

MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL 2015/16

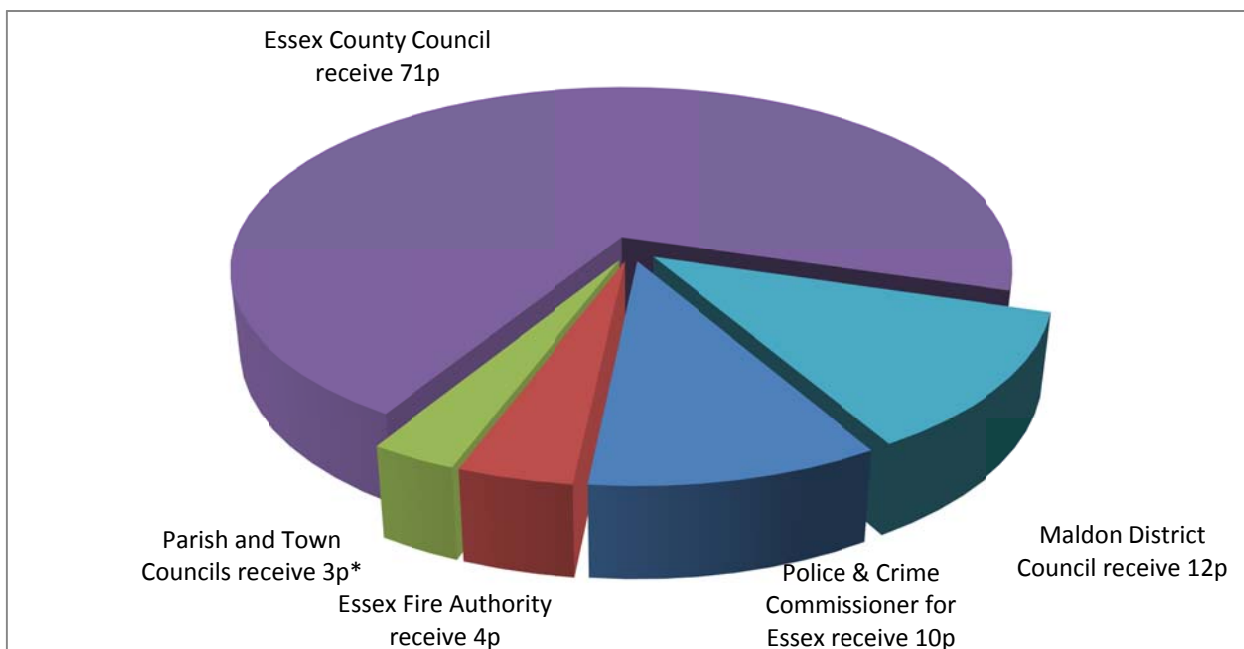
COUNCIL TAX

We (Maldon District Council) collect your Council Tax and put it into a separate fund called the collection fund. We share this fund with Essex County Council, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Essex Fire Authority and the Parish & Town councils.

This year we need to collect £35.1 million in Council Tax.

Every £1 of Council Tax is shared in the following way:

- Essex County Council receive 71p
- Maldon District Council receive 12p
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner receive 10p
- Essex Fire Authority receive 4p
- Parish and Town Councils receive 3p (* note: this is an average across all of the parish & town councils)



Essex County Council use Council Tax to pay for services such as social services, highways and libraries.

Maldon District Council use Council Tax to help pay for services such as collecting rubbish, planning, leisure services, developing housing and improving facilities for our community.

HOW WE WORK OUT YOUR COUNCIL TAX

The table shows how much we plan to spend on each of our main services. We collect some of this money through Council Tax, but we have two other main sources of income – the Revenue Support Grant and Business Rates.

The Government pays us the Revenue Support Grant out of the taxes it collects. We collect Business Rates and share these out between Central Government, Maldon District Council, Essex County Council and Essex Fire Authority.

	Spending (after income)		Band D equivalent (2015/16)
	Last year (2014/15)	This year (2015/16)	
	£ thousands	£ thousands	£
Housing services	817	675	29.29
Central services to the public	1,028	1,055	45.79
Environmental services	2,535	2,758	119.70
Cultural and related services	1,977	1,497	64.97
Planning and development services	1,462	1,395	60.54
Transport services	(242)	(241)	(10.46)
Corporate and democratic core	1,564	1,818	78.90
Net cost of services	9,141	8,957	388.73
Interest on investments	(174)	(94)	(4.08)
Net operating expenditure	8,967	8,863	384.65
Statutory adjustments	(893)	(726)	(31.51)
General grants and income	(832)	(1,114)	(48.35)
Use of balances and reserves	(258)	(244)	(10.59)
Expenditure to be funded	6,984	6,779	294.20
Government Support Grants	(2,902)	(2,452)	(106.42)
Collection fund adjustments	(64)	(205)	(8.90)
Council Tax requirement (how much we need)	4,018	4,122	178.88

FACING COST INCREASES

Maldon District Council has increased its 2015/16 Council Tax charges by 1.50%. This sees a Band D charge increase from £176.24 to £178.88. This equates to an increase of £2.64 over the year, equivalent to an additional 5p per week.

