



Colchester

COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL

Your Council Tax for the year ahead

The amount of Council Tax we need to collect from our residents 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 funding 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 2018 and March 2019 is £102,003,554. If your home is in band D, your Council Tax for this year will be £1,646.28 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	£11,470,700	£185.13
Essex County Council	£75,699,630	£1,221.75
Fire and Rescue	£4,360,745	£70.38
Police	£10,472,479	£169.02
Total (not including town and parish councils)	£102,003,554	£1,646.28

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 2017 to 2018	17,509
Reduction in government grant	(10,462)
Increase in savings	5,626
Increase in expenditure on services	6,692
The amount we need to raise in 2018 to 2019	19,365

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 – Government Grants and Business Rates.

	Last year (2017/2018) £ thousands	This year (2018/2019) £ thousands	
General council costs	2,462	2,219	
Collecting local taxes and paying Council Tax Benefit	1,242	1,377	
Cultural and related services	5,019	4,755	
Environmental services	9,090	8,571	
Planning and development services	(1,480)	(1,442)	
Highways, roads, transport and parking services	(1,712)	(1,763)	
Housing services	(6,134)	(6,349)	
Services for elderly people	166	268	
Grants to parish councils	78	71	
Other services	9,340	5,689	
Total	18,071	13,396	
Add spending on future projects	3,614	3,454	
Total spending before using savings	21,685	16,850	
Less transfer to/from our savings	(4,177)	2,515	
Total amount we need	17,508	19,365	
Adjusted for:			
money to/from the collection fund	910	(609)	
parish councils' spending	(1,546)	(1,748)	
Revenue Support Grant	(920)	(275)	
our share of business rates	(4,938)	(5,262)	
How much we need	11,015	11,471	
Council Tax for each property band D in Colchester Borough and the percentage change since last year	180.18	185.13	2.75%

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	1097.52	1280.44	1463.36	1646.28	2012.12	2377.96	2743.80	3292.56
Abberton & Langenhoe	1,117.91	1,304.22	1,490.54	1,676.86	2,049.50	2,422.13	2,794.77	3,353.72
Aldham	1,133.33	1,322.21	1,511.10	1,699.99	2,077.77	2,455.54	2,833.32	3,399.98
Birch	1,117.11	1,303.30	1,489.48	1,675.67	2,048.04	2,420.41	2,792.78	3,351.34
Boxted	1,151.81	1,343.78	1,535.75	1,727.72	2,111.66	2,495.60	2,879.53	3,455.44
Chappel	1,149.95	1,341.60	1,533.26	1,724.92	2,108.24	2,491.55	2,874.87	3,449.84
Copford	1,126.51	1,314.27	1,502.02	1,689.77	2,065.27	2,440.78	2,816.28	3,379.54
Dedham	1,126.43	1,314.16	1,501.90	1,689.64	2,065.12	2,440.59	2,816.07	3,379.28
East Donyland	1,153.83	1,346.14	1,538.44	1,730.75	2,115.36	2,499.97	2,884.58	3,461.50
East Mersea	1,137.87	1,327.51	1,517.16	1,706.80	2,086.09	2,465.38	2,844.67	3,413.60
Eight Ash Green	1,128.92	1,317.07	1,505.23	1,693.38	2,069.69	2,445.99	2,822.30	3,386.76
Fingringhoe	1,120.76	1,307.55	1,494.35	1,681.14	2,054.73	2,428.31	2,801.90	3,362.28
Fordham	1,153.77	1,346.07	1,538.36	1,730.66	2,115.25	2,499.84	2,884.43	3,461.32
Great Horkesley	1,109.11	1,293.97	1,478.82	1,663.67	2,033.37	2,403.08	2,772.78	3,327.34
Great Tey	1,129.16	1,317.35	1,505.55	1,693.74	2,070.13	2,446.51	2,822.90	3,387.48
Langham	1,122.17	1,309.19	1,496.22	1,683.25	2,057.31	2,431.36	2,805.42	3,366.50
Layer Breton	1,097.52	1,280.44	1,463.36	1,646.28	2,012.12	2,377.96	2,743.80	3,292.56
Layer de la Haye	1,111.77	1,297.06	1,482.36	1,667.65	2,038.24	2,408.83	2,779.42	3,335.30
Layer Marney	1,097.52	1,280.44	1,463.36	1,646.28	2,012.12	2,377.96	2,743.80	3,292.56
Little Horkesley	1,121.53	1,308.46	1,495.38	1,682.30	2,056.14	2,429.99	2,803.83	3,364.60
Marks Tey	1,133.31	1,322.19	1,511.08	1,699.96	2,077.73	2,455.50	2,833.27	3,399.92
Messing cum Inworth	1,140.39	1,330.45	1,520.52	1,710.58	2,090.71	2,470.84	2,850.97	3,421.16
Mount Bures	1,114.89	1,300.71	1,486.52	1,672.34	2,043.97	2,415.60	2,787.23	3,344.68
Myland	1,114.79	1,300.59	1,486.39	1,672.19	2,043.79	2,415.39	2,786.98	3,344.38
Stanway	1,126.95	1,314.78	1,502.60	1,690.43	2,066.08	2,441.73	2,817.38	3,380.86
Tiptree	1,166.39	1,360.79	1,555.19	1,749.59	2,138.39	2,527.19	2,915.98	3,499.18
Wakes Colne	1,132.91	1,321.72	1,510.54	1,699.36	2,077.00	2,454.63	2,832.27	3,398.72
West Bergholt	1,140.51	1,330.59	1,520.68	1,710.76	2,090.93	2,471.10	2,851.27	3,421.52
West Mersea	1,151.29	1,343.17	1,535.05	1,726.93	2,110.69	2,494.45	2,878.22	3,453.86
Winstred Hundred	1,114.52	1,300.27	1,486.03	1,671.78	2,043.29	2,414.79	2,786.30	3,343.56
Wivenhoe	1,167.60	1,362.20	1,556.80	1,751.40	2,140.60	2,529.80	2,919.00	3,502.80
Wormingford	1,130.38	1,318.78	1,507.17	1,695.57	2,072.36	2,449.16	2,825.95	3,391.14

