

VALE of GLAMORGAN



Council Tax News

BUDGET UPDATE 2011

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Last year I 'flagged up' that this year there might well be no increase in the level of funding provided by the Welsh Assembly Government to local government but that there might be a reduction. This unfortunately is the case. The change in the level of funding for local government for 2011-12 varies from an increase of 0.1% to a fall of 1.7%, the average being a decrease of 1.4%. For the Vale of Glamorgan the decrease in funding is 1.7% which means a decrease of £2.6 million on a like for like basis. The real decrease is of course greater than this when the effects of inflation are taken into account.



Next year a further decrease of 0.04% is forecast and while funding could increase by 1.3% in 2013-14 this will still not bring the level of funding back to that of 2010-11.

The Welsh Assembly Government has included a level of protection for schools, but this is not complete protection and there is still a reduction in funding for 2011-12. There is similarly a level of protection for Social Services. This means that the level of reduction in funding from the Welsh Assembly Government for the other services provided by the Council is higher than 1.7%.

During the year additional funding is being made available to address the problems with roads caused by the severe winter weather.

By careful use of the resources available, however, the Council has, and will continue, to provide services in an efficient and effective manner. As far as possible the Council will endeavour to change the way in which services are delivered so as to avoid the levels of reduction which are being imposed by other councils.

I recognise that any increase in the level of Council Tax is painful and this year there will be an increase of 3.3%, lower than the 3.9% last year. This means that a band D charge will be £923.85 which is still anticipated to be below the average of the Council Tax levied by other Welsh Councils.

In the last 12 months there have been cuts to the Council's senior management saving about £387,000 a year and this process will continue.

It is important to recognise that we must always be open and transparent when it comes to spending your money and that is why last year I ensured that the Council publishes on its website details of spending with suppliers on goods and services over £500.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Kemp', written over a horizontal line.

Councillor Gordon Kemp
Leader of the Council

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	£923.85
South Wales Police Authority	£161.35
Total	£1,085.20

BAND D

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 £1,133.12
 This is found by adding the Town/Community Council levy (**£47.92**) to the charges for the Vale of Glamorgan (**£923.85**) and the South Wales Police Authority (**£161.35**).

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 **£202,787,877** and our Net Budget is **£201,386,295** (including use of reserves). This represents a Band D equivalent for Council Tax of **£923.85** 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

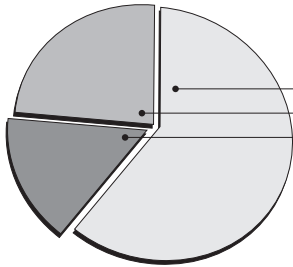
What will I pay?



Level Of Town/Community Council Precept and Total Council Tax For Band D 2011/2012

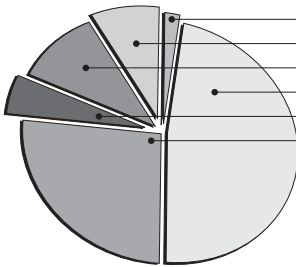
Town/Community Council Precept 2010/2011 £	Council Tax In Respect Of	Town/Community Council Precept 2011/2012 £	Town/Community Council Levy Band D 2011/2012 £	Total Tax Levy Band D 2011/2012 £
874,168	Barry	891,651	47.92	1,133.12
2,790	Colwinston	2,710	10.00	1,095.20
129,856	Cowbridge with Llanblethian	130,169	52.13	1,137.33
88,087	Dinas Powys	91,170	25.65	1,110.85
10,663	Ewenny	11,779	27.33	1,112.53
4,500	Llancarfan	4,500	9.91	1,095.11
34,565	Llandough	35,520	39.08	1,124.28
4,000	Llandow	6,000	14.12	1,099.32
3,465	Llanfair	3,437	9.52	1,094.72
8,426	Llangan	9,168	24.00	1,109.20
6,478	Llan-Maes	6,562	27.92	1,113.12
202,084	Llantwit Major	210,820	52.89	1,138.09
5,076	Michaelston	5,076	23.50	1,108.70
496,456	Penarth	507,818	47.79	1,132.99
6,000	Pendoylan	6,000	22.14	1,107.34
8,000	Penllyn	9,000	9.23	1,094.43
7,000	Peterston-S-Ely	8,000	14.84	1,100.04
0	Rhoose	0	0.00	1,085.20
24,966	St Athan	26,410	19.00	1,104.20
17,000	St Brides Major	13,000	11.64	1,096.84
3,800	St Donats	3,800	20.00	1,105.20
3,000	St Georges & St Brides-S-Ely	3,000	12.88	1,098.08
6,288	St Nicholas & Bonvilston	6,324	12.00	1,097.20
89,786	Sully	76,086	30.66	1,115.86
5,500	Welsh St Donats	5,500	17.80	1,103.00
25,250	Wenvoe	25,500	24.50	1,109.70
3,254	Wick	3,254	8.75	1,093.95
2,070,458	Total Precept	2,102,254		

Where the Council's money comes from...



Revenue Support Grant - 61%
 Council Tax - 25%
 National Non-Domestic Rate Pool - 14%

What the Council spends your money on...



Housing & Council Tax Benefits - 2%
 Public Protection & Policy - 10%
 Building & Visible Services - 11%
 Education (including Libraries) - 48%
 Planning, Transport, Economic Devt. & Leisure - 5%
 Social Services - 24%

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How is Your Money Spent?



Estimated Expenditure and Income

2010/2011			Vale Council Services	2011/2012		
Gross Exp. £'000	Income £'000	Net Exp. £'000		Gross Exp. £'000	Income £'000	Net Exp. £'000
14,790	14,790	0	Housing Revenue Account	15,684	15,684	0
4,609	1,263	3,346	Other Housing	4,507	1,302	3,205
42,427	41,482	945	Housing & Council Tax Benefits	47,637	46,564	1,073
117,281	20,530	96,751	Education (including Libraries)	116,212	19,567	96,645
55,479	8,638	46,841	Social Services	56,380	8,368	48,012
6,637	3,478	3,159	Planning & Transportation	6,778	3,569	3,209
11,466	3,940	7,526	Economic Development & Leisure	11,071	3,783	7,288
24,689	4,053	20,636	Building & Visible Services	25,314	3,937	21,377
3,824	870	2,954	Public Protection & Registrars	3,557	906	2,651
22,326	3,245	19,081	Policy	20,833	3,157	17,676
9,982		9,982	Capital and Other Expenditure met from Revenue	15,241		15,241
313,510	102,289	211,221		323,214	106,837	216,377
2,071		2,071	Town & Community Council Precepts	2,102		2,102
500	10,282	(9,782)	Transfer to/from General & Specific Reserves	500	15,491	(14,991)
316,081	112,571	203,510	TOTAL (*Budget Requirement)	325,816	122,328	*203,488
	(150)	150	Discretionary Non-Domestic Rate Reliefs		(150)	150
	117,912	(117,912)	Revenue Support Grant		121,681	(121,681)
	34,516	(34,516)	National Non-Domestic Rate Pool		28,951	(28,951)
	51,232	(51,232)	Council Tax		53,006	(53,006)
Included in the total are the following levies and payments to outside bodies:						
	£'000			£'000		
	6,282		South Wales Fire Authority	6,134		
	17		Cardiff Port Health Authority	17		Total Expenditure 323,139
	3		Swansea Port Health Authority	3		Less: Income 106,837
	110		Glamorgan Record Office	115		Net Transfer from Reserves (12,814)
	6,412			6,269		203,488
	31/3/2011		Estimated Financial Reserves as at:	31/3/2012		
	£'000			£'000		
	7,407		General Fund	6,907		
	11,332		Housing Revenue Account	13,509		
	46,171		Reserves for Specific Purposes	31,680		

Capital Programme 2011/2012



Programme	£'000	How Financed	£'000
Housing - Council Properties	2,790	Loans	4,620
Housing - Grants and Loans	2,235	Grants	6,368
Education (including Libraries)	4,283	Revenue Contribution,	10,658
Social Services	50	Renewal etc.	
Economic Development and Leisure	6,620		
Building and Visible Services	4,104		
Policy	1,564		
	21,646		21,646

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 £812 (£15.58 per week) and Housing Benefit about £85 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 £657 (£12.60 per week) and Housing Benefit about £99 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 2011/12



We will be collecting refuse and recycling on all bank holidays. Christmas arrangements will be published nearer the time.

Are you recycling?

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

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! We now sell elasticated nets that fit over your recycling box, which reduces the need for carrier bags and prevents your recycling from blowing away.

Garden Waste Collection Service

The kerbside collection for garden waste will commence from April 4 until the end of November. Reusable bags cost £1 or disposable bags 3 for a £1, available from Council offices and all Vale libraries.

Kitchen Waste Recycling

With over 40,000 properties now on the popular kitchen waste scheme the scheme is set to expand to the whole of the Vale by the end of March 2011. All of your food scraps such as peelings, meat, bones, dairy products and leftovers can be disposed of on a weekly basis, whilst your refuse works on an alternate week collection. Replacement bags can be obtained by tying a bag, or a piece of cloth to the handle and your bags will be replenished by the crews.

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: (March 27 - October 30 2011)

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

The new Atlantic Trading Estate on Hayes road is scheduled to open in 2011 and will eventually replace the Civic Amenity site in Sully.

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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