

Council tax in Thurrock, 2019/2020

Thurrock Council

Thurrock Council's financial, commercial and investment strategies mean:

- it has been able to protect and invest in services that matter most to our residents
- it can continue to do so without asking for more from the council tax payer this year

There has been a 0% increase in the council's general fund element of council tax for 2019/20.

Residents will see a small rise overall because of increases made by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner on the police and fire service precept.

Lowest council tax in Essex

Thurrock Council has:

- the lowest council tax rate in Essex
- one of the lowest council tax rates of all unitary authorities in the country
- one of the strongest financial positions of any unitary authority

Thurrock Council budget and spending

Service	2018/2019			2019/2020		
	Gross exp £m	Gross inc £m	Net exp £m	Gross exp £m	Gross inc £m	Net exp £m
Adults, Housing and Health	83.12	-43.68	39.44	84.50	-45.48	39.03
Children's Services, including Dedicated Schools Grant	200.69	-164.55	36.14	198.58	-162.58	36.00
Environment and Highways	28.95	-2.90	26.05	31.57	-3.49	28.08
Place	15.72	-5.96	9.77	19.61	-10.22	9.39
Finance, IT and Legal	13.27	-2.37	10.90	13.65	-2.35	11.30
Human Resources and Organisational Development	4.80	-0.51	4.30	4.85	-0.53	4.32
Strategy, Communications and Customer Services	3.00	-0.28	2.72	3.05	-0.20	2.85
Commercial Services	0.68	0	0.68	0.73	0	0.72
Central expenses	66.55	-78.72	-12.17	75.34	-91.53	-16.19
Service budget totals	416.79	-298.96	117.83	431.89	-316.39	115.50
Levies	0.72	0	0.72	0.72	0	0.72
Capital financing	-3.86	0	-3.86	-4.55	0	-4.55
Net expenditure	413.65	-298.96	114.69	428.07	-316.39	111.68
Revenue Support Grant	0	-10.70	-10.70	0	-6.70	-6.70
National Non-Domestic Rates	0	-35.43	-35.43	0	-35.81	-35.81
New Homes Bonus	0	-3.15	-3.15	0	-3.11	-3.11
Council Tax income	0	-65.41	-65.41	0	-66.06	-66.06
Grand totals	413.65	-413.65	0	428.07	-428.07	0

This table shows gross and net expenditure ('exp') and income ('inc') in £ millions.

Essex Police budget and spending

The share of council tax that goes to Essex Police has increased by 14.16% in 2019/2020. Changes to the police budget are shown below.

	2018/2019 £m	2019/2020 £m
Net expenditure	277.4	298.1
Use of balances	0.0	-0.5
Budget requirement	277.4	297.6
Financed by:		
Home Office Grant	101.3	103.6
Home Office Formula Grant and Council Tax Grant	68.3	69.4
Surplus on Collection Fund	1.6	1.5
Council Tax requirement	106.2	123.1
Total financing	277.4	297.6

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service budget and spending

The share of council tax that goes to the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service has increased by 2.94% in 2019/2020. Changes to the fire and rescue service budget are shown below.

	2018/2019 £m	2019/2020 £m
Gross expenditure	76.297	77.585
Income	-3.732	-3.788
Budget requirement	72.565	73.797
Financed by:		
Revenue Support Grant	9.347	8.337
Business Rates	15.720	16.196
Surplus on Collection Fund	0.688	0.643
Council tax requirement	44.241	46.233
Use of reserves	2.569	2.388
Total financing	72.565	73.797

Levies

Levies are amounts paid to outside bodies for services covering an area wider than Thurrock. The levies payable by Thurrock in 2019/2020 are:

Levying body	Amount £m
Environment Agency – Flood Defence	0.17
Essex Coroners' Service	0.39
Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	0.03
Lee Valley Regional Park Authority	0.12