

South Bucks District Council

Council Tax - financial information 2018/19



SOUTH BUCKS
District Council

Council Tax Base for 2018/19 = 32,703.4

*Please note that due to rounding, the figures may not sum exactly to the total.

Band D Equivalent 2017/18 £-p		Precept 2018/19 £	Band D Equivalent 2018/19 £-p	% Increase
	How the tax is made up:-			
1,218.08	Buckinghamshire County Council Precept	42,221,398	1,291.04	5.99%
153	South Bucks District Council Precept	5,167,137	158.00	3.27%
170.28	Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley Precept	5,961,176	182.28	7.05%
60.88	Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority Precept	2,050,503	62.70	2.99%
69.04	Parish and Town Councils Precepts	2,462,655	75.30	9.07%
1,671.28	Average Council Tax for Properties in Band D	57,862,869	1,769.32	5.87%

2017/18		2018/19		
Budget		Expenditure	Income	Net Budget
£000		£000	£000	£000
1,082	Customer Services & Business Support	16,822	15,605	1,217
1,628	Environment Portfolio	4,008	2,298	1,710
1,226	Healthy Community Portfolio	1,723	455	1,268
2,866	Resources Portfolio	4,202	1,468	2,734
1,110	Planning & Economic Development	1,770	904	866
(151)	Capital Financing and Other		(423)	(423)
7,761	Net Cost of Services	28,525	20,307	7,372
	Funded by			
4,967	Council Tax			5,167
1,533	Business Rates			1,564
1,261	Government Grant			641
7,761				7,372

The council tax has increased by £5 for a Band D property within South Bucks District.

The additional resources will also be used to fund the Capital programme in 2018/19

Central Government allows Shire District Councils to increase their Council tax by the higher of 3% or £5, otherwise a referendum is triggered.

Spending on Capital Projects

We have a four year capital programme; the total planned spend during the period is £41.4 million.

Parish and Town Council Spending

If a parish or town council needs to raise more than £140,000 from council tax it has to provide additional information; these parishes are shown below.

Beaconsfield Town Council

2017/18 Net Expenditure (£)	Beaconsfield Town Council	2018/19 Net Expenditure (£)
438,400	Gross Expenditure	458,650
438,631	Net Expenditure	458,631
331,613	Funding Requirement	331,613
<p>The Precept has been maintained for 2018/19 without an increase from 2017/18.</p>		
<p>Further information is available by writing to: Beaconsfield Town Council Clerk Miss MC Mathie 01494 675173 town.clerk@beaconsfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk</p>		

Burnham Parish Council

2017/18 Net Expenditure (£)	Burnham Parish Council	2018/19 Net Expenditure (£)
858,600	Gross Expenditure	921,675
466,600	Net Expenditure	495,175
510,000	Funding Requirement	522,700

We are continuing to expand our income streams from grants and commercial. Business at Burnham Park Hall continues to grow, with forecast income of £367,000 for the coming year, up £110,000 in three years. We've also received grants of c.£40,000 over the past year.

The Council has aside £37,500 for the coming year investment in capital improvement projects, community events, and grants for local organisations. It has increased the money available for maintenance and improvements to our parks and playgrounds, street furniture, Burnham Park Hall, and new grounds equipment.

To help fund our programme of improvements, it's been necessary for us to increase the precept by 2% – an average of £2.07 per household per year.

For 2018/19, the weekly contribution of £2.04 made by a tax band D equivalent household (£105.90 total per year), will be spent as follows:

- 59p – staffing and administration
- 16p – Burnham Park Hall running costs and in-house events
- 55p – recreation facilities, public conveniences, and street lights
- 48p – loan repayments for the building of Burnham Park Hall
- 15p – Capital improvement projects, community events and grants
- 11p – rebuilding Council reserves

Further information is available by writing to:

**Burnham Parish Council Clerk
Sheridan Edward 01628 550380
clerk@burnhamparish.gov.uk**

Denham Parish Council

2017/18 Net Expenditure (£)	Denham Parish Council	2018/19 Net Expenditure (£)
273,380	Gross Expenditure	331,065
227,380	Net Expenditure	294,665
180,955	Funding Requirement	284,211

Denham continues to have one of the lowest precepts in South Bucks. We continue to provide more and more Services to our residents as part of the Devolution of Services from the County Council.

The Parish Council is required to replace the playground apparatus, average age is 20 years old. We are upgrading one of our oldest Play Areas and introducing a new Outdoor Gymnasium with a Youth Shelter.

We also plan to completely refurbish newly acquired premises to act as a new hub for the Community and we need to complete the upgrading of Street Lights in the Denham Conservation area that we started last year.

For 2018/2019, the increased costs, per week, for a tax band D household will be 56p

The Precept Requirement was Agreed at the Denham Parish Council meeting held on Monday 29 January 2018. The value of the 2018/2019 precept being £284,211.