The table below shows some of the cost pressures facing the council.

	£ thousands	Band D equivalent £
Money needed for 2014/15	4,018	176.24
Changes to tax base		-1.87
Changes in spending on services	414	17.97
Changes in grants, fees and other charges	-598	-25.95
Changes in return on investments	80	3.47
Change in statutory adjustments	75	3.25
Change in use of reserves & general grants and income	-176	-7.64
Change in government support grants	450	19.53
Change to collection fund adjustments	-141	-6.12
The amount we need to raise in 2015/16	4,122	178.88

HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE TO PAY?

We work out your Council Tax after totalling the money each of the four authorities listed below requires. If for example your home is in band D, the average Council Tax for this year will be £1,479.20 plus an amount you have to pay to your local parish or town council. (This is shown on your Council Tax bill).

The table below shows the Council Tax for an average property in band D.

	Amount required (2015/16)	Council Tax for each property in band D
	£ thousands	£
Essex County Council	25,040,676	1,086.75
Maldon District Council	4,121,717	178.88
Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex	3,390,600	147.15
Essex Fire Authority	1,530,436	66.42
Total (not including parish and town councils)	34,083,429	1,479.20

EXCESSIVE TAX RISES

The Localism Act 2011 says that if any major authority (which excludes parishes and towns) sets an excessive basic amount of Council Tax, then the billing authority (Maldon District Council) must hold a referendum. The electorate will then decide whether to approve the excessive Council Tax. If it is not approved by majority vote, a lower amount will be set using the Secretary of State's guidelines.

No major authority has exceeded the threshold for 2015/16.

PARISH OR TOWN COUNCILS THAT REQUIRE MORE THAN £140,000

A breakdown of the Council Tax requirement for those parish or town councils whose Council Tax requirement for 2015/16 is equal to or more than £140,000 is detailed below.

MALDON TOWN COUNCIL

	2014/15	2015/16
	£	£
Administration Committee	181,811.00	188,434.00
Premises Committee	49,897.50	49,697.50
Environment Committee	45,750.00	47,750.00
General Purpose	26,500.00	29,500.00
Use of reserves	-19,067.50	-14,321.50
Council Tax requirement (how much we need)	284,891	301,060

HEYBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

	2014/15	2015/16
	£	£
Central Services	82,820	
Cultural and Related Services	98,090	
Highways and Transport Services	20,040	
Income and Use of Reserves	(60,689)	
Council Tax requirement (how much we need)	140,261	153,000

PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SPENDING

Due to the abolition of Council Tax Benefit and the introduction of a Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) scheme, from 1st April 2013, the number of properties on which Council Tax can be levied has reduced. In light of this and to limit the impact on council tax payers, Maldon District Council will pass over a grant to Parish and Town Councils.

This table shows each parish or town council's Council Tax requirement (how much they need) and also the level of LCTS grant that will be passed over in 2015/16.

	2014/15	2015/16	Band D Charge	2015/16 LCTS Grant
	£	£	£	£
Althorne	15,614	15,980	32.36	1,020
Asheldham	1,548	1,630	30.24	40
Bradwell-on-Sea	13,286	13,970	43.18	1,030
Burnham-on-Crouch	115,133	117,390	40.47	10,860
Cold Norton	21,751	24,700	53.39	1,010
Dengie	1,543	1,630	35.05	100
Goldhanger	5,348	6,250	22.53	310
Great Braxted	2,388	2,500	16.76	90
Great Totham	11,382	12,181	10.00	460
Hazeleigh	1,305	550	9.96	0
Heybridge	140,261	153,000	54.83	7,070
Langford	3,688	3,665	55.95	110
Latchingdon	32,690	36,080	91.50	3,920
Little Braxted	2,700	2,900	36.25	0
Little Totham	5,252	5,310	28.05	190
Maldon	284,891	301,060	61.04	28,940
Mayland	74,448	75,120	52.55	4,880
Mundon	3,936	4,250	30.82	300
North Fambridge	14,293	14,210	36.45	160
Purleigh	28,551	30,260	56.82	1,240
Southminster	73,075	74,170	53.62	7,430
St. Lawrence	20,155	21,360	37.32	960
Steeple	4,880	5,060	27.54	440
Stow Maries	5,349	6,000	72.82	550
Tillingham	23,544	25,945	70.03	1,780
Tollesbury	54,140	56,482	58.91	3,540
Tolleshunt D'arcy	17,170	17,675	42.64	820
Tolleshunt Knights	11,321	10,500	27.20	580
Tolleshunt Major	6,158	7,000	27.25	260
Ulting	2,874	2,845	42.34	80
Wickham Bishops	11,520	11,660	12.44	340
Woodham Mortimer	1,305	2,390	9.96	60
Woodham Walter	9,739	10,294	38.63	430
TOTAL	1,021,238	1,074,017		79,000

COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT (HOW MUCH WE NEED) INCLUDING PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

The table shows how much Council Tax you have to pay, including parish and town council spending, depending on where you live and which valuation band your home is in. Parish and town councils require money to pay for things like community centres, footpaths and extra street lighting.

