

Swindon Borough Council – Annual report and Council Tax 2018/19

How we calculate your Council Tax bill

The council tax bill is calculated by Swindon Borough Council to make sure the required budget is reached. The table below shows the working from our council's net expenditure budget of £140.2m for 2018/19 to how that translates to an average yearly bill for a Swindon resident.

	2018/19 - £
Swindon Borough Council (SBC) budget for year~	140,224,053
Less Central Government Funding - Revenue Support Grant	(8,949,456)
Less NNDR Income	(33,142,042)
Less Collection Fund Surplus - Council Tax #	(626,248)
Less Collection Fund Deficit - Business Rates ##	(1,737,229)
Balance paid by council Tax payers	95,769,078
Divided by number of Band D equivalent homes **	72,898.6
Average Band D Council Tax for SBC	1,227.81
Average Band D for Adult Social Care Precept	85.92
Add Amount per household for the Police Authority	182.27
Add Amount per household for the Fire Authority	72.70
Add Amount for Special Expenses/Average Parish Precept	103.71
Average Band D Council Tax Bill	1,672.41

~ This includes £6.3m which is the amount raised from element of the Borough Council's charge that relates to the increased cost of adult social care.

The Tax Base for 2018-19 is 72,898.6, a rise of 1,347.2 (1.9%) over the figure for 2017-18. The higher number of properties within the Borough along with reducing discounts and exemptions has resulted in a predicted surplus on the Council Tax element of the Collection Fund at the end of 2017-18. Swindon Borough Council's share is £0.63m, which has been reflected in the Council Tax calculations for 2018-19.

Changes to the number and value of Business Rates appeals has resulted in a predicted surplus on the Business Rates Collection Fund at the end of 2017-18. Swindon Borough Council's share is £1.7m, which has been reflected in the Council Tax calculations for 2018-19.

** The number of Band D equivalent homes is a notional figure which takes into account the weighting given to each home when calculating the Council Tax (known as the tax base). For example, one Band A home is 6/9ths of a Band D equivalent, while a Band H home is twice a Band D equivalent.