

## BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL COUNCIL TAX CHARGE FOR 2020/21

Dear Burgess Hill Resident

Burgess Hill Town Council offers a wide range of services to residents and visitors including the maintenance of Burgess Hill's allotments, burial ground, roundabouts and parts of the beautiful local countryside such as Batchelors Farm, Folders Meadow and West Park Reserve. Our friendly Help Point and Tourist Information Centre advise and resolve over 30,000 queries a year. The Town Council offers a huge array of community services and events including the Summer Festival, Christmas Lights Celebration and Remembrance Commemorations. We support carers of all ages through our events programme and manage local community facilities.



Batchelors Farm



Burgess Hill  
Burial Ground



War Memorial

Each year, Burgess Hill Town Council prepares a revenue budget to fund the services the Town Council provides to its community. This is called the *Precept* and forms a small part of the overall council tax charge the town's residents have to pay.

For the **2019/20 financial year**, Burgess Hill Town Council's share of the council tax charge (the *Precept*) was £801,093 and equated to just **3.7%** of the overall council tax charge<sup>(1)</sup> attributable to households in Burgess Hill. The charge for 2019/20 included a one-off *rebate* of £72,385 which related to an amount of money raised from residents in 2018/19. The money was for a specific project that did not go ahead and was no longer required.

**The one-off rebate of £72,385 given in 2019/20 will not apply to the forthcoming 2020/21 financial year.**

**For the 2020/21 financial year**, the Town Council has allocated funding towards a number of new proposals to include activities to help revitalise the town centre during the ongoing redevelopment, additional help for local community groups, green initiatives and increased funding to help support the town's celebrated Summer Festival. Burgess Hill Town Council's share of the council tax charge will rise to £919,228 giving a Band D(2) rate of £75.32 for the year. This is an increase of £8.10 (12.05%) on the current year, but after taking into account the previously mentioned rebate, the increase, in real terms, is £2.02 (2.75%) for the year for a Band D property.

*The table below details the Town Council's Band D rates for the prior, current and forthcoming years and shows that after removing the impact of the £72,385 rebate, the resulting increases are less than 3% per year.*

<b>Band D rate per year</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>
Actual charge	£78.08	£67.22	£75.32

<b>After removing the impact of £72k rebate</b>	<b>£71.91</b>	<b>£73.30</b>	<b>£75.32</b>
<b>Real terms increase on prior year</b>	<b>86p</b>	<b>£1.39</b>	<b>£2.02</b>
<b>% Increase on prior year</b>	<b>1.21%</b>	<b>1.93%</b>	<b>2.75%</b>

Should you have any queries on Burgess Hill Town Council's element of the council tax charge, please feel free to contact us on [council@burgesshill.gov.uk](mailto:council@burgesshill.gov.uk) or 01444 247726.

- (1) *The total council tax charged in 2019/20 to individual households includes costs from other statutory bodies in the following proportions: West Sussex County Council - 76.6%, the Police and Crime Commissioner - 10.5%, Mid Sussex District Council - 9.2% and **Burgess Hill Town Council's element of 3.7%.***
- (2) *There are 8 rating bands (A-low to H-high) and the council tax charge per property will vary depending on which band the property is in.*