

# COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Your Council Tax for the year ahead

Council Tax is calculated by adding the money that is needed by Colchester Borough Council, Essex County Council, Fire and Rescue and the Police to provide their services and taking off the money each organisation receives in government funding.

The levels of Council Tax people are required to pay is based on the Council Tax band (ranging from A-H), based on property valuations, your home is in. Different amounts are due for each Council Tax band, with Band D being used as the average banding.

The table below shows the total amount needed by all the organisations for April 2019 and March 2020 is £109,339,169. If your home is in band D, your Council Tax for this year will be £1,726.47 plus an amount you have to pay to your local parish council (see page 4 for more details).

	Amount needed	Council Tax for each property in Band D
Colchester Borough Council	£12,072,000.00	£190.62
Essex County Council	£80,458,490.00	£1,270.44
Fire and Rescue	£4,588,330.00	£72.45
Police	£12,220,349.00	£192.96
Total (not including town and parish councils)	£109,339,169.00	£1,726.47

### Facing funding changes

The table below shows how our spending will differ next year compare to this year. Government policies and the state of the national economy are among things that impact on the amount we have to spend on our services.

	£ thousands
Money needed for 2018 to 2019	19,365
Reduction in government grant	(2,865)
Increase in savings	2,338
Increase in expenditure on services	1,592
<b>The amount we need to raise in 2019 to 2020</b>	<b>20,430</b>

## Colchester Borough Council spending

The table below shows how much we plan to spend on each of our main services, net of any income we receive from fees and charges.

Some of this money will come from the Council Tax, but we also have other main sources of income, including Government Grants and Business Rates.

	<b>Last year (2018/2019) £ thousands</b>	<b>This year (2019/2020) £ thousands</b>	
General council costs	2,219	2,810	
Collecting local taxes and paying Council Tax Benefit	1,377	1,044	
Cultural and related services	4,755	4,695	
Environmental services	8,571	9,470	
Planning and development services	(1,442)	(1,856)	
Highways, roads, transport and parking services	(1,763)	(1,727)	
Housing services	(6,349)	(5,602)	
Services for elderly people	268	581	
Grants to parish councils	71	64	
Other services	5,689	5,645	
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,396</b>	<b>15,124</b>	
Add spending on future projects	3,454	2,449	
<b>Total spending before using savings</b>	<b>16,850</b>	<b>17,573</b>	
Less transfer to/from our savings	2,515	2,857	
<b>Total amount we need</b>	<b>19,365</b>	<b>20,430</b>	
<b>Adjusted for:</b>			
money to/from the collection fund	(609)	(604)	
parish councils' spending	(1,748)	(1,896)	
Revenue Support Grant	(275)	0	
our share of business rates	(5,262)	(5,857)	
<b>How much we need</b>	<b>11,471</b>	<b>12,072</b>	
Council Tax for each property band D in Colchester Borough and the percentage change since last year	185.13	190.62	2.97%

## Council Tax amounts for the town and parish councils

The chart below shows how much Council Tax you have to pay, depending on where you live in the borough and the valuation band your home is in. Parish and town councils need extra money to pay for things like community centres, footpaths and extra street lighting.

