

Introduction



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The Council Tax you pay goes towards the cost of providing a wide range of services provided by Cambridgeshire County Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, Fire and Police services.

To most people the face of local government is the face they see at a local level - the librarian, the home help, the refuse collector, the fire fighters, police officers and teachers, to name but a few.

The Councils provide services and support for schools, care for the elderly, maintain the roads, parks and open spaces, recycle rubbish, care for the environment, offer leisure facilities and provide affordable housing as well as administering Housing Benefit and support for Council Tax.

At a time of continuing significant financial constraints and change, we have all worked together to produce this booklet, giving you all the information you need about your Council Tax for the coming financial year. We hope it will make understanding your bill much easier.

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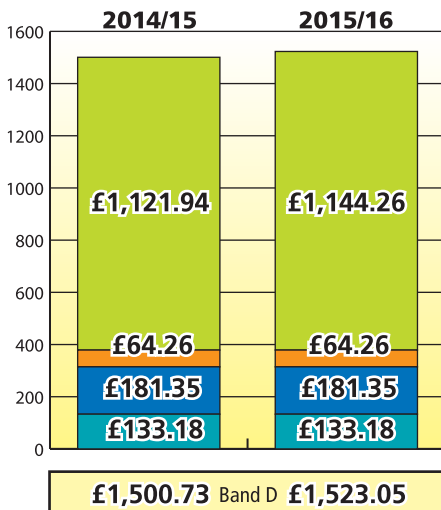
Your Council Tax

Note: your parish or town council has also set its own Council Tax charge, this is shown on page 12 and is in addition to the figures below.

How Council Tax is calculated

	Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner fm	Fire Authority fm	County Council £m	Huntingdonshire £m
Gross spending	131.6	30.4	769.8	73.4
Income	-2.1	-1.9	-83.8	-54.6
Net expenditure	129.5	28.5	686.0	18.7
Government funding				
Business Rates	-	-3.5	-58.7	-4.2
Non ring-fenced Grants	-6.5	-7.9	-65.4	-7.7
Ring-fenced Grants	-0.9	-	-317.5	-
Police Grant	-73.3	-	-	-
Internal funding				
Use of / addition to Reserves	-0.6	-	-	0.8
Council Tax Requirement	48.2	17.1	244.4	7.7
Council Tax at Band D	181.35	64.26	1,144.26	£133.18
Total Band D Council Tax	£1,523.05			

Where your money goes



- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority
- Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner
- Huntingdonshire District Council

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Further information relating to the Data Protection Act 1998 is shown on our website or can be sent to you on request. You can contact the Council's Data Protection Officer at the address on [page 46](#).

If you have concerns about the processing of your personal data by Huntingdonshire District Council, you may contact the Council's Data Protection Officer or the Office of the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH
FIRE AUTHORITY**
Working together to improve community safety

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority is responsible for providing an efficient and effective fire and rescue service. This is achieved by responding to 999 emergencies along with balancing resources across fire safety in the home and at work.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service continues to be one of the lowest financing fire and rescue services in the country, yet continually strives to improve the service it provides to the public.

Background

The Fire Authority has continued to face significant financial challenges for the past few years. The grant funding received from the Government was reduced by 29.5 per cent

over the last four financial years. The reduction for the coming year is 8.8 per cent.

What does it mean?

The budget has been prepared for the next four to five years after making a number of assumptions, which are:

- A freeze in council tax for 2015/16 following a pay award of 1.2 per cent, then a 1 per cent increase in 2016/17 onwards;
- Non pay inflation has been budgeted at 1.5 per cent each year.

In summary, the Authority will receive revenue support and business rate contributions of £11.4 million.



	2014/15 £m	Inflation £m	Other Variations £m	2015/16 £m
Employees	21.774	0.227	-0.500	21.501
Premises	1.226	0.018	-0.001	1.243
Supplies and Services	5.624	0.021	-0.316	5.329
Transport	0.520	-0.007	0.001	0.514
Agency Costs	0.137	0.004	-	0.141
Capital Financing	1.970	0.008	-0.215	1.763
Gross Expenditure	31.251	0.271	-1.031	30.491
Income	-1.917	-0.008	-0.032	-1.957
Net Expenditure	29.334	0.263	-1.063	28.534
Financed by:				
Business Rates	3.437	-	0.066	3.503
Non-ringfenced Government Grant	9.175	-	-1.230	7.945
Council Tax Requirement	16.722	0.239	0.125	17.086
Total	29.334	0.239	-1.039	28.534

This is a reduction of £1.1 million from the grant received in 2014/15, equivalent to 8.8 per cent.

Budget

The Fire Authority has approved a budget of £28.5 million for 2015/16. This is equivalent to a Band D council tax contribution of £64.26, which equates to £1.24 a week – a freeze in line with last year's rate.



The Fire Authority will have estimated general reserves of £2.1 million at the end of 2014/15. This is to fund excessive operational costs that might arise.

For more information about your fire service visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk.

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