

We're **one of the five best councils** in the country. What's more we're **"improving strongly"**. That's the message from public spending watchdogs – the Audit Commission.

It means we're delivering excellent services to improve life for you and your family. And it means we're giving you great value for money. But we know there's lots more to be done.

It's worth remembering that each year we:

- Pay for more than **430** schools and **12,000** staff to educate nearly **116,000** pupils
- Are the only county to provide a free home help service to **13,500** vulnerable people
- Deliver almost **800,000** meals on wheels
- Supply over **20,000** aids and adaptations to disabled people
- Carry out nearly **1,000** child protection investigations
- Invest over **£23.7** million repairing and improving over **3,300** miles of roads and pavements
- Organise school transport for **35,000** pupils
- Spend over **£1.8** million on books for our **59** libraries
- Provide local people with over **24,000** hours of internet access in our libraries each month
- Look after **2,793** miles of footpaths, **10** nature reserves and five country parks
- Dispose of over **374,000** tonnes of waste collected by district councils.

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

Our excellent services are carefully targeted to improve life for you and your family. We always try to deliver them when and where you need them. What's more we listen to you so you have a real say in setting our priorities such as:

- **Gold Card** – our travel and discount card for the county's 200,000 older people in partnership with Derbyshire's district and city councils
- **b_line** – our student travel and discount card for all 11 to 18 year olds
- **Safer Derbyshire** – we're working with the police and other agencies to tackle youth offending, domestic abuse, burglary and car crime
- **New schools** – over £66 million will be spent on new schools and improving hundreds of classrooms throughout the county
- **Better roads and pavements** – £23 million to repair and improve our roads so they are safer for you to use
- **Care and support** – we're setting up new specialist services and better care packages so you get help where you want it – in your own home
- **Benefit claims advice** – we secured over £12 million in unclaimed benefits for local people – don't miss out call **0845 120 2985** for your free benefit check.

want to get in touch?

– it couldn't be easier...

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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Council tax 2006/2007

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Improving Life Locally

At 4.5% – or 62p a week for the average household – our share of the council tax increase is **among the lowest** of any county council in the country.

But, we know it's still one of the biggest bills you get each year. That's why we're careful with it. We want to make sure you get the best possible value for money.

Good housekeeping and **tight controls** on our purse strings have helped us keep increases low for the last four years. It means our council tax levels are well below the average for similar councils.

Our new budget doesn't allow us to do everything we would like. But it does mean we can meet the extra cost of:

- pay and price increases
- waste disposal taxes
- debt charges for our road and school improvement programmes
- insurance premiums.

We're also **investing nearly £7 million** more in important local services particularly those for children, vulnerable and disabled people. And to help us balance the books we're using around £6 million of **efficiency savings**. It means we're doing more with the same – giving you even better value for money.

Business Rates

Business rates are set by and under the control of the Government. The same rate in the £ applies nationally. For 2006/07 the rate is 43.3p in the £ – a 2.6% increase on last year. The rate for small businesses is slightly lower at 42.6p in the £.

More information

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Revenue expenditure and income

BUDGET 2005-06			SERVICES	BUDGET 2006-07		
GROSS EXP £M	INCOME £M	NET EXP £M		GROSS EXP £M	INCOME £M	NET EXP £M
565.6	115.6	450.0	Education	603.3	505.5	97.8
266.8	82.7	184.1	Social Services	275.6	82.0	193.6
51.6	6.3	45.3	Highways	52.6	6.6	46.0
16.4	6.7	9.7	Public Transport	23.6	13.1	10.5
5.1	2.2	2.9	Planning	5.6	2.2	3.4
19.5	1.2	18.3	Refuse Disposal	21.2	1.3	19.9
2.9	0.1	2.8	Trading Standards	3.0	0.1	2.9
17.1	2.7	14.4	Libraries and Heritage	15.9	1.3	14.6
34.4	5.5	28.9	Other Services	39.1	9.9	29.2
979.4	223.0	756.4	Total	1,039.9	622.0	417.9
		72.9	Less capital charges			73.2
		29.7	Plus debt charges			32.0
		5.9	Less internal financing			0.9
		1.1	Plus grant error by ONS			0.6
		4.0	Less interest receipts			4.6
		704.4	Total Budget Requirement			371.8
		249.8	Less Revenue Support Grant			21.2
		226.1	Less National Non-Domestic Rates			109.6
		228.5	Council tax			241.0

Notes for the table opposite:

1. Other services include recreation and tourism, registrars, emergency planning, coroners and central administration.
2. The budget includes a levy from the Environment Agency for flood defence totalling £230,016.
3. Budgeted full time equivalent staff numbers are:
2005-06 19,227
2006-07 19,601
The increase in staff numbers is due mainly to increases in the number of employees working in schools.

Reasons for change in gross expenditure/budget requirement and effect on council tax

	£m
Services no longer funded by specific grants	3.2
Pay, price and other increases outside the council's control	10.6
Service pressures	6.8
Efficiency measures and other savings	-6.0
Growth in services funded from grants and other income	45.9
Change in gross expenditure	60.5

Increase in grants and other income	-399.0
Change in debt charges	2.3
Decrease in internal financing measures	4.2
Increase in interest on balances	-0.6
Change in Budget Requirement	-332.6

Plus reduction in Revenue Support Grant	228.6
Plus reduction in business rates	116.5
Increase in council tax	12.5

Net expenditure per head

2005-06		2006-07
£ / head	Services	£ / head
603	Education	131
246	Social Services	259
61	Highways	62
13	Public Transport	14
3	Planning	5
25	Refuse Disposal	27
4	Trading Standards	4
19	Libraries and Heritage	20
39	Other Services	39
1,014	Total	561
-98	Less capital charges	-99
40	Plus debt charges	43
1	Grant error by ONS	1
-8	Less internal financing	-1
-5	Less interest receipts	-6
944	Total Budget Requirement	499
-335	Less Revenue Support Grant	-28
-303	Less National Non-Domestic Rates	-148
306	Council tax	323