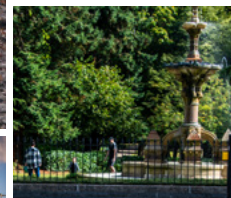


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A message from
Councillor Andrew Day,
Leader of Warwick District Council



Dear Resident

The money needed to pay for the community facilities and local services we enjoy each year, comes from Council Tax, Business Rates, government grants and income generating activities. Every home is assessed based on the price of the property and given a 'band' that is used to calculate the amount of Council Tax that we each pay. Warwick District collects all the Council Tax on behalf of Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police and our Town or Parish Council.

Warwick District receives less than 9% of the Council Tax collected and I am proud that this year its share has been frozen, without cutting services. In 2022/23, a band D household will continue to pay £176.86 in Council Tax, the same amount as last year. This equates to £3.40 per week for Warwick District Council services, such as waste and recycling collections, street cleaning, maintenance of parks and public spaces, environmental health, licensing, planning and community protection.

Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police and many town / parish councils are increasing their tax again this year, so while Warwick District Council's share is frozen, we will still see an increase in our total bill.

The pandemic continues to have a significant impact on all our finances. Setting this budget has presented some tough challenges, and I'm especially pleased that we've been able to provide for an excellent level of service, while also continuing active support for our communities and maintaining an ambitious recovery programme.

Freezing our Council Tax is just one of a number of measures we're taking to address the financial squeeze many of us will experience over the year ahead. Thankfully, our partnership with Stratford on Avon District Council, and the efficiencies this is already generating, is helping us strengthen our services and share the financial benefits directly with our residents.

Cllr Andrew Day
Leader, Warwick District Council

What is the Council Tax?

Each year the Government expects local authorities to raise money to help pay for the cost of providing local services. Some of this money comes from residents of the District and is collected by the Council in the form of Council Tax. Your Council Tax bill is based upon your Council Tax banding figure (which relates to the capital value of your property in 1991).

The District Council also collects Council Tax on behalf of the County Council, Police, Town and Parish Councils. Your Council Tax bill includes the charges from these authorities as well as that from Warwick District Council.

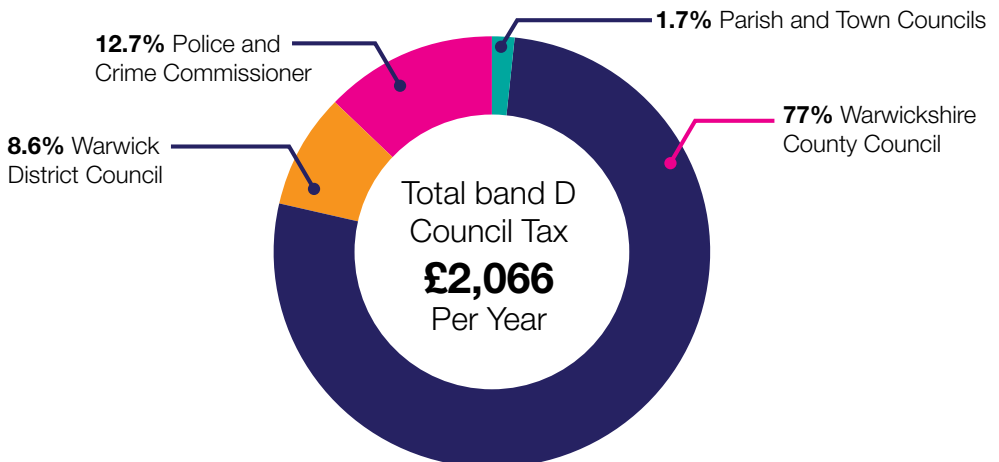
Why do you have to pay it?

By law we have to ask you for money and, by law, you are expected to pay. Failing to pay on time costs the council thousands of pounds each year, which can have an adverse effect on the following year's bills. In addition, failing to pay on time may result in additional costs being charged to you. We try to make paying the bill as easy as possible. We offer a number of ways in which you can pay. These are outlined on your Council Tax bill. There may also be help available (Council Tax Support) if you are on a low or fixed income.

