How your Council Tax is spent

The following outlines how the Council is set to spend money for the financial year April 2015 to March 2016.

Over the next year we will collect £126 million from our residents in Council Tax. From this we will pay £25 million to the Greater London Authority to help fund the police, fire service and Transport for London.

The remaining £101 million is added to our grant from central Government, giving us £166 million to spend in Havering over the coming financial year. The average Band D Council Tax charge in Havering is £1,514 per year, of which £295 goes to the Greater London Authority and £1,219 comes to the Council to fund your services.

Social Services
In the budget consultation you told us that looking after vulnerable residents in our community was important so we will be spending £7.41 per household, per week to fund social care services for people of all ages, as well as helping people to regain their independence, after an accident or stay in hospital.

Education
£4.78 per household, per week will support the education and additional needs of young people in Havering's 80 schools and other educational provision. The day-to-day running costs for schools come from a separate, dedicated Government grant for schools, not from the Council Tax.

Other services
£4.33 per household per week is the cost of running a range of other services, including support services (finance, human resources, IT, insurance and legal services); registrars (births, deaths and marriages); community safety and road safety.

Levies
£1.95 per household per week is paid to a range of organisations that provide services to a number of boroughs, including Havering. This includes the East London Waste Authority, which disposes of household and commercial waste, and the Environment Agency. Many of these levies are set by central government.

Culture and Leisure
The budget consultation responses highlighted how important Havering’s green spaces and libraries are to our community so we will be spending £1.67 per household, per week to run our parks, libraries, leisure centres, sports development, arts services and the Havering Music Service as well as a wide-ranging programme of activities for young people. This also includes a contribution towards The Queen’s Theatre, as well as preserving our heritage buildings.

Roads, Pavements and Car Parking
£1.41 per household, per week will be spent to maintain 693km of roads and more than 100,000 households as well as keeping streets clean across the whole of Havering all year round.

Planning and Economic Development
£0.42 per household per week funds planning and projects to develop and regenerate the borough. This includes helping more than 700 local businesses access advice and support. On top of this we secured £5.62 million external grant funding for priority regeneration, transport and community projects over the last year. This includes projects to provide access to green spaces and nature conservation.

Environmental Health, Licensing & Trading Standards
£0.37 per household per week will be spent to protect consumers (including enforcing fair trading, health and safety, food safety and private rented housing standards), improve air quality, tackle land contamination and noise issues, licensing and regulation advice.

Housing Advice
£0.09 per household per week pays for advice and information provided to people facing homelessness. Providing and improving Council housing is funded separately from rents collected.

Levies
£1.95

Rubbish, Waste Collection and Street Cleaning
£1.01

Planning & Economic Development
£0.42

Environmental Health, Licensing & Trading Standards
£0.37

Housing Advice
£0.09

Total
£7.41