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# Epsom & Ewell ranks in the middle of Surrey Councils' tax charges

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Residents will face another jump in council tax bills from April 1 as local authorities have announced their budgets for the coming year. Surrey County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and each of the county's 11 districts and boroughs, confirmed their increases separately last month, with council tax bills and collection being the responsibility of the districts and boroughs.

Police and Crime Commissioner Lisa Townsend confirmed a rise of £14 per year for residents amid an increase in national insurance contributions and officer pay rises. While Surrey County Council, responsible for adult social care as well as services including road repairs and schools, increased its tax by 4.99 per cent on Band D homes.

Meanwhile, many local authorities have had to make tough decisions to balance the books. Councils slammed the government for giving an 'unkind' or 'difficult' financial settlement, meaning they have had no increase in spending power. Inflation, wage rises and rocketing costs for employer's national insurance contributions have all pulled at the seams of councils' pockets.

| | Borough Council | Band D | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Woking | £ | 2,482.03 |
| 2 | Reigate and Banstead | £ | 2,448.79 |
| 3 | Elmbridge | £ | 2,442.06 |
| 4 | Surrey Heath | £ | 2,439.20 |
| 5 | Tandridge | £ | 2,436.24 |
| 6 | Epsom and Ewell | £ | 2,416.84 |
| 7 | Spelthorne | £ | 2,412.78 |
| 8 | Waverley | £ | 2,397.78 |
| 9 | Guildford | £ | 2,388.01 |
| 10 | Mole Valley | £ | 2,381.20 |
| 11 | Runnymede | £ | 2,380.06 |

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