Where does the money go to?

The money we collect from you is not all for Warwick District Council. In fact we keep just under 9p in every pound.

The rest of the money is collected on behalf of Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner and the local Parish and Town Councils. This part of the booklet tries to explain how the District Council's element of the Council Tax has been arrived at. If you require further information regarding the level of tax set by each organisation please refer to their relevant links below.



How do we work out the Warwick District Council share of the Council Tax?

To work out the District Council element of the Council Tax we estimate what we will spend on delivering local services; we then reduce this for any income that we receive specifically for those services by way of fees and charges. This produces the Council's budget requirement. We then take away the money we will receive from the Government and from the Business Rates Pool. The balance is what is due to be raised from the Council Tax.

Calculating the Total Council Tax

£10m is the amount we need to collect in Council Tax to provide Warwick District Council services. We add on to this the amounts that the County Council, Police & Crime Commissioner and Parish/Town Councils require to provide their services, which we then collect on their behalf. In order to work out the specific level of Council Tax, these figures are divided by the number of properties in the area that are equivalent to a Band 'D'. For Warwick District in 2022/23 the total 'Band D equivalent' properties is 56,400.

The Band D 'average' for the District Council's share is just £14.74 per month when spread over 12 months.

	2022/23
	£'000
Budget Requirement for Warwick District Council	20,652
Revenue Support Grant / Non Domestic Rates / General Grants	-10,700
Collection Fund Balance Adjustment	23
Amount to be raised from Council Tax	9,975

	Total amount to be raised from Council Tax	Council Tax for Band D property	Proportion of Council Tax
	£'000	£	%
Warwick District Council	9,975	176.86	8.6%
Warwickshire County Council	89,728	1,590.93	77.0%
Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner	14,817	262.71	12.7%
Parish and Town Councils	2,002	35.50	1.7%
Total/Average Band D Council Tax	116,521	2,066.00	100.0%

How do we spend the money?

2021/22				2022/23		
Gross Expend £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expen. £'000		Gross Expend £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expen. £'000
3,160	(794)	2,366	Assets	2,592	(807)	1,785
3,274	(474)	2,801	Community Protection	3,381	(527)	2,854
6,553	(2,853)	3,700	Culture, Tourism & Leisure	6,949	(2,924)	4,025
3,305	(2,953)	352	Development Services	3,640	(3,306)	334
16,297	(7,022)	9,275	Environment & Operations	16,569	(8,011)	8,558
2,920	(1,392)	1,528	Finance	284	395	679
3,033	(1,335)	1,698	Housing Services - GF	3,799	(1,865)	1,934
250	(75)	176	ICT Services	246	(90)	156
2,388	(531)	1,857	Law & Governance	1,832	(3)	1,829
406	(65)	341	People and Communication	477	(89)	387
2,410	(475)	1,935	Place & Economy	2,708	(550)	2,158
26,682	(25,085)	1,598	Revenues & Customer Services	26,698	(25,102)	1,596
662	(52)	610	Strategic Leadership	559	(52)	507
71,340	(43,105)	28,236	Total Expenditure on Services	69,732	(42,931)	26,802
		(10,792)	Less Capital and Reserves Adjustment			(6,150)
		17,444	Budget Requirement			20,652
		(7,593)	Less Revenue Support Grant Redistributed Non-Domestic Rates & General Grants			(10,700)
		39	Collection Fund Balance Adjustment			23
		9,890	Amount to be raised from Council Tax			9,975

Why has the budget changed from last year?