Town or parish	Band							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Colchester	1150.98	1342.81	1534.64	1726.47	2110.13	2493.79	2877.45	3452.94
Abberton & Langenhoe	1,173.37	1,368.94	1,564.50	1,760.06	2,151.18	2,542.31	2,933.43	3,520.12
Aldham	1,186.73	1,384.51	1,582.30	1,780.09	2,175.67	2,571.24	2,966.82	3,560.18
Birch	1,170.87	1,366.02	1,561.16	1,756.31	2,146.60	2,536.89	2,927.18	3,512.62
Boxted	1,206.97	1,408.13	1,609.29	1,810.45	2,212.77	2,615.09	3,017.42	3,620.90
Chappel	1,202.53	1,402.95	1,603.37	1,803.79	2,204.63	2,605.47	3,006.32	3,607.58
Copford	1,187.14	1,385.00	1,582.85	1,780.71	2,176.42	2,572.14	2,967.85	3,561.42
Dedham	1,181.22	1,378.09	1,574.96	1,771.83	2,165.57	2,559.31	2,953.05	3,543.66
East Donyland	1,207.29	1,408.51	1,609.72	1,810.94	2,213.37	2,615.80	3,018.23	3,621.88
East Mersea	1,192.26	1,390.97	1,589.68	1,788.39	2,185.81	2,583.23	2,980.65	3,576.78
Eight Ash Green	1,184.11	1,381.46	1,578.81	1,776.16	2,170.86	2,565.56	2,960.27	3,552.32
Fingringhoe	1,174.22	1,369.92	1,565.63	1,761.33	2,152.74	2,544.14	2,935.55	3,522.66
Fordham	1,210.95	1,412.77	1,614.60	1,816.42	2,220.07	2,623.72	3,027.37	3,632.84
Great Horkesley	1,163.65	1,357.60	1,551.54	1,745.48	2,133.36	2,521.25	2,909.13	3,490.96
Great Tey	1,183.51	1,380.76	1,578.01	1,775.26	2,169.76	2,564.26	2,958.77	3,550.52
Langham	1,176.76	1,372.89	1,569.01	1,765.14	2,157.39	2,549.65	2,941.90	3,530.28
Laver Breton	1,150.98	1,342.81	1,534.64	1,726.47	2,110.13	2,493.79	2,877.45	3,452.94
Laver de la Haye	1,165.77	1,360.07	1,554.36	1,748.66	2,137.25	2,525.84	2,914.43	3,497.32
Laver Marney	1,150.98	1,342.81	1,534.64	1,726.47	2,110.13	2,493.79	2,877.45	3,452.94
Little Horkesley	1,177.04	1,373.21	1,569.39	1,765.56	2,157.91	2,550.25	2,942.60	3,531.12
Marks Tey	1,190.21	1,388.57	1,586.94	1,785.31	2,182.05	2,578.78	2,975.52	3,570.62
Messing cum Inworth	1,193.85	1,392.83	1,591.80	1,790.78	2,188.73	2,586.68	2,984.63	3,581.56
Mount Bures	1,172.01	1,367.35	1,562.68	1,758.02	2,148.69	2,539.36	2,930.03	3,516.04
Myland	1,167.34	1,361.90	1,556.45	1,751.01	2,140.12	2,529.24	2,918.35	3,502.02
Stanway	1,181.15	1,378.00	1,574.86	1,771.72	2,165.44	2,559.15	2,952.87	3,543.44
Tiptree	1,220.35	1,423.75	1,627.14	1,830.53	2,237.31	2,644.10	3,050.88	3,661.06
Wakes Colne	1,186.82	1,384.62	1,582.43	1,780.23	2,175.84	2,571.44	2,967.05	3,560.46
West Bergholt	1,196.83	1,396.31	1,595.78	1,795.25	2,194.19	2,593.14	2,992.08	3,590.50
West Mersea	1,215.41	1,417.98	1,620.55	1,823.12	2,228.26	2,633.40	3,038.53	3,646.24
Winstred Hundred	1,168.51	1,363.26	1,558.01	1,752.76	2,142.26	2,531.76	2,921.27	3,505.52
Wivenhoe	1,226.59	1,431.02	1,635.45	1,839.88	2,248.74	2,657.60	3,066.47	3,679.76
Wormingford	1,183.84	1,381.15	1,578.45	1,775.76	2,170.37	2,564.99	2,959.60	3,551.52

Winstred Hundred also includes Peldon, Salcott, Virley, Great Wigborough, and Little Wigborough

## Town and parish council spending

This table outlines how much each town and parish council requires, minus the grants they receive from Colchester Borough Council.

