

Derbyshire County Council is all about people.

We're clear about why we're here - to **improve life** for you and your family. That means delivering **high quality services** when and where you need them.

We **listen** to what you think. It means **your priorities** are our priorities. What's more we keep a **close check** on what we do to make sure we're doing a **good job**. And that we're **getting better** at doing it.

Tackling issues that are important to you and your family is important to us. So we've made it our job to:

- **cut crime** so you feel **safer** in your homes, cars and on the streets
- provide **good schools** where all children do well
- help you **stay healthy** and in your own home for longer
- **improve our roads** and pavements so they're **safer** for you to use
- offer **low cost public transport** so you can get out and about
- create **new jobs** to tackle unemployment and poverty in our communities.

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You can find out more about what we do at:
www.derbyshire.gov.uk

Derbyshire County Council is all about **improving life** for you and your family. We're **hard at work** in every community – touching all our lives. It's worth remembering your council tax helps pay for:

- **425 schools** and **8,000 teachers** to educate **110,000 pupils**
- a **free home help service** to **10,000 vulnerable people**
- a **meals on wheels** service delivering meals to **3,847 vulnerable people**
- **Gold Card and b_line – free and cut-price travel and discount cards**
- **foster homes** for more than **500 children and young people**
- **nearly 1,300 child protection investigations**
- **over £25 million of road repairs and improvements**
- a **gritting route** that covers **1500 miles (50% of our roads)** - more than most other councils
- **free and half-price** school transport for **35,000 pupils**
- the **disposal and recycling** of **400,000 tonnes** of waste.

We're here
when you want us.

Day and Night at www.derbyshire.gov.uk

Or call Derbyshire **08 456 058 058**
8am to 8pm weekdays,
9.30am to 4pm Saturdays

You choose



Council Tax 2009/2010

2.9%

AMONG THE LOWEST INCREASE IN THE COUNTRY



Improving life for local people

Times are tough. That's why we're **even more careful** with your money. And it's why - yet again - we've kept your council tax increase as **low** as we can.

It isn't just a one off – we've been doing it for the last **seven years**. Now, the average bill for our services is **£108 cheaper** than in most other counties.

But even with a 2.9% increase for our share - an extra 45p week for the average Derbyshire home – we know it's still one of the biggest bills you get. That's why it's more important than ever you get **value for your money**. And that's what you get from Derbyshire County Council.

It's why we work hard to **cut red tape and waste**. It's how we **saved over £13.28 million** last year – even more than our targets. This year we'll save another £13.7 million by finding **better and cheaper** ways of doing things. What's more it **saves £52.70** on our Band D council tax bills.

Your council tax **supports all the services** we provide - not just the ones you use. Many of our services aren't used by all of us. But we need them. It makes our **communities better places** for all of us. And if we didn't do what we do, life would be a lot less comfortable.

Business Rates

Business rates are set by and under the control of the Government. The same rate in the £ applies nationally. For 2009/10 the rate is 48.5p in the £ - a 5% increase on last year. Small business rate is slightly lower at 48.1p in the £.

BUDGET 2008-09				BUDGET 2009-10		
GROSS EXP £M	INCOME £M	NET EXP £M	SERVICES	GROSS EXP £M	INCOME £M	NET EXP £M
666.0	541.3	124.7	Children	682.9	551.3	131.6
262.0	74.0	188.0	Adult social services	269.9	77.1	192.8
60.0	9.7	50.3	Highways	62.2	10.2	52.0
24.8	14.1	10.7	Public transport	25.3	14.6	10.7
5.0	1.2	3.8	Planning	4.0	0.7	3.3
24.6	1.4	23.2	Refuse disposal	27.2	1.5	25.7
2.8	0.1	2.7	Trading standards	2.9	0.1	2.8
17.3	1.3	16.0	Cultural and community	18.2	1.4	16.8
31.9	8.5	23.4	Other services	33.9	7.7	26.2
24.6	-	24.6	Contingency	13.5	-	13.5
1,119.0	651.6	467.4	Total	1,140.0	664.6	475.4
			29.7	Less capital charges		30.0
			39.7	Plus debt charges		42.4
			9.7	Less internal financing		3.8
			8.5	Less interest receipts		4.0
			459.2	Net budget requirement		480.0
			20.2	Less Revenue Support Grant		32.9
			144.8	Less National Non-Domestic Rates		142.4
			32.4	Less Area Based Grant		34.4
			261.8	Council Tax		270.3

Notes for the table opposite:

- Other services include recreation and tourism, registrars, emergency planning, coroners and central administration.
- The budget includes a levy from the Environment Agency for flood defence totalling £248,912.
- Budgeted full time equivalent staff numbers are:

2008-09	19,761
2009-10	20,127
- Contingency 2009/10. To cover costs relating to Job Evaluation and some inflation which can't yet be allocated to one particular service.

We always look for better and cheaper ways of doing things. This year we aim to save £13.7 million. Last year we saved a total of £52.70 for each Band D council tax payer.

Reasons for change in gross expenditure/ budget requirement and effect on council tax	
	£m
Pay, price and other increases outside the council's control	16.3
Service pressures	8.7
Efficiency measures and other savings	(6.0)
Growth in services funded from grants and other income	2.0
Change in gross expenditure	21
Increase in grants and other income	(13.0)
Change in capital charges	(0.3)
Change in debt charges	2.7
Decrease in internal financing measures	5.9
Decrease in interest on balances	4.5
Change in Budget Requirement	20.8
Less increase in Revenue Support Grant	(12.7)
Add decrease in Business Rates	2.4
Less increase in Area Based Grant	(2.0)
Increase in Council Tax	8.5

Net Expenditure Per Head

2008-09		2009-10
£/Head	Services	£/Head
165	Children	173
249	Adult social services	254
67	Highways	68
14	Public transport	14
5	Planning	4
31	Refuse disposal	35
4	Trading standards	4
21	Cultural and community	22
31	Other services	35
33	Contingency	18
620	Total	627
(39)	Less capital charges	(40)
53	Plus debt charges	56
(13)	Less internal financing	(5)
(11)	Less interest receipts	(5)
610	Net budget requirement	633
(27)	Less Revenue Support Grant	(43)
(192)	Less National Non-Domestic Rates	(188)
(43)	Less Area Based Grant	(45)
348	Council Tax	357