2,343.90	2,812.68
Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner	137.72	160.67	183.63	206.58	252.49	298.39	344.30	413.16
Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	48.47	56.54	64.62	72.70	88.86	105.01	121.17	145.40
West Dorset District Council	96.50	112.58	128.67	144.75	176.92	209.08	241.25	289.50
Total (minus any parish or town council charge)	1,220.25	1,423.61	1,627.00	1,830.37	2,237.13	2,643.86	3,050.62	3,660.74