Your Council Tax 2018/19

We are committed to maintaining the high level of frontline services and additional support we provide to our residents in the face of continued funding reductions. To enable us to do this, the amount of Council Tax we charge will be increasing.

Council tax has been raised by 2.99 per cent which equates to £5.68 per year for a band D property.

This leaflet shows the services your Council Tax provides and how the 11% of Council Tax that is allocated to Dacorum Borough Council is spent.

Councillor Andrew Williams, Leader of the Council

Bands

The amount of Council Tax each household pays is based on the value of the property. The Council Tax charge (excluding town and parish council charges) are as follows:

- Band A: £1,119.98
- Band B: £1,306.64
- Band C: £1,493.31
- Band D: £1,679.97
- Band E: £2,053.30
- Band F: £2,426.62
- Band G: £2,799.95
- Band H: £3,359.94

Where your money goes

We collect your Council Tax on behalf of Dacorum Borough Council, Hertfordshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire and the parish and town councils in Dacorum.

Every £1 of your Council Tax is shared in the following way:

- 79p to Hertfordshire County Council
- 11p to Dacorum Borough Council
- 10p to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire

How your Council Tax is calculated (example based on a band D property)

- £1,320.46 to Hertfordshire County Council
- £164.00 to The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire
- £195.51 to Dacorum Borough Council

= £1,679.97 The amount a band D household will pay

How we spend your money

- Housing services: £35.9m
- Cultural services (including sports and recreation): £5.2m
- Environmental services (including collecting rubbish and recycling, environmental health services and maintaining cemeteries): £6.4m
- Planning and development (including building and development control): £4m
- Highways, roads and transport (including parking, road safety and footbridges): £1.1m
- Savings for long-term and infrastructure projects (including building new council homes): £9.4m
- Central, corporate and democratic services (including collecting Council Tax, running elections and council meetings, paying members’ expenses and emergency planning): £16.0m
- Commercial property charges: £0.7m
- Interest and borrowing payments: £12.6m

Giving you value for money

For around 54p a day (based on band D), your Council Tax pays for a wide range of services including:

- Collecting rubbish and recycling;
- Keeping streets and parks clean and tidy;
- Environmental health services (for example, dealing with rats and pollution and inspecting places that sell or serve food);
- Licensing;
- Planning services;
- Playgrounds;
- Arts services; and
- Housing advice and benefits

Where our money comes from

- Housing rent: £53.0 million
- Fees and charges: £18.6 million
- Investments (properties and interest): £5.3 million
- Government funding and grants: £2.1 million
- Council tax (including adjustments): £11.1 million
- Business rates: £3.0 million
- Use of reserves: £1.0 million
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