

Visiting the Council
Tel: 01926 410410

Warwickshire Direct - Leamington
Riverside House, Customer Services
Reception, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa:

Open: 08:45 - 17:15 Mon, Tue, Thu
09:30 - 17:15 Wed
08:45 - 16:45 Fri

Warwickshire Direct - Lillington
Lillington Library, Valley Road, Lillington,
Leamington Spa:

Open: 09:30 - 13:00 & Mon & Fri
14:00 - 17:30
09:30 - 13:00 & Tue & Thu
14:00 - 19:00
Closed Wed
09:30 - 14:00 Sat

Warwickshire Direct - Warwick
Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick:

Open: 08:00 - 17:30 Mon to Thu
08:00 - 17:00 Fri
09:00 - 16:00 Sat

Warwickshire Direct - Kenilworth
Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth:

Open: 09:00 - 19:00 Mon & Thu
09:00 - 17:30 Tue & Fri
10:30 - 17:30 Wed
09:00 - 16:00 Sat

Warwickshire Direct - Whitnash
Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash:

Open: 09:30 - 17:30 Mon & Fri
09:30 - 19:00 Tue & Thu
10:30 - 17:30 Wed
09:30 - 12:30 Sat

Fit For the Future

This Council has always worked to achieve efficiencies and savings, striving to reduce the costs of its services with minimum impact upon the levels and quality of the services it provides.

Having already delivered over £2,800,000 in efficiency savings prior to March 2009, finding further efficiencies will prove challenging. However, the Council has been able to incorporate significant reductions in excess of £1.5 million into its budget for 2011/12. Nonetheless, with diminishing Government Support, the Council forecasts it will need to identify and deliver a further £2.9 million in savings over the next 5 years. During 2010 the Council adopted an ambitious Fit For the Future Change Programme. This is a corporate plan which brings together the Council's vision, purpose, values, strategies and performance management regime so that the Council's business can be managed in a joined-up and coherent fashion. As well as focusing on delivering quality services that its customers need, it sets challenging savings targets to address this shortfall.

Further details are available on the Council's website.

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. A scheme called the National Fraud Initiative requires us by law to pass onto the Audit Commission periodically individuals' personal details provided to us for various purposes including council tax charging.

Further information on the National Fraud Initiative can be found on the Council's website: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/nfi or Tel: 01926 456817

Town Council Precepts in Excess of £140,000

Table with 3 columns: Category, 2010/11 £'000, 2011/12 £'000. Rows include Royal Leamington Spa Town Council (Planning & Economic Development, Recreation & Tourism, Other, Total Gross Expenditure), Warwick Town Council (Planning & Economic Development, Recreation & Tourism, Community, Other, Total Gross Expenditure), and Kenilworth Town Council (Planning & Economic Development, Recreation & Tourism, Community, Other, Total Gross Expenditure).

On a Low Income?

All figures for Council Tax shown in this leaflet are before any discounts/benefits etc.

If you are on a low income you may be entitled to help with your Council Tax or Rent.

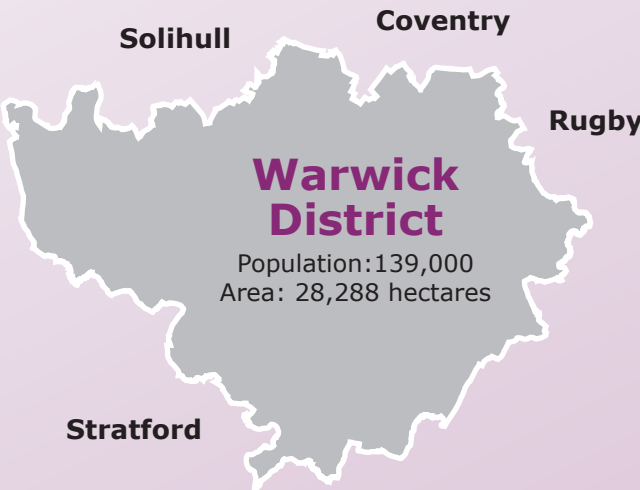
For more information, please contact your Local Office or Tel: 01926 412466 benefitqueries@warwickdc.gov.uk or visit www.warwickdc.gov.uk

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.

Table with 4 columns: Parish and Town Council, Precept 2010/11 £, Precept 2011/12 £, Band D Equiv. £. Rows list various parishes and towns like Baddesley Clinton, Baginton, Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton, etc., and a total for Warwick District Council Area.

Council Tax & Council Spending 2011/12



Why do you pay Council Tax?
How is it calculated?
How is it spent?

Warwick District Council Customer & Information Services
PO Box 258, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa, CV32 5RU. Tel: 01926 410410

Council Tax & Benefits Tel: 01926 412466 ctaxenquiries@warwickdc.gov.uk

Useful Contacts

- Council Tax & Benefits 01926 412466
- Planning 01926 412717
- Housing 01926 412828
- Your Neighbourhood 01926 412464
- Roads, Parking & Transport 01926 412456
- Business 01926 412496
- Your Council 01926 412656
- Environment 01926 412498

This information can be made available in other formats, including: large print, audio CD or other languages if required. Tel: 01926 456108. See above for all other enquiries



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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. In fact, we only retain 10% of the monies collected.

