

Council Tax 2026/27

Our Council Tax requirement is:

	2025/26	2026/27
	£	£
Swale Budget Requirement	25,981,081	29,347,798
Less Revenue Support Grant	(362,000)	(8,062,000)
Less Business Rates	(12,104,000)	(7,319,000)
Less Collection Fund Surplus	0	0
Less New Homes Bonus	(988,000)	0
Less Additional Grants	(2,088,000)	(3,111,000)
Council Tax Requirement	10,439,081	10,855,798
Band D Council Tax	206.64	212.76
Tax Base	50,518.20	51,023.68

As well as our own council tax we collect on behalf of the other precepting authorities

2025/26 Band D Equivalent	Authority	2026/27 Band D Equivalent	% increase	£ increase
1,691.19	Kent County Council	1,758.60	3.99%	67.41
270.15	Kent Police & Crime Commissioner	285.15	5.55%	15.00
94.86	Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority	99.81	5.22%	4.95
206.64	Swale Borough Council	212.76	2.96%	6.12
2,262.84	BASIC COUNCIL TAX	2,356.32	4.13%	93.48

For a Band D property this equates to an overall increase of 4.13% or £93.48 compared to the increase of 4.879%, £105.26 in 2025/26. Where applicable there will be an additional sum collected on behalf of the Parish Councils which have chosen to levy a local precept (see Appendix I).

Calculation of Band D Council Tax 2026/27

2025/26			2026/27	
Precept	Band D Council Tax	Authority	Precept	Band D Council Tax
£	£		£	£
85,435,875	1,691.19	Kent County Council	89,730,244	1,758.60
13,647,492	270.15	Kent Police & Crime Commissioner	14,549,402	285.15
4,792,156	94.86	Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority	5,092,674	99.81
10,439,081	206.64	Swale Borough Council	10,855,798	212.76
114,314,604	2,262.84	BASIC COUNCIL TAX	120,228,118	2,356.32
2,166,353	42.88	Parish Council Precepts*	2,516,878	49.33
116,480,957	2,305.72	Council Tax inc. Parish Precepts	122,744,996	2,405.65

*The Band D Council Tax is the average tax in respect of Parish Council Precepts for the whole Borough.

Allocation of Council Tax 2026/27: