



Council Tax News

BUDGET UPDATE 2010



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It is disappointing that for a second year the Council's budget has been affected by the state of public finances. It is not surprising. We have all seen and heard the warnings of reductions in the level of finance provided by Government to local authorities. Although in 2010-11 there will be an increase in the level of finance provided to local authorities in Wales, it is anticipated that in future years there may be no increase or even a reduction in funding. It is therefore very important that available resources are used as efficiently and effectively as possible.



The snow earlier this year caused considerable damage to our roads as well as greatly increasing the amount spent on gritting roads. The percentage of roads treated is 42 per cent, which is above the Welsh average. The repair work necessary will of course increase the demands on our budget at a time when income from areas such as leisure remains low as a result of the recession.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has always recognised the importance of education to provide our young people with the best possible start in life and this year again the Council has ensured that the Education budget has benefited because of an additional 1% increase in Council Tax.


The new comprehensive school in Cowbridge will be completed later this year and the Council is developing plans for the continuation of its School Investment Strategy. The very successful collection of food waste will continue to be rolled out across the Vale and the Council will continue to emphasise its commitment to the environment.

Resources are scarce and unfortunately a minority of both residents and visitors to the Vale continue to increase the workload of our Visible Services department by the amount of litter which they drop and the mess left by their dogs. This results in fewer resources to use elsewhere. You can help us by doing your bit to ensure that our environment is kept clean.

This year the increase in Council Tax remains the same as last year at 3.9 per cent bringing a Band D payment to £894.33 an increase of a little over 9p a day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Kemp', with a long horizontal line underneath it.

Councillor Gordon Kemp
Leader of the Council

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<p>One council • One number • One call</p>		

How is your Council Tax calculated?



The total Council Tax for each community area in Band D is found by adding to the Town/Community Council levy the charges from:

The Vale of Glamorgan Council	£894.33	BAND D
South Wales Police Authority	£153.67	
Total	£1,048.00	

Most dwellings are subject to Council Tax. There is one bill per dwelling, whether it is a house, bungalow, flat, maisonette, mobile home, or house boat, and whether it is owned or rented.

Each dwelling has been allocated to one of nine bands according to its open market capital value at 1st April 2003. The Band your dwelling is in will determine the Council Tax you pay as follows:

For Example:

The total Band D Council Tax for the Barry Town area is £1,095.26
 This is found by adding the Town/Community Council levy (**£47.26**) to the charges for the Vale of Glamorgan (**£894.33**) and the South Wales Police Authority (**£153.67**).

The National Assembly for Wales sets a **Standard Spending Assessment (SSA)** for each Council. This figure is used to distribute Revenue Support Grant to Councils.

This year our SSA is **£202,457,256** and our Net Budget is **£201,439,273** (including use of reserves). This represents a Band D equivalent for Council Tax of **£894.33** after all grants etc.

Your Council Tax Bill shows the band for your dwelling...

Valuation Band	Range of Values	Council Tax Payments
A	not exceeding £44,000	6/9 of Band D
B	Over £44,000 but not exceeding £65,000	7/9 of Band D
C	Over £65,000 but not exceeding £91,000	8/9 of Band D
D	Over £91,000 but not exceeding £123,000	9/9 of Band D
E	Over £123,000 but not exceeding £162,000	11/9 of Band D
F	Over £162,000 but not exceeding £223,000	13/9 of Band D
G	Over £223,000 but not exceeding £324,000	15/9 of Band D
H	Over £324,000 but not exceeding £424,000	18/9 of Band D
I	Over £424,000	21/9 of Band D

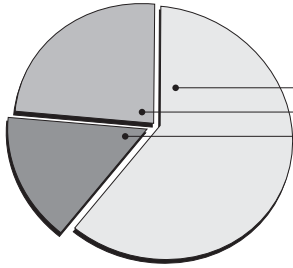
What will I pay?



Level Of Town/Community Council Precept and Total Council Tax For Band D 2010/2011

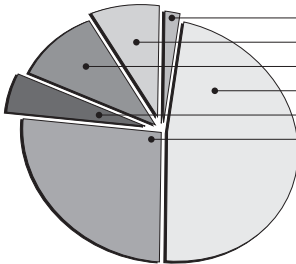
Town/Community Council Precept 2009/2010 £	Council Tax In Respect Of	Town/Community Council Precept 2010/2011 £	Town/Community Council Levy Band D 2010/2011 £	Total Tax Levy Band D 2010/2011 £
847,366	Barry	874,168	47.26	1,095.26
1,650	Colwinston	2,790	10.00	1,058.00
127,117	Cowbridge with Llanblethian	129,856	52.13	1,100.13
85,521	Dinas Powys	88,087	24.81	1,072.81
9,821	Ewenny	10,663	25.33	1,073.33
4,500	Llancarfan	4,500	10.11	1,058.11
38,960	Llandough	34,565	38.15	1,086.15
4,000	Llandow	4,000	9.52	1,057.52
3,085	Llanfair	3,465	9.52	1,057.52
8,272	Llangan	8,426	22.00	1,070.00
5,550	Llan-Maes	6,478	27.92	1,075.92
180,832	Llantwit Major	202,084	50.89	1,098.89
5,076	Michaelston	5,076	23.07	1,071.07
487,542	Penarth	496,456	46.62	1,094.62
5,000	Pendoylan	6,000	21.98	1,069.98
7,500	Penllyn	8,000	8.33	1,056.33
6,000	Peterston-S-Ely	7,000	12.82	1,060.82
0	Rhoose	0	0.00	1,048.00
19,965	St Athan	24,966	18.00	1,066.00
18,000	St Brides Major	17,000	15.11	1,063.11
3,720	St Donats	3,800	20.00	1,068.00
3,300	St Georges & St Brides-S-Ely	3,000	13.10	1,061.10
4,761	St Nicholas & Bonvilston	6,288	12.00	1,060.00
81,971	Sully	89,786	36.26	1,084.26
5,000	Welsh St Donats	5,500	17.74	1,065.74
25,250	Wenvoe	25,250	23.98	1,071.98
2,872	Wick	3,254	8.70	1,056.70
1,992,631	Total Precept	2,070,458		

Where the Council's money comes from...



Revenue Support Grant - 59%
Council Tax - 24%
National Non-Domestic Rate Pool - 17%

What the Council spends your money on...



Housing & Council Tax Benefits - 2%
Public Protection & Policy - 11%
Building & Visible Services - 11%
Education (including Libraries) - 48%
Planning, Transport, Economic Devt. & Leisure - 5%
Social Services - 23%

£1 Billion lost nationally every year due to Housing Benefit fraud now...
the Council's money is **YOUR** money

...don't let the

Cheats get away with it...

If you know of someone
who's cheating the Council

**PHONE the
FRAUD
HOTLINE
0800 7312525**

or email
BeataCheat@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

It's FREE & CONFIDENTIAL

Alternatively write to: **Freepost, Beat a Cheat**

Capital Programme 2010/2011



Programme	£'000	How Financed	£'000
Housing - Council Properties	3,030	Loans	6,225
Housing - Grants and Loans	3,095	Capital Receipts	3,412
Education (including Libraries)	10,821	Grants	8,453
Social Services	408	Revenue Contribution,	
Economic Development and Leisure	2,403	Renewal etc.	6,988
Building and Visible Services	3,999		
Policy	1,322		
	25,078		25,078

Should you be paying less?

**Are you entitled to Housing and/or Council Tax Benefits?
Find out if you can cut your Council Tax and rent liability.**

Are you on a low income (with savings of less than £16,000, unless you are on Guarantee Pension Credit), having difficulty paying some of your bills and using your capital to support your living standards? Council Tax Benefit could help pay towards your Council Tax bill and Housing Benefit could help towards your rent. The Council would like to assist our residents to apply for help - why not apply today? To find out if you qualify, we need to take into account your circumstances, including income, savings, age and how many people live with you.

Some examples are shown below (Housing Benefit does not cover gas, electricity, water rates or other amenity charges):

A single pensioner over 65 whose rent is £90 a week with Council Tax of £900 per year (£17 per week) and a weekly income of £165 per week. Council Tax Benefit could be about £745 (£14.34 per week) and Housing Benefit about £80 per week.

A couple with two children aged under 16, rent of £130 per week, Council Tax of £1,153 per year (£22 per week) and a total weekly household income of £295 per week. Council Tax Benefit could be £582 (£11.21 per week) and Housing Benefit about £94 per week.

Don't delay, apply today, as in most cases benefit can only be paid from the Monday following the receipt of a valid application form. If you claim Pension Credit, Income Support or Job Seekers' Allowance, you should have received a form to claim Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit in with your application.

For Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit, telephone 01446 709244.

E-mail: benefits@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Recycling and Refuse 2010/11



We will be collecting refuse and recycling on all bank holidays with no disruptions over the Christmas period.

Are you recycling?

Did you know that up to 85% of the rubbish in your bin doesn't have to be there! Many items can be recycled or composted.

The council is working hard to improve recycling services in the Vale. We have to significantly reduce the amount of rubbish that ends up buried in the ground in order to comply with Welsh Assembly targets. Failure to meet these targets could result in the council being fined.

Kerbside Recycling Service

Use our free kerbside recycling service. We collect paper, glass and cans one week, followed by clean plastic and cardboard the next, recycling doesn't get much easier than this!

Plastic Bag Free Vale

Support our greener Vale campaign! From April we will be one step towards becoming plastic bag free. Reusable bags will be on sale for 50p in the Council offices in Barry, Penarth, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major. Please use these bags for shopping to reduce the amount of carrier bags sent to landfill.

Garden Waste Collection Service

The kerbside collection for garden waste will commence from the 29th March until the end of November 2010. Reusable bags cost £1 or disposable bags 3 for a £1, available from Council offices.

Residents can also dispose of garden waste for free in the garden waste skips at Sully and Llandow Household Recycling Centres. If you have a trailer we can issue a permit to use these sites to cover garden waste over the summer period.

Why not compost your garden waste at home? Pensioners and those on benefits can collect a free compost bin from the Alps Depot, Wenvoe, (while stocks last), call in on a Tuesday and Thursday between 09:00 and 16:00. You need to show proof of eligibility and proof of residence in the Vale (name and address). Discounted compost bins are available to all other Vale residents priced from just £10. Please call 01884 841 515 to order.

Kitchen Waste Pilot

After a successful trial with 5,000 properties last year, the popular kitchen waste collection is set to expand across the whole Vale. With approximately 20,000 households now on the scheme, we will be looking to expand the scheme to all Vale residents over the next 12 months.

Civic Amenity Site opening times

Winter: Monday to Sunday 10am - 4pm (Sully) and 10am - 4pm (Llandow). We will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

Summer: (28th March - 31st Oct 2010)

Sully Daily 8am to 6pm and Llandow Daily 10am to 5pm

For further information on any of the above please call Visible Services on 01446 700111, e-mail visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

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