Further information is available by writing to:

Denham Parish Council Clerk

Roy Hill 01895 834709

clerk@denhambucks-pc.co.uk

Farnham Royal Parish Council

2018/19 Net Expenditure (£)	Farnham Royal Parish Council	2018/19 Net Expenditure (£)
	Gross Expenditure	135,418
	Net Expenditure	120,929
138,000	Funding Requirement	148,000

Farnham Royal Parish Council (FRPC) is already committed to annual expenses necessary to manage its democratic processes and most of the open spaces in the Parish - including Temple Dell, Kingsway Green, three separate areas of woodland, two play areas and St Mary's churchyard. In addition the benches and bins, most of the streetlights in side roads, and the Christmas lights are provided and maintained by FRPC. FRPC pays to keep the public toilets open and to provide the flowers in the villages. FRPC also pays for additional litter picking to take place in the parish.

There are a number of projects in the pipeline including the redesigning of Kingsway Green and the Farnham Common Play area as well as developing a Neighbourhood Plan. For the time being the early stages of these projects can be met from reserves.

However there is one major commitment where FRPC feels it is exposed and that is in relation to the devolved services contract entered into with Bucks County Council two years ago. Under this contract FRPC has committed to undertake the grass cutting of verges, cutting back hedging and footway clearance amongst other things and it receives a subsidy from BCC of approximately £10,000 to do so. This subsidy has not covered costs so far and FRPC is committed to trying to improve on the years of neglect of our footways and hedges. Negotiations to renew the devolution contract will be entered into during 2018 and FRPC has decided to increase its precept this year by £10,000 in anticipation of the possible outcome of these negotiations.

Further information is available by writing to:
Clerk, Farnham Royal Parish Council
Mrs Hilda Holder 01753 648497
www.farnhamroyal-pc.gov.uk

Gerrards Cross Town Council

2017/18 Net Expenditure (£)	Gerrards Cross Town Council	2018/19 Net Expenditure (£)
260,183	Gross Expenditure	281,660
260,183	Net Expenditure	281,660
260,183	Funding Requirement	281,660

Gerrards Cross Town Council has decided to increase the precept for 2018/2019 by £21,477 to accomplish environmental enhancements to the Commons, to carry out feasibility studies for making improvements where there are concerns with traffic management and to undertake the maintenance costs of hanging baskets and Christmas lights in the Town Centre.

The Council is pro-active in carrying out various services and projects for the benefit of the residents of Gerrards Cross such as enhancing the Commons with plans to rejuvenate Latchmore Pond and New Pond plus a new footpath in East Common, striving to improve the safety of pedestrians and parking facilities, maintaining the vibrancy of the Town through the BOOST Working Party and supporting a Neighbourhood Plan to provide an opportunity for residents to have an influence on future developments in Gerrards Cross.

Further information is available by writing to:
 Gerrards Cross Town Council Clerk
 Mrs S Moffat 01753 888018
 clerk@gerrardscross.gov.uk

Iver Parish Council

2017/18	Iver Parish Council	2018/19
Net Expenditure (£)		Net Expenditure (£)
553,076	Gross Expenditure	592,477
518,076	Net Expenditure	577,448
518,076	Funding Requirement	577,448

Spending is increased from last year, and finances will be directed towards the following:-

- a) A marked increase in employer pension contributions.
- b) A planned increase in National Insurance contributions.
- c) Capital improvement projects; refurbishment of Iver Heath Pavilion, streetlight replacement programme.
- d) Other general inflationary pressures.

Further information is available by writing to:

Clerk, Iver Parish Council
P Sullivan 01753 655331
clerk@iverparishcouncil.gov.uk

Stoke Poges Parish Council

2017/18 Net Expenditure (£)	Stoke Poges Parish Council	2018/19 Net Expenditure (£)
206,400	Gross Expenditure	240,542
188,682	Net Expenditure	219,026
186,536	Funding Requirement	195,863

The Parish Council's focus continues to be ensuring that Stoke Poges is a pleasant and attractive place to live in – evidenced by the ongoing soft and hard landscaping improvements to the green between the shops and the surgery at Bells Hill, which is the social heart of the village. Further improvements to Christmas lighting are planned and the Council is continuing to make improvements which make walking a safe and more attractive option. The Council has been successful in obtaining grant funding to build a new jogging trail at Bells Hill rec., which will be paid for using this year's precept and the parish's excellent play equipment in both recreation grounds will be maintained and replaced as appropriate. The Council has decided to allocate funds towards providing a community library and will be exploring options, working with partners, for improving litter picking and reducing congestion on residential roads at peak times.

Further information is available by writing to:
 Stoke Poges Parish Council Clerk
 Mrs Julie Simmonds 01753 644803
theclerk@stokepogesparishcouncil.gov.uk

Council Tax 2018/19 Parish Council Bandings for Band D Properties

Parish Council Charges For Band D Properties

Precept 2017/18	Charges 2017/18	Parish	Precept 2018/19	Charges 2018/19
331,613	53.33	Beaconsfield	331,613	53.08
510,000	103.83	Burnham	522,700	105.91
180,955	53.60	Denham	284,211	82.51
21,223	56.66	Dorney	21,860	57.80
138,000	44.84	Farnham Royal	148,000	47.78
23,400	66.12	Fulmer	23,400	65.95
260,183	56.07	Gerrards Cross	281,660	60.86
19,900	50.47	Hedgerley	19,900	49.36
518,076	110.38	Iver	577,448	120.94
186,536	79.34	Stoke Poges	195,863	83.51
20,612	17.93	Taplow	25,000	21.42
31,000	33.57	Wexham	31,000	33.45