

Babergh District Council works hard to deliver high quality local services that make a positive difference in your daily life.

Although we receive only 9% of your council tax bill – just £3.84 a week for a Band D home – we make every penny count. This small share funds a wide range of essential services that help keep our district thriving.

Your contribution supports weekly rubbish and recycling collections, the upkeep of parks and green spaces, leisure facilities, planning services, regeneration projects, help for those at risk of homelessness, and much more. These services play a vital role in strengthening our communities and improving quality of life across Babergh.

This year, a Band D household will pay £199.52 towards district council services – a 2.99% rise, equal to just 11p more a week. The remainder of your council tax goes to Suffolk County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and town or parish councils.

We know these continue to be challenging times, with cost of living increases still affecting many households. Our priority is to work with partners to ensure those who need support can access it. We are improving how



Message from Councillor John Ward

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL LEADER

residents find help, making it easier for people to boost their income, stay healthy and feel more financially secure.

Like other councils, Babergh faces significant financial pressures. Government funding has not kept pace with rising demand for services or increasing costs. We have identified significant savings for 2026/27, making difficult decisions to ensure we can balance our budget while protecting vital services. The government has also made it clear that the support funding it provides assumes that councils will raise council tax by the 2.99% maximum allowed.

Despite these challenges, we are ambitious for our district. Working with you, we want

to revitalise and improve our environment, support a thriving economy and help our communities to be resilient.

Over the past year we have continued to support a range of local projects and organisations through our grants programmes.

Meanwhile, funding from the community infrastructure levy has enabled improvements such as new pre school facilities in Hadleigh, an upgraded play area in Sproughton, and enhancements to spaces including Friars Hall in Sudbury and Little Cornard village hall. We have also shared more than £400,000 with towns and parishes for their own community projects.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for changes to local government planned for 2028, when existing county and district councils will be replaced with all purpose unitary authorities. Our focus remains on ensuring these changes lead to better services and benefits for residents.

Babergh is a fantastic place to live, work in and visit, and we are committed to making it even better. Every penny you pay supports this essential 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 £3.84 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 £199.52 for Babergh's services. That's a 2.99% rise, or 11p a week extra, on Babergh's share of the bill in 2026/27



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