Parish or Town	Band							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Althorne	1,007.70	1,175.66	1,343.60	1,511.56	1,847.46	2,183.36	2,519.26	3,023.12
Asheldham	1,006.29	1,174.01	1,341.72	1,509.44	1,844.87	2,180.30	2,515.73	3,018.88
Bradwell-on-Sea	1,014.92	1,184.07	1,353.22	1,522.38	1,860.69	2,198.99	2,537.30	3,044.76
Burnham-on-Crouch	1,013.11	1,181.97	1,350.81	1,519.67	1,857.37	2,195.08	2,532.78	3,039.34
Cold Norton	1,021.72	1,192.02	1,362.30	1,532.59	1,873.16	2,213.74	2,554.31	3,065.18
Dengie	1,009.50	1,177.75	1,346.00	1,514.25	1,850.75	2,187.25	2,523.75	3,028.50
Goldhanger	1,001.15	1,168.01	1,334.87	1,501.73	1,835.45	2,169.16	2,502.88	3,003.46
Great Braxted	997.30	1,163.53	1,329.74	1,495.96	1,828.39	2,160.83	2,493.26	2,991.92
Great Totham	992.80	1,158.27	1,323.73	1,489.20	1,820.13	2,151.06	2,482.00	2,978.40
Hazeleigh	992.77	1,158.24	1,323.69	1,489.16	1,820.08	2,151.01	2,481.93	2,978.32
Heybridge	1,022.68	1,193.14	1,363.58	1,534.03	1,874.92	2,215.82	2,556.71	3,068.06
Langford	1,023.43	1,194.01	1,364.57	1,535.15	1,876.29	2,217.44	2,558.58	3,070.30
Latchingdon	1,047.13	1,221.66	1,396.17	1,570.70	1,919.74	2,268.79	2,617.83	3,141.40
Little Braxted	1,010.30	1,178.68	1,347.06	1,515.45	1,852.22	2,188.98	2,525.75	3,030.90
Little Totham	1,004.83	1,172.31	1,339.77	1,507.25	1,842.19	2,177.14	2,512.08	3,014.50
Maldon	1,026.82	1,197.97	1,369.10	1,540.24	1,882.51	2,224.79	2,567.06	3,080.48
Mayland	1,021.16	1,191.36	1,361.55	1,531.75	1,872.14	2,212.53	2,552.91	3,063.50
Mundon	1,006.68	1,174.46	1,342.24	1,510.02	1,845.58	2,181.14	2,516.70	3,020.04
North Fambridge	1,010.43	1,178.84	1,347.24	1,515.65	1,852.46	2,189.27	2,526.08	3,031.30
Purleigh	1,024.01	1,194.68	1,365.35	1,536.02	1,877.36	2,218.69	2,560.03	3,072.04
Southminster	1,021.88	1,192.19	1,362.50	1,532.82	1,873.45	2,214.07	2,554.70	3,065.64
St. Lawrence	1,011.01	1,179.52	1,348.01	1,516.52	1,853.52	2,190.53	2,527.53	3,033.04
Steeple	1,004.49	1,171.91	1,339.32	1,506.74	1,841.57	2,176.40	2,511.23	3,013.48
Stow Maries	1,034.68	1,207.13	1,379.57	1,552.02	1,896.91	2,241.80	2,586.70	3,104.04
Tillingham	1,032.82	1,204.96	1,377.09	1,549.23	1,893.50	2,237.77	2,582.05	3,098.46
Tollesbury	1,025.40	1,196.31	1,367.20	1,538.11	1,879.91	2,221.71	2,563.51	3,076.22
Tolleshunt D'arcy	1,014.56	1,183.65	1,352.74	1,521.84	1,860.03	2,198.21	2,536.40	3,043.68
Tolleshunt Knights	1,004.26	1,171.65	1,339.02	1,506.40	1,841.15	2,175.91	2,510.66	3,012.80
Tolleshunt Major	1,004.30	1,171.68	1,339.06	1,506.45	1,841.22	2,175.98	2,510.75	3,012.90
Ulting	1,014.36	1,183.42	1,352.48	1,521.54	1,859.66	2,197.78	2,535.90	3,043.08
Wickham Bishops	994.42	1,160.17	1,325.90	1,491.64	1,823.11	2,154.59	2,486.06	2,983.28
Woodham Mortimer	992.77	1,158.24	1,323.69	1,489.16	1,820.08	2,151.01	2,481.93	2,978.32
Woodham Walter	1,011.88	1,180.54	1,349.18	1,517.83	1,855.12	2,192.42	2,529.71	3,035.66