Parish	Money each parish needs to raise in 2018/19 £	Money each parish needs to raise in 2019/20 £	Parish part of the Council Tax for a property in band D £
Abberton & Langenhoe	13,310	14,619	33.59
Aldham	11,102	11,084	53.62
Birch	8,823	9,000	29.84
Boxted	47,837	49,272	83.98
Chappel	17,034	17,034	77.32
Copford	29,512	37,197	54.24
Dedham	39,969	42,033	45.36
East Donyland	57,395	63,302	84.47
East Mersea	7,741	7,814	61.92
Eight Ash Green	31,042	32,224	49.69
Fingringhoe	11,602	11,675	34.86
Fordham	27,305	29,450	89.95
Great Horkesley	18,212	19,854	19.01
Great Tey	17,845	18,427	48.79
Langham	18,372	19,193	38.67
Layer Breton	0	0	0
Layer de la Haye	15,190	15,891	22.19
Layer Marney	0	0	0
Little Horkesley	3,292	3,631	39.09
Marks Tey	50,332	55,603	58.84
Messing cum Inworth	11,072	11,267	64.31
Mount Bures	2,786	3,385	31.55
Myland	132,180	136,220	24.54
Stanway	151,036	172,675	45.25
Tiptree	350,438	358,678	104.06
90Wakes Colne	12,740	13,122	53.76
West Bergholt	85,636	92,577	68.78
West Mersea	253,472	304,041	96.65
Winstred Hundred	12,511	12,884	26.29
Wivenhoe	300,768	324,829	113.41
Wormingford	9,385	9,439	49.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,747,939</b>	<b>1,896,420</b>	

The tables below show town and parish councils that spend more than £140,000

	2018/19 £	2019/20 £
<b>Stanway</b>		
Community services	9,990	14,980
Environmental services	38,650	57,350
Community Centre	66,000	26,000
Other services	114,900	113,285
Less income and use of savings	(78,504)	(38,940)
<b>Total</b>	<b>151,036</b>	<b>172,675</b>

<b>Tiptree</b>		
Cultural and related services	175,321	255,200
Highways	19,700	18,859
Community Centre	84,922	85,922
Other services	315,820	339,892
Less income and use of savings	(245,325)	(341,195)
<b>Total</b>	<b>350,438</b>	<b>358,678</b>

<b>West Mersea</b>		
Cultural and related services	122,881	150,425
Environmental services	123,545	158,542
Planning services	10,300	4,000
Other services	7,760	15,515
Less grant and other income	(11,014)	(24,441)
<b>Total</b>	<b>253,472</b>	<b>304,041</b>

<b>Wivenhoe</b>		
Cultural and related services	105,646	90,954
Environmental services	43,313	47,707
Planning services	7,000	7,000
Highways	1,197	4,500
Other services	235,503	251,763
Less income and use of savings	(91,891)	(77,095)
<b>Total</b>	<b>300,768</b>	<b>324,829</b>

## Adult Social Care

In 2016 the government announced that for the three years from 2017/18 to 2019/20 councils providing social care to adults would be allowed to increase this proportion of their Council Tax by up to 3% in any given year, but no more than 6% in total over those years. This was set out in the following government statement,

‘The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has made an offer to adult social care authorities. (“Adult social care authorities” are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014, namely county councils in England, district councils for an area in England for which there is no county council, London borough councils, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.) The offer is the option of an adult social care authority being able to charge an additional “precept” on its council tax for financial years from the financial year beginning in 2016 without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting expenditure on adult social care. Subject to the annual approval of the House of Commons, the Secretary of State intends to offer the option of charging this “precept” at an appropriate level in each financial year up to and including the financial year 2019-20’.

The Government has said that this precept must be shown as a separate charge on all Council Tax bills. The income generated from this charge is ring-fenced, meaning it can only be used for Adult Social Care services.

Adult Social Care is provided by Essex County Council, and means that their Band D equivalent charge for 2018/19 has increased by 3.99% overall, which consists of 2.99% for Adult Social Care and a 1% general increase.

## Further Information

Further information regarding Council Tax can be found at the following websites:

[www.essex.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.essex.gov.uk/counciltax)

[www.essex.pcc.police.uk/finance/](http://www.essex.pcc.police.uk/finance/)

[www.essex-fire.gov.uk/About Us/Financial Information/](http://www.essex-fire.gov.uk/About_Us/Financial_Information/)