

# Your Council Tax guide 2026/2027

The community facilities and local services that we all use are funded by Council Tax, Business Rates, government grants and income generating activities. The amount of Council Tax that we pay depends on the 'band' given to our homes, assessed on the value of the property. Spelthorne Borough Council collects all the Council Tax on behalf of Surrey County Council and Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner. Yet, just over 9% (9.30p in every pound) of the Council Tax we collect is actually used to fund Spelthorne Borough Council services, with the balance distributed to the other authorities.

In 2026/27 Spelthorne Borough Council increased its share of the Council Tax by 2.9%, which equates to an additional £6.64 for the year on a band D property. The increase, which is below the current rate of inflation, will help us fund our services for the next year. Some of the services we provide are mandatory e.g. waste collection,

but many of them, especially supporting our vulnerable residents, are discretionary.

Surrey County Council has increased its element of the Council Tax charge by 4.99% and the Police have increased by 4.40%. This combined with the 2.9% increase from Spelthorne Borough Council will mean that residents living in a Band D property, will see their total annual bill increase from £2412.78 to £2526.49.

This Council delivers a wide range of vital services, and we take this responsibility extremely seriously. We remain dedicated to providing high-quality, efficient public services that respond to the needs of our residents and local businesses while ensuring value for money. We are committed to spending public funds carefully and responsibly to deliver services that you and your family can rely on and be proud of, with residents at the centre of every decision we make.

## Are you paying more Council Tax than you need to?

Many residents may be entitled to a Council Tax discount or exemption but are not aware they qualify. If your circumstances have changed, or if you have never checked your eligibility, it could be worth taking a few minutes to review your situation.

Discounts and exemptions are available for a wide range of circumstances. You may qualify if you live alone, are a full-time student, or are on a low income. Support is also available where someone in the household has a disability or a long-term health condition, including conditions such

as dementia or Parkinson's disease.

Some properties may qualify for an exemption for a period of time, for example if a home is empty, if someone has moved into residential care, or if the property includes a self-contained annexe used by a dependent relative.

Applying is usually straightforward, and any reduction can make a real difference to household finances, especially at a time when many people are feeling the pressure of rising costs. Even a small change in circumstances could mean you're eligible for support.

For more information, visit [www.spelthorne.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/counciltax) or call 01784 451499

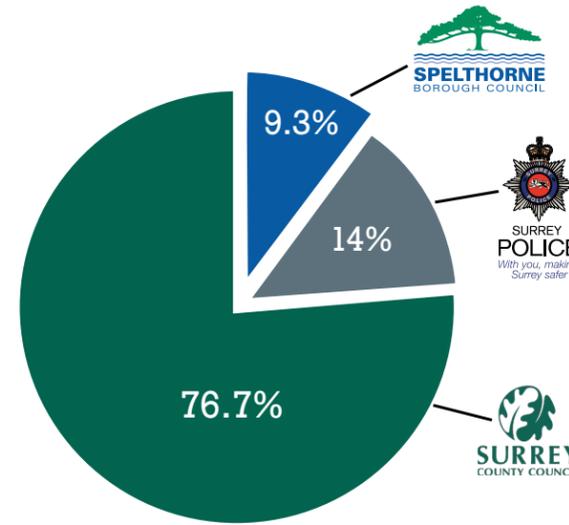
## Support available

Visit [www.spelthorne.gov.uk/support](http://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/support) to see lots of options for online help. If you'd rather speak to someone,

call our Customer Services team on 01784 451499. We can help on a wide range of issues including benefits, debt, housing, health and wellbeing.

## Where your Council Tax goes: Where Spelthorne Borough Council gets its money from:

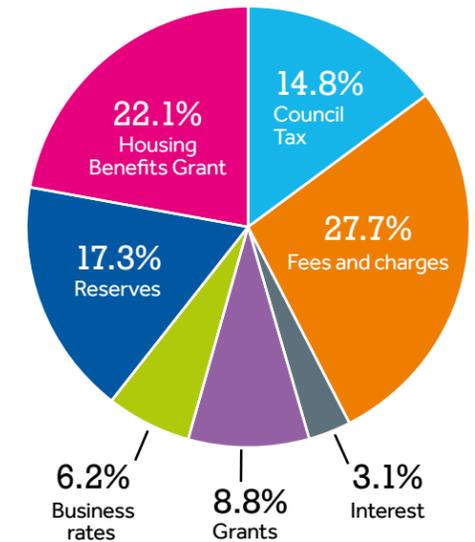
Your Council Tax pays for services provided by Surrey County Council, Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner and Spelthorne Borough Council.



### For every £1 of Council Tax:

- Spelthorne Borough Council receives just over 9p.
- Surrey County Council receives just over 76p.
- Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner receives 14p.

The Council needs to ensure that services are delivered in a cost-effective way which meets the needs of our residents but at a price the Council can afford. Spelthorne Council is largely funded by seven separate income streams and with this income the Council must fulfil its statutory duties as well as deliver the Council's priorities. The 2026/27 income is £65.5m million.



## Council Tax bands

Council Tax is charged at eight different levels, depending on your property value. The breakdown of how much each of the three Council Tax raising bodies retain per Council Tax band for 2026/27 is as follows:

	Total	Spelthorne Borough Council	Surrey County Council	Surrey Police
A	£1,684.33	£157.00	£1,292.28	£235.05
B	£1,965.05	£183.17	£1,507.66	£274.22
C	£2,245.77	£209.33	£1,723.04	£313.40
D	£2,526.49	£235.50	£1,938.42	£352.57
E	£3,087.93	£287.83	£2,369.18	£430.92
F	£3,649.38	£340.17	£2,799.94	£509.27
G	£4,210.82	£392.50	£3,230.70	£587.62
H	£5,052.98	£471.00	£3,876.84	£705.14