Budget Requirement 2021/22	£'000 17,444
Effect of Inflation: The effect of inflation on the Council's major contracts and commitments	654
Committed Expenditure: Increased income generation proposals have been agreed. Reduction in expenditure driven by reduced non-rec developments	(836)
Savings: A number of savings proposals have been agreed	(561)
Use of Reserves: More use is being made of the Council's reserves to pay for expenditure in 2022/23.	7,627
Financing Charges: More interest is expected to be received on the Council's investments	(3,676)
Budget Requirement 2022/23	20,652

Town Council Precepts in Excess of £140,000

	Net Expenditure	
	2022/23 £'000	2021/22 £'000
Royal Leamington Spa Town Council:		
Recreation & Tourism	26	31
Community	141	-
Other	255	370
Total Net Expenditure	422	401
Warwick Town Council:		
Planning & Economic Development	81	75
Recreation & Tourism	190	160
Community	200	170
Other	90	76
Total Net Expenditure	561	481
Kenilworth Town Council:		
Planning & Economic Development	25	34
Recreation & Tourism	33	20
Community	50	46
Other	96	86
Total Net Expenditure	204	186
Whitnash Town Council:		
Finance & General Purposes	131	100
Hall & Playing Fields	73	73
Civic Centre	80	43
Total Net Expenditure	284	216

Parish and Town Council Precepts

The table below gives the additional precept requested by each Parish and Town Council in the Warwick District area and the corresponding amounts of Council Tax applicable to dwellings in valuation Band D.

Parish and Town Council	Precept 2021/22 £	Precept 2022/23 £	Band D Equiv. £
Baddesley Clinton	3,500	3,500	31.26
Baginton	15,967	17,178	54.26
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	54,236	56,948	59.70
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	7,500	7,500	22.00
Bishops Tachbrook	125,000	134,840	55.25
Bubbenhall	18,000	18,000	57.50
Budbrooke	30,600	36,700	42.48
Burton Green	18,595	19,350	28.06
Bushwood	0	0	0.00
Cubbington	51,390	54,960	36.21
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	15,518	15,116	45.68
Hatton	14,200	14,384	15.43
Kenilworth	183,928	204,280	20.71
Lapworth	22,664	22,900	22.91
Leek Wootton	18,331	20,137	38.56
Norton Lindsey	10,000	10,000	44.44
Old Milverton & Blackdown	7,500	7,500	46.34
Radford Semele	33,604	35,574	33.52
Rowington	20,430	20,430	35.94
Royal Leamington Spa	412,266	421,770	24.81
Shrewley	7,903	5,904	13.87
Stoneleigh & Ashow	17,709	18,352	40.76
Warwick	502,569	561,187	44.79
Weston-under-Wetherley	11,000	11,000	57.27
Whitnash	234,409	284,394	79.57
Total Warwick District Council Area	1,836,819	2,001,905	951.32
Average			35.50

Need to contact us?

Contact details can be found on the [Warwick District Council website](#).

Useful Links

[Are you on a low income and struggling to pay your Council Tax?](#)

[Find out about other benefit entitlements](#)

[Who has to pay Council Tax?](#)

[For more information about Adult Social Care Precept](#)

Important Information

From 1 April 2021, the charge for empty domestic properties has been amended by the Council. A property that has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for more than 24 months will be charged 100% empty property charge and 100% empty property premium, meaning the total charge payable is 200% Council Tax. A property that has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for more than 60 months will be charged 100% empty property charge and 200% empty property premium, meaning the total charge payable is 300% Council Tax. A property that has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for more than 120 months will be charged 100% empty property charge and 300% empty property premium, meaning the total charge payable is 400% Council Tax.

In April 2022 the Government is providing a £150 one-off Energy Bills Rebate for most households in council tax bands A-D.

Warwick District Council and Fraud

We are committed to do everything we reasonably can to protect public money from fraud and, to this end, we may share information provided to us with other bodies responsible for auditing and administering public funds.

The National Fraud Initiative requires us by law to pass individuals' personal details, which have been supplied to us for council tax charging and other lawful purposes, onto the Cabinet Office.

Further information on the National Fraud Initiative can be found on the [Warwick District Council website](#) or **Tel: 01926 456818**

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