

Your Council Tax



Dear resident,

I know that the last 12 months have been challenging for so many of us, and I would like to thank the very many people who have helped to keep Sutton safe.

During this time, staff at the Council have continued to deliver more than 800 vital services while responding to the pandemic. From setting up the food hub to supporting local businesses, we've helped our community to deal with the health and economic challenges created by this terrible pandemic.

Over the next 12 months, your council tax will allow us to deliver the services so many people rely on while supporting Sutton's recovery through projects such as The London Cancer Hub, regenerating our district centres and tackling the Climate Emergency.

Value for money is at the heart of everything we do: we have responded to years of central government cuts by making savings wherever we can, and have delivered £96.4m savings since 2010. In addition, we have identified ways to save a further £5.6m in 2021 - 2022.

But these savings alone are not enough to meet the rising costs of providing care and support to more and more of our residents. To protect your vital services, we therefore need to raise council tax by 1.5% and have no choice but to take up the Government's suggestion to apply the 3% adult social care tax. We understand that these increases come at a particularly challenging time for many of you, and have done everything we can to keep them as low as possible.

The Mayor of London has also decided to increase the Greater London Authority (GLA) tax by 9.5%. This money goes towards the Metropolitan Police, The London Fire Brigade and Transport for London.

This means the average Sutton household (Band D) will pay an extra 41p a week in council tax, an extra 82p a week for the adult social care tax and an extra 61p a week for the GLA precept.

Thank you for helping us to protect the lives of some of the most vulnerable people living in our borough, while bringing new jobs, homes and improvements to Sutton.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Ruth Dombey
Leader of Sutton Council

For a full breakdown of how council tax is spent in Sutton, please visit sutton.gov.uk/counciltax.

If you need assistance please call 020 8770 5000 and select option 1.



Find out more at sutton.gov.uk/budget

OUR BUDGET 2021/2022...

...is all about protecting your vital services while supporting Sutton's recovery.



Improving Sutton's environment and local economy



Managing benefits, buildings, infrastructure and information



Empowering residents by supporting their mental and physical health and wellbeing



Supporting vulnerable children and adults

This is our average spend on some key services per household*:

£10 creating jobs and supporting businesses

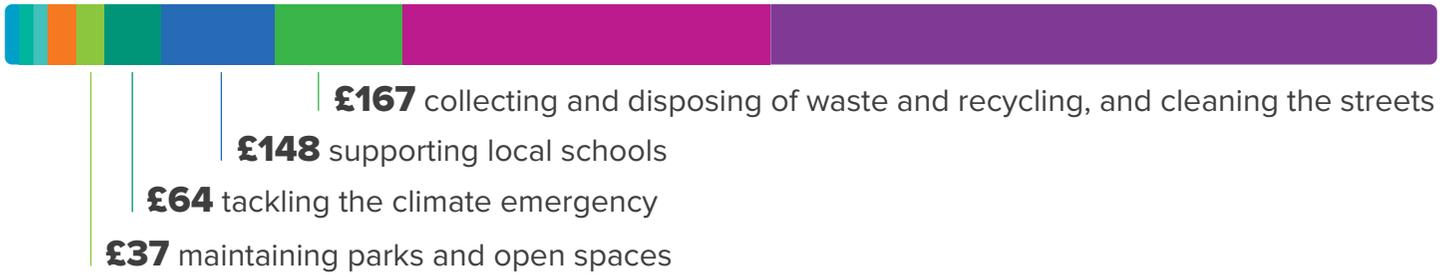
£16 on safety and tackling crime

£19 fixing roads and pavements

£35 on libraries

£469 caring for vulnerable children

£862 caring for vulnerable adults



*Total average spend on these services per Band D household, funded by council tax, business rates and government grants.

THE CHALLENGE

More than 70% of our budget is spent on caring for people. Following the pandemic, more and more people are needing our help. This year we're investing:



£9.65m

a year to support residents needing care in their homes



£16.38m

a year for care homes for older people and residents with learning disabilities



£11.1m

to give vulnerable children who cannot live with their birth parents a home

We're continuing to make savings to offset the rising cost of services:



£96.4m

saved between 2010 - 2020



£5.6m

planned to be saved in 2021/22

But with more than 70% of our budget funded by council tax, and no long-term funding for social care, we have no choice but to increase council tax.

YOUR COUNCIL TAX

To make sure we can continue to look after people in Sutton when they need us the most, we need to increase council tax by 1.5% and apply the government's adult social care precept of 3%. Per week, this means:



41p

Extra for council tax



82p

Extra for adult social care



£1.23

More for a Band D property

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