

Every day we're hard at work **improving life** in Derbyshire. Inspectors tell us we're **one of the best** councils in the country. But what really matters is what you think of us.

We want to do our best for you and your family. That means delivering the **best possible services**, when and where you need them. Derbyshire County Council is **big business**. It touches all our lives. It's worth remembering your council tax helps pay for:

- **431** schools and **12,734** staff to educate nearly **115,000** pupils
- A free home help service to **14,700** vulnerable people
- A meals on wheels service delivering **725,000** meals to vulnerable people
- b_line – **60,000** cut-price student travel and discount cards
- Over **18,700** aids and adaptations for disabled people
- Foster homes for more than **500** children and young people
- Nearly **1,000** child protection investigations
- Over **£25 million** of repairs and improvements to **3,500** miles of roads and pavements
- Gold Card – free travel and discount scheme for **175,000** older and disabled people
- **3,200** miles of footpaths, **10** nature reserves and **five** country parks
- Free and half price school transport for **35,000** pupils
- New books, DVDs and CDs for our **59** libraries costing **£1.7 million**
- **Free** internet access in our libraries
- The disposal of **363,000** tonnes of waste collected by district councils

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

During the next 12 months we will spend **£389 million** delivering services for you and your family. That's **£17.5 million more** than last year. And it includes **£8.7 million extra** to protect and improve important services – especially those for children, vulnerable and disabled people.

We need to plan ahead too. We're facing some **big challenges** over the next couple of years.

- **Growing elderly population** – our elderly population is set to go up by around 11% by 2010 increasing demand for care and support services.
- **Landfill tax and penalties** – we must cut the waste we bury in the ground or face multi-million pound penalties.
- **Climate change** – we need to cut our carbon emissions, invest in alternative fuel sources and environmentally-friendly buildings.
- **Equal pay and Single Status** – to meet legal duties we have to set up a new council pay structure – costing up to £17 million.
- **Efficiency savings** – we have to find year-on-year savings of £8 million-plus to make ends meet.
- **New funding system** – councils look set to get less cash grant to extend and improve services.

Derbyshire County Council puts you and your family first. We keep a **close check** on what we're doing and **we listen** to what you say you want. Our aim is to improve life for local people throughout Derbyshire. And we're **working hard** to do just that.

We're here when you want us.

Day and night at **www.derbyshire.gov.uk**

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Improving Life Locally

At 3.9% – or 57p a week for the average household – our share of the council tax increase is **among the lowest** of any county 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 so you get the best possible **value for money**.

Keeping a tight grip on our purse strings has paid off. For the last five years we've set some of the **lowest council tax increases**. What's more you're paying less than in many other parts of the country. Last year, the average council tax bill for Derbyshire County Council services was almost **£85 cheaper** than the shire county average.

Like you, we don't like big bills and we **don't like wasting money**. That's why we make it our business to keep your council tax increase as low as possible. And it's why we always look for cheaper and better ways of doing things. We **saved £6 million** last year to put back into services – so you get more for your money.

At Derbyshire County Council we're here to **improve life** for local people.

It's our job to be there when you need us. And, importantly, that you're happy with the service you get from us. If things go wrong, we'll do our best to put it right. But, rest assured, we're **working hard** to get better and better.

Business Rates

Business rates are set by and under the control of the Government. The same rate in the £ applies nationally. For 2007/08 the rate is 44.4p in the £ – a 2.5% increase on last year. Small business rate is slightly lower at 44.1p in the £.

More information

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Revenue expenditure and income

BUDGET 2006-07			SERVICES	BUDGET 2007-08		
GROSS EXP £M	INCOME £M	NET EXP £M		GROSS EXP £M	INCOME £M	NET EXP £M
681.4	495.3	186.1	Children and younger adults	717.9	528.7	189.2
167.8	62.3	105.5	Older adults	174.2	66.4	107.8
52.8	7.5	45.3	Highways	52.5	6.6	45.9
23.2	13.2	10.0	Public transport	24.0	13.5	10.5
4.9	2.5	2.4	Planning	4.8	2.4	2.4
21.1	1.3	19.8	Refuse disposal	21.6	1.3	20.3
2.9	0.1	2.8	Trading standards	2.9	0.1	2.8
16.7	1.3	15.4	Cultural and Community	17.2	1.4	15.8
38.4	6.6	31.8	Other Services	44.2	7.9	36.3
1,009.2	590.1	419.1	Total	1,059.3	628.3	431.0
		72.9	Less capital charges			72.8
		32.4	Plus debt charges			35.9
		0.0	Plus contingency			3.7
		2.4	Less internal financing			2.4
		0.6	Plus grant error by ONS			0.0
		5.0	Less interest receipts			6.1
		371.8	Total budget requirement			389.3
		21.2	Less Revenue Support Grant			19.8
		109.6	Less National Non-Domestic Rates			117.8
		241.0	Council tax			251.7

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 £235,767.
- Budgeted full time equivalent staff numbers are:

2006-07 **19,706**
2007-08 **19,798**

Reasons for change in gross expenditure/budget requirement and effect on council tax	
	£m
Pay, price and other increases outside the council's control	12.1
Service pressures	5.4
Efficiency measures and other savings	-7.0
Growth in services funded from grants and other income	39.6
Change in gross expenditure	50.1

Increase in grants and other income	-38.2
Change in debt charges	3.5
Contingency	3.7
Increase in internal financing measures	-0.5
Increase in interest on balances	-1.1
Change in Budget Requirement	17.5

Plus reduction in Revenue Support Grant	1.4
Less increase in business rates	-8.2
Increase in council tax	10.7

Net expenditure per head

2006-07		2007-08
£ / head	Services	£ / head
249	Children and younger adults	254
141	Older adults	144
61	Highways	61
13	Public transport	14
3	Planning	3
26	Refuse disposal	27
4	Trading standards	4
21	Cultural and community	21
43	Other services	48
561	Total	576
-98	Less capital charges	-97
43	Plus debt charges	48
1	Grant error by ONS	0
0	Plus contingency	5
-3	Less internal financing	-3
-7	Less interest receipts	-8
497	Total budget requirement	521
-28	Less Revenue Support Grant	-26
-147	Less National Non-Domestic Rates	-158
322	Council tax	337