

SUTTON COUNCIL TAX

WHAT YOU PAY AND WHAT YOU RECEIVE 2015/2016

For more information about council tax and ways
to pay visit: www.sutton.gov.uk/counciltax



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Your council tax explained 2015/16

Unprecedented funding cuts from central government since 2010 and increased pressure on services mean we have to save £72 million from our annual budget by 2018/19. Our annual budget in 2014/15 was £151.7m. We have already saved £32m without cutting frontline services. In order to save the remaining £40m, we are going to have to change some services and stop others. In July, we launched Sutton's Future to encourage residents to get involved in helping us make the savings. As a result of your input, we have been able to keep some services that you value, even if it means running them differently.

In order to help bridge the gap between the money we will now receive from government, which will be £8m less in 2015/16 than 2014/15, and how much our services cost to run, we are increasing council tax by 1.99%. This will help us raise an additional £1.6m per annum, money which will help us to retain some key services that have a significant impact on people's lives and will reduce future costs to the tax payer. For example, effective prevention and early intervention to support our elderly people can reduce the likelihood of them moving into residential care.

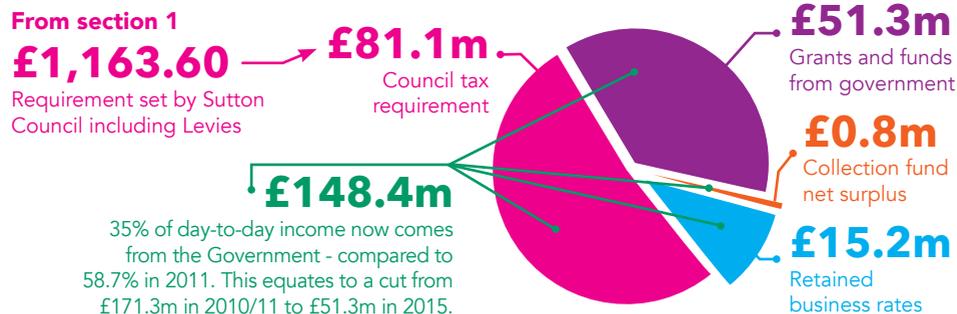
The graphics on these pages show you where our money comes from and how it is spent.

1 The charge for council tax is calculated as follows:



For council tax payments for all bands visit www.sutton.gov.uk/counciltax

2 Sutton Council resources – where our money comes from:



3 Our resources are then spent on:

£63.4m
Adult social services, housing and health

£44m
Protecting and supporting children

£14.6m
Waste services, street cleaning, environmental health & environment protection

£9.7m
Cultural services parks, libraries and leisure centres

£8.1m
Highways maintenance, and street management

£1.6m
Economic development, planning and sustainability

£4.1m
Community engagement, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour, elections and Smarter Council

£2.9m
Corporate facilities and support, interest, levies and centrally held budgets less Core Grants

4 Bringing investment to the borough through Opportunity Sutton

We are working hard to bring in investment to help reduce the impact of government cuts. Our inward investment programme, Opportunity Sutton, has attracted over £330m in planned investment since 2012 with the potential to create 1,600 jobs. The investment includes major housing and office developments, supporting businesses and securing training and employment opportunities. We are also setting up a development company to build new housing to raise revenue and help our residents move into family homes, or even their first home.



My Account

You can see your council tax, business rates or benefits account online at www.sutton.gov.uk/myaccount. Choose to receive your bills by email, see a full statement of your account, a list of your payments and your discount and exemption details as well as find out when your instalments are due.

Self Serve

A quick, easy and secure way to tell us if you move house, change your name, claim single person's discount or set up a direct debit – visit www.sutton.gov.uk/counciltaxselfserve



Sutton Council is working in partnership with the people who live and work in the borough to build a community in which all can take part and all can take pride.

Together we will meet the challenges enforced by unprecedented government cuts to our funding and increased pressure on services.



We are an open council

- Empowering you to help shape the future of services through our Sutton's Future campaign.



We are a fair council

- Delivering over 700 high quality services which 79 per cent of residents are satisfied with.
- Supporting you by building new homes, through our Development Corporation, and new schools to support you.
- Helping you lead healthier lifestyles through our leisure and cultural centres.



We are a green council

- Taking an innovative approach to sustainability through initiatives such as an Energy Recovery Facility that will reduce carbon emissions and landfill, and a Decentralised Energy Network to create our own green energy.



We are a smart council

- We have saved £32m from our annual budget through measures including sharing services with other boroughs, cutting red tape and generating more income.

**JOIN OUR SUTTON'S FUTURE CONVERSATION
AND HELP US MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS
ABOUT SERVICES THAT MATTER TO YOU.**

Visit www.suttonsfuture.org to find out how.

