

**Babergh District Council keeps only 9% of your council tax bill, but we deliver exceptional value for money.**

For less than the cost of a coffee each week - around £3.73 for a Band D home - we don't just collect your rubbish and recycling. We provide leisure facilities, essential grants for local organisations, maintain parks, consider planning applications, support those at risk of homelessness, invest in regeneration projects and much more.

We deliver high quality services that we know are valued by our communities. This year, if you live in a Band D home, you'll pay £193.73 towards district council services. That's a 2.99% rise, the equivalent of just 11p a week more on our share of the bill.

The rest of your bill goes to Suffolk County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner, town and parish councils.

We know these are challenging financial times, and we will continue to offer support to residents who are struggling with the cost-of-living.

Local authorities have seen their financial



**Message from  
Councillor Deborah Saw**

**BABERGH DISTRICT  
COUNCIL LEADER**

position eroded over many years, with Government funding failing to keep pace with costs and demand.

Babergh, like most other authorities, is having to find significant savings or additional income to balance its books and we have done so. This year we will make budget savings of £2.6 million.

However, despite these pressures, we are ambitious for our district.

We continue to work side-by-side with

communities on local issues. We've shown innovation, such as our pioneering work to make it easier for many thousands of listed building owners to make their homes more energy efficient and lower bills.

Looking ahead, you may be aware that the Government wants to replace existing county and district councils with all-purpose unitary authorities in the next few years. Alongside this, it also proposes creating new Mayoral Authorities, with an elected Mayor covering a larger area, most likely Suffolk and Norfolk. The mayor would have powers over transport, infrastructure, health improvements and emergency services.

For now, nothing has changed. But as discussions continue, the Council will work hard to protect services and the interests of Babergh's residents. Our priority will be to ensure any changes make a real difference to your quality of life.

Our district is a fantastic place to live, to work in and to visit. We are committed to making it even better. Your council tax supports this work. Thank you.

# WHERE YOUR COUNCIL TAX GOES



*Every  
pound  
is split:*

**Suffolk County Council 74p**

**Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner 13p**

**Babergh District Council 9p**

**Town or parish council 4p (on average)**

Using the £3.73 a week you'll pay Babergh District Council each week, we do all of this and more...\*

\*If you live in a Band D home, you'll pay £193.73 for Babergh's services. That's a 2.99% rise, or 11p a week extra, on Babergh's share of the bill in 2025/26.



**Bin collections & recycling**



**Support for those at risk of homelessness**



**Licensing**



**Leisure centres**



**Support for high streets**

**Local planning and building control**



**Grants for local organisations**



**Support for arts, culture and tourism**



**Community wellbeing & safety**



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