

# Your Council Tax explained

## Your total bill includes Council Tax for:

- Herts County Council • St Albans City and District Council
- Herts Police and Crime Commissioner • Town and Parish Councils

## For every £1 you pay in Council Tax

Hertfordshire County Council will get **77p** Total **£88.8m**

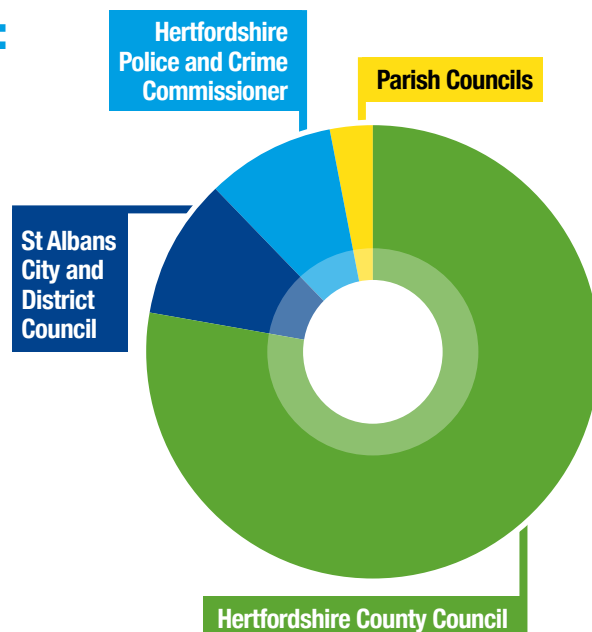
St Albans City and District Council will get **10p** Total **£11.4m**

Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner will get **11p** Total **£12.4m**

Parish Councils will get **2p** Total **£2.9m**

**On average, you will pay just £3.50 a week for all the services provided by your District Council including:**

- Refuse and recycling services
- Parks, play areas, sports activities
- Street cleaning
- Markets
- Tackling crime and nuisances like fly-tipping, noise and dog mess
- Special events and festivals
- Museums
- Elections
- Planning and enforcement
- Parking control
- Housing and benefit advice
- Sustainability initiatives
- Food, health and safety inspectors



Our work is focused on achieving four key results for the District:

- A thriving community
- A great place to live and work
- A vibrant economy
- A cost effective council

For details of our five year work plan, including our priority projects for the coming year, see our Corporate Plan at [www.stalbans.gov.uk/corporateplan](http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/corporateplan).

## How Council Tax is calculated

The Council's funding comes from a number of sources including Council Tax. The Council's gross expenditure of £33.5m is the main determinant of the level of Council Tax after allowing for expected income.

Expenditure and Income Summary	2019/20		2020/21	
	£m	Council Tax Band (D) £	£m	Council Tax Band (D) £
St Albans City and District Council budget expenditure	£31.7m	£511.18	£34.0m	£540.78
LESS contribution from reserves	-£0.1m	-£1.25	-£0.5m	-£7.15
<b>Total Gross Expenditure for Council Activities</b>	<b>£31.6m</b>	<b>£509.93</b>	<b>£33.5m</b>	<b>£533.63</b>
LESS income from fees, charges, sales, rent, grants	-£16.8m	-£272.22	-£18.9m	-£301.23
<b>St Albans City &amp; District Council net budget</b>	<b>£14.8m</b>	<b>£237.71</b>	<b>£14.6m</b>	<b>£232.40</b>
<b>LESS funding from elsewhere</b>				
Central Government and Business Rates	-£3.6m	-£57.60	-£3.1m	-£48.92
Balance transferred from Collection Fund	-£0.2m	-£3.22	-£0.1m	-£1.59
<b>Total funding from elsewhere</b>	<b>-£3.8m</b>	<b>-60.82</b>	<b>£-3.2m</b>	<b>-£50.51</b>
<b>Council Tax – St Albans City &amp; District Council</b>	<b>£11.0m</b>	<b>£176.89</b>	<b>£11.4m</b>	<b>£181.89</b>
<b>PLUS</b>				
Parish Precepts	£2.7m	£43.82	£2.9m	£45.88
Hertfordshire County Council Precept	£84.5m	£1,359.94	£88.8m	£1,414.20
Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Precept	£11.7m	£188.00	£12.4m	£198.00
<b>Total Council Tax</b>	<b>£109.9m</b>	<b>£1,768.65</b>	<b>£115.50m</b>	<b>£1,839.97<sup>†</sup></b>

<sup>†</sup> The charge will vary between areas. See box on page 5.

