

EXCELLENT COUNCIL EXCELLENT SERVICES

Derbyshire County Council is one of only 26 councils to be rated as "excellent" by independent watchdogs - the Audit Commission. And we're the only "excellent" council to be included in the top ten list of "most improved" councils.

We aren't satisfied. We want to do even better. It's worth remembering that each year we:

- Pay for more than 420 schools and 10,000 staff to educate nearly 120,000 pupils
- Are the only county to provide a free home help service to 13,500 vulnerable people
- Deliver almost 600,000 meals on wheels
- Supply over 20,000 aids and adaptations to disabled people
- Carry out nearly 1,000 child protection investigations
- Invest over £30 million repairing and improving over 3,300 miles of roads and pavements
- Organise free school transport for 30,000 pupils
- Respond to over 37,000 requests for consumer information, advice and help
- Spend £1.6 million on books for our 58 libraries
- Provide local people with over 20,000 hours a month of access to the Internet in our libraries
- Look after 9,600 footpaths, nine country parks, wildlife sites and information centres
- Dispose of over 300,000 tonnes of waste collected by district councils

You can find out more about what we do at www.derbyshire.gov.uk or by ringing Call Derbyshire on 08 456 058 058.

BUSINESS RATES

Business rates are set by and are under the control of the Government. The same rate in the £ applies across the whole country. The Government has fixed a rate in 2004-05 at 45.6p in the £. This is a 2.8% increase on the rate for 2003-04.

At Derbyshire County Council we know where we're going. With a fresh vision, highly focused priorities, strong leadership and excellent staff our direction is clear. Continued improvement is guaranteed. You've had a real say in setting our priorities. Here's a taste of what's to come over the next 12 months:

- **Gold Card** - a half price and free travel and discount card for the county's 200,000 older people will be launched later this year in partnership with Derbyshire's district and city councils.
- **Making Derbyshire safer** - by working with the police to tackle youth offending, nuisance, burglary and car crime
- **New schools** - over £33 million will be spent on new schools and improving hundreds of classrooms throughout the county.
- **Roads and pavements** - £30 million will be used to repair and improve our roads so they are safer for you to use.
- **Children's centres** - we're setting up one-stop-shops for young families to offer childcare, nursery education, healthcare, family support and training.
- **Older People** - we're upgrading our homes for older people, setting up new specialist services and better care packages so they can stay in their own homes.



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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Council Tax 2004/2005
2.9%
Among the **lowest increase** of any county council in the country

improving life for local people
excellent value for money
high quality services
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County Council
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IMPROVING LIFE LOCALLY

At Derbyshire County Council we know why we are here - to improve life for you and your family. It's our number one priority.

That's why we've kept our council tax increase as low as possible.

At 2.9% - or 38p a week for the average council tax payer - it's possibly the lowest rise of any county council in the country.

But it still means we can:

- meet the cost of pay and price rises
 - boost school budgets by an extra £10.1 million
 - invest an extra £9.7 million to support vulnerable people
- And it means there's more money for:
- tackling crime
 - supporting older people
 - literacy and drugs education projects.

We want to make your life easier. We don't want to burden you with an excessive council tax bill.

That's why we are careful with your money. 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. And we've listened to what you say are your priorities.

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2003 - 2004			REVENUE BUDGET	2004 - 2005		
GROSS EXP £M	INCOME £M	NET EXP £M	SERVICES	GROSS EXP £M	INCOME £M	NET EXP £M
493.0	89.6	403.4	Education	527.5	103.7	423.8
230.4	74.1	156.3	Social Services	247.1	80.8	166.3
44.6	6.4	38.2	Highways	45.3	6.5	38.8
15.3	5.7	9.6	Public Transport	16.3	5.7	10.6
23.5	0.0	23.5	Fire & Rescue	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.6	2.0	2.6	Planning	4.5	2.1	2.4
16.6	0.6	16.0	Refuse Disposal	17.3	0.7	16.6
3.0	0.2	2.8	Trading Standards	3.0	0.1	2.9
12.8	1.2	11.6	Libraries and Heritage	13.7	1.3	12.4
51.5	13.9	37.6	Other Services	52.4	11.2	41.2
895.3	193.7	701.6	Total	927.1	212.1	715.0
		71.8	Less Capital Charges			71.8
		25.5	Plus Debt Charges			27.3
		1.0	Less Internal Financing			0.3
		2.0	Less Interest Receipts			2.3
		652.3	Total Budget Requirement			667.9
		231.0	Less Revenue Support Grant			259.6
		197.0	Less National Non-Domestic Rates			186.4
		224.3	Council Tax			221.9

Notes for the table opposite:

- Other services include: recreation and tourism, registrars, emergency planning, coroners, administration of justice and central administration.
- The budget includes a levy from the Environment Agency for flood defence totalling £220,868.
- From 1 April 2004 the Derbyshire Fire Authority became a precepting body and now sets its own council tax. This has had the following effect on the council tax for the county council.

BAND D	2003-04	£913.68
	less fire	<u>£42.46</u>
	2003-04 adjusted	£871.22
	2004-05 increase	<u>£25.65</u>
	2004-05	<u>£896.87</u>

WHY THE FIGURES HAVE CHANGED?

	£M	£M
Levies no longer paid by the County Council:		
Derbyshire Fire Authority	-23.5	
Environment Agency (Flood Defence)	-2.8	
Peak District National Park Authority	-0.5	-26.8
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Adjustments for Other Service Changes		7.9
Pay, price and other increases outside the Council's control		16.4
Growth in Services funded from grants and other income		18.4
Increase in Schools funding outside the Council's control		10.1
Service Pressures		5.8
Change in Gross Expenditure		31.8
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Increase in grants and other income		-18.4
Change in Debt Charges		1.8
Change in Internal Financing Measures		0.4
Change in Budget Requirement		15.6
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Less Increase in Revenue Support Grant		-28.6
Plus Reduction in National Non-Domestic Rates		10.6
Met from Council Tax		<u>-2.4</u>

NET EXPENDITURE PER HEAD:

2003 - 04	Services	2004 - 05
549	Education	573
213	Social Services	225
52	Highways	52
13	Public Transport	14
32	Fire & Rescue	0
3	Planning	3
22	Refuse Disposal	22
4	Trading Standards	4
16	Libraries and Heritage	17
50	Other Services	56
954	Total	966
-98	Less Capital Charges	-97
35	Plus Debt Charges	37
-1	Less Internal Financing	0
-3	Less Interest Receipts	-3
887	Total Budget Requirement	903
-314	Less Revenue Support Grant	-351
-268	Less National Non-Domestic Rates	-252
305	Council Tax	300