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

Parish council spending

This table outlines how much each Parish and Town Council requires minus the grants they receive from Colchester Borough Council.

Parish	Money each parish needs to raise in 2017/18 £	Money each parish needs to raise in 2018/19 £	Parish part of the Council Tax for a property in band D £
Abberton & Langenhoe	13,092	13,310	30.58
Aldham	10,951	11,102	53.71
Birch	8,560	8,823	29.39
Boxted	43,555	47,837	81.44
Chappel	15,581	17,034	78.64
Copford	30,228	29,512	43.49
Dedham	39,528	39,969	43.36
East Donyland	53,875	57,395	84.47
East Mersea	7,681	7,741	60.52
Eight Ash Green	28,500	31,042	47.10
Fingringhoe	8,999	11,602	34.86
Fordham	28,820	27,305	84.38
Great Horkesley	13,986	18,212	17.39
Great Tey	17,276	17,845	47.46
Langham	17,837	18,372	36.97
Laver Breton	0	0	0.00
Laver de la Haye	14,813	15,190	21.37
Laver Marney	0	0	0.00
Little Horkesley	3,076	3,292	36.02
Marks Tey	45,757	50,332	53.68
Messing cum Inworth	9,080	11,072	64.30
Mount Bures	2,699	2,786	26.06
Myland	118,124	132,180	25.91
Stanway	132,582	151,036	44.15
Tiptree	273,677	350,438	103.31
Wakes Colne	12,740	12,740	53.08
West Bergholt	82,962	85,636	64.48
West Mersea	211,979	253,472	80.65
Winstred Hundred	12,451	12,511	25.50
Wivenhoe	278,516	300,768	105.12
Wormingford	9,131	9,385	49.29
Total	1,546,056	1,747,939	

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

	2017/18 £	2018/19 £
Tiptree		
Cultural and related services	274,821	175,321
Highways	18,000	19,700
Community Centre	82,122	84,922
Other services	245,888	315,820
Less income and use of savings	(347,154)	(245,325)
Total	273,677	350,438

West Mersea		
Cultural and related services	98,890	122,881
Environmental services	117,680	123,545
Planning services	12,000	10,300
Other services	10,158	7,760
Less grant and other income	(26,749)	(11,014)
Total	211,979	253,472

Wivenhoe		
Cultural and related services	169,811	166,978
Environmental services	89,800	69,850
Planning services	17,000	19,884
Highways	49,000	49,515
Other services	268,891	309,662
Less income and use of savings	(315,986)	(315,121)
Total	278,516	300,768

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 4.99% overall, which consists of 2% for Adult Social Care and a 2.99% general increase.

Further Information

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

www.essex.gov.uk/counciltax

www.essex.pcc.police.uk/finance/

www.essex-fire.gov.uk/About_Us/Financial_Information/