

# East Herts council tax

East Herts Council has decided to put up its share of the council tax by £5 so we can continue providing quality front-line services while facing ongoing budget pressures.

The rise works out at just over 41p per month.

The pressures include a fall in the Revenue Support Grant from Government – a key funding source - from £2.8m in 2014/15 to zero by the end of this financial year. In addition the government has advised local authorities to be more financially self-sufficient.

Hertfordshire County Council is increasing its annual share of council tax by 2.99% or £39.48 to help meet the challenges of a growing and ageing population and increasing demand, particularly for children's services and adult social care.

The Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is increasing its share by £24.

A spokesperson said there was strong public support for a rise if it resulted in a greater police presence. "The increase will be used to deploy 75 more frontline officers in Hertfordshire."

So the annual bill for a Band D payer breaks down like this:

- £1,359.94 goes to Hertfordshire County Council
- £169.09 goes to East Herts Council
- £188 goes to the PCC
- An amount goes to your town or parish council – this varies depending on where you live.

## How a Band D council tax is calculated

4% on average

goes to your town or parish council - see page 11

11%

goes to Police and Crime Commissioner

9%

goes to East Herts Council

76%

goes to Hertfordshire County Council

## Where East Herts Council's money comes from

Specific Government Grants - £35m  
Redistributed Business Rates - £16m  
Fees & Charges - £21.6m  
Council Tax - £14.5m  
Government/General Revenue Grants - £2.6m  
Interest (net) £1m  
Use of balances - £0.5m

## What the council's money is spent on

Revenues & benefits - £42.2m

Planning services - £6.3m

Refuse & recycling - £6m

Legal & democratic services - £4m

Health & housing - £7.3m

Car parking - £3.9m

Other - £17m

Strategic finance & property services - £4.5m

If you pay your council tax by direct debit you don't need to do anything – the amount is updated automatically and your payments will roll on.