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 in 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 Benefit) if you are on a low or fixed income – see 'on a low income' section.

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

£7.822m 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 Authority 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 2011/12 the total 'Band D equivalent' properties is 53,260.72.

The Band D 'average' for the District Council's share is only £12.24 per month when spread over 12 months.

How do we spend the money?

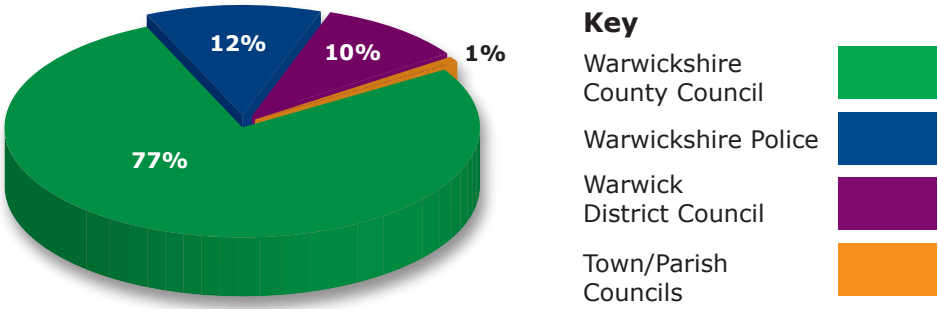
The table below shows how much we plan to spend on each of the main services provided by Warwick District Council.

| Gross Expen. | 2010/11 Gross Income | Net Expen. | | Gross Expen. | 2011/12 Gross Income | Net Expen. |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------|--|--------------|----------------------|---------------|
| £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| 14,442 | 10,545 | 3,897 | Democratic Core & Central Services: This includes the cost of Council Tax benefits and the collection of Council Tax and business rates, along with costs of running the Council as a democratic body. | 14,345 | 10,756 | 3,589 |
| 9,937 | 3,640 | 6,297 | Cultural and Related Services: The costs of leisure services, parks and gardens, and arts facilities such as the Royal Pump Room and Royal Spa Centre. | 10,332 | 3,444 | 6,888 |
| 9,430 | 2,780 | 6,650 | Environmental Services: This includes the cost of refuse collection and recycling, street cleansing, cemeteries and the crematorium. Community safety and environmental health are also included. | 9,807 | 2,874 | 6,933 |
| 5,247 | 4,399 | 848 | Planning and Development Services: The cost of planning applications and appeals, building control, the local plan. Money is also spent on economic and community development. | 5,033 | 2,047 | 2,986 |
| 7,520 | 6,303 | 1,217 | Highways, Roads and Transport Services: This comprises the cost of operating off-street car parks. The assisted travel scheme has transferred to Warwickshire County Council from 1 st April 2011. | 5,632 | 5,822 | (190) |
| 31,053 | 30,197 | 856 | Housing Services - General Fund | 31,802 | 30,775 | 1,027 |
| 77,629 | 57,864 | 19,765 | Total Expenditure on Services | 76,951 | 55,718 | 21,233 |
| | | (1,551) | Less Financing and Reserves Adjustments | | | (5,382) |
| | | 18,214 | Equals Budget Requirement | | | 15,851 |
| | | (10,485) | Less Revenue Support Grant & Redistributed Non-domestic Rates | | | (8,029) |
| | | 7,729 | Equals Amount to be raised from Council Tax | | | 7,822 |

Why has the budget changed from last year?

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| Budget Requirement 2010/11 | £'000 18,214 |
| Effect of Inflation | 311 |
| Committed Expenditure: There is reduced income due to the downturn in the economic climate plus unavoidable increased costs over and above inflation. | 1,050 |
| Savings: The main change is the transfer of Assisted Travel from the Council to Warwickshire County Council. This has been offset by a corresponding decrease in the amount we receive in grants from the Government. In addition, several short term projects have now finished. Revised working practices have reduced costs plus the improvements in procurement practices have resulted in further savings. | (3,540) |
| Use of Reserves: More use is being made of the Council's reserves to pay for expenditure in 2011/12. | (164) |
| Financing charges: More interest is expected to be received on the Council's investments due to increased balances. | (20) |
| Budget Requirement 2011/12 | 15,851 |

Where does the money go to?



The money we collect from you is not all for Warwick District Council. In fact we keep only 10p in every pound. The rest of the money is collected by us on behalf of other local authorities in the area, namely Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police Authority and the local Parish and Town Councils. This leaflet tries to explain how the District Council's element of the Council Tax has been arrived at. However, if you require any further information regarding the level of tax set by each local authority please contact:

Warwickshire County Council (77%) **01926 412441**
Warwickshire Police Authority (12%) **01926 415015**
Warwick District Council & Parishes (11%) **01926 456013**