# What you pay

PARISH	BAND A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
St Albans City	£1,206.48	£1,407.57	£1,608.65	£1,809.73	£2,211.89	£2,614.05	£3,016.21	£3,619.46
Colney Heath	£1,234.13	£1,439.82	£1,645.52	£1,851.20	£2,262.58	£2,673.95	£3,085.33	£3,702.40
Harpenden Town	£1,239.08	£1,445.59	£1,652.12	£1,858.62	£2,271.65	£2,684.67	£3,097.70	£3,717.24
Harpenden Rural	£1,195.92	£1,395.24	£1,594.57	£1,793.88	£2,192.52	£2,591.16	£2,989.80	£3,587.76
London Colney	£1,239.88	£1,446.52	£1,653.18	£1,859.82	£2,273.12	£2,686.40	£3,099.70	£3,719.64
Redbourn	£1,256.55	£1,465.97	£1,675.40	£1,884.82	£2,303.67	£2,722.51	£3,141.37	£3,769.64
St Michael	£1,194.46	£1,393.54	£1,592.62	£1,791.69	£2,189.84	£2,587.99	£2,986.15	£3,583.38
St Stephen	£1,245.99	£1,453.65	£1,661.32	£1,868.98	£2,284.31	£2,699.63	£3,114.97	£3,737.96
Sandridge	£1,233.21	£1,438.75	£1,644.29	£1,849.82	£2,260.89	£2,671.96	£3,083.03	£3,699.64
Wheathampstead	£1,248.96	£1,457.13	£1,665.30	£1,873.45	£2,289.77	£2,706.09	£3,122.41	£3,746.90

## % Change from last year

PARISH	St Albans City & District Council	Special Expenses (see box at bottom of page)	Hertfordshire County Council*	Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner	Town & Parish Councils
St Albans City	2.8%	2.8%	1.99% (+2%)*	5.32%	-
Colney Heath	2.8%	-	1.99% (+2%)*	5.32%	1.81%
Harpenden Town	2.8%	2.8%	1.99% (+2%)*	5.32%	3.37%
Harpenden Rural	2.8%	-	1.99% (+2%)*	5.32%	6.25%
London Colney	2.8%	2.8%	1.99% (+2%)*	5.32%	2.92%
Redbourn	2.8%	2.8%	1.99% (+2%)*	5.32%	2.22%
St Michael	2.8%	-	1.99% (+2%)*	5.32%	0%
St Stephen	2.8%	2.8%	1.99% (+2%)*	5.32%	14.99%
Sandridge	2.8%	2.8%	1.99% (+2%)*	5.32%	2.84%
Wheathampstead	2.8%	2.8%	1.99% (+2%)*	5.32%	2.22%

The County Council precept includes a levy on behalf of Lee Valley Regional Park Authority and the Environment Agency. Details of the levy are available on their website [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk).

\* For adult social care authorities, council tax bills show two percentage changes: one for the part of the overall change attributable to the adult social care precept (2.00%), and one for the part attributable to general expenditure (1.99%). The percentage change is applied to the full 2019/20 council tax for the County Council (General expenditure + Adult Social Care precept). Information about spending by the County Council is available at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/counciltax); email [contact@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:contact@hertfordshire.gov.uk); telephone 0300 123 4040 or by writing to Hertfordshire County Council, PO Box 153, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 2GH.

Further information about Council Tax and how it is calculated is available at [www.stalbans.gov.uk/council-tax](http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/council-tax)



## Charges, and why they vary between areas

St Albans City and District Council also collects Council Tax on behalf of Hertfordshire County Council, Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the Town and Parish Councils in the District.

The actual charge for each band varies from area to area. This is because certain services are provided by the District Council in some areas, but by the Town or Parish Council in others.

District, Town and Parish Councils all make different charges (known as special expenses or precepts). The amount you pay depends on where you live.

For more information, please see:

[www.stalbans.gov.uk/where-your-council-tax-goes](http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/where-your-council-tax-goes).