



# HCC and EHDC Update, March 2021

## Petersfield Butser

### Council tax

Both HCC and EHDC approved new budgets at the end of February

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/25022021HCCbudgetdecisionFeb2021>

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/budgets-and-spending>

The headline figure for Petersfield residents is that the council tax charge for a Band D property will be £1,937.04 for the 2021/2022 year.

There is a great deal behind this figure.

- There are 51,407 Band D equivalent houses in EHDC. 5,793 of these are in Petersfield.
- The council tax goes to HCC, EHDC, Hampshire Police, Hampshire Fire & Rescue and the parish.
- The total council tax paid by EHDC residents is £91.697m
- Petersfield residents pay just over £10m (£10,334,000) in council tax.
- The comparison with the neighbouring parishes is set out below. These are all in £000s, and are not split into payments per household.

£'000s	Tax base							Parish/total
	#Households	HCC	EHDC	Police	Fire	Parishes	Total	
Petersfield	<b>5,793</b>	<b>7,823</b>	790	1,312	408	888	10,334	8.6%
Clanfield	<b>2,294</b>	<b>3,097</b>	313	519	162	179	4,091	4.4%
East Meon	<b>557</b>	<b>752</b>	76	126	39	28	993	2.8%
Buriton	<b>370</b>	<b>500</b>	50	84	26	21	660	3.2%
Langrish	<b>147</b>	<b>199</b>	20	33	10	5	263	1.7%
Stroud	<b>185</b>	<b>250</b>	25	42	13	13	330	3.8%
Alton	<b>7,141</b>	<b>9,644</b>	974	1,617	503	735	12,738	5.8%
Horndean	<b>5,076</b>	<b>6,854</b>	692	1,149	358	380	9,054	4.2%
Rowlands Castle	<b>1,475</b>	<b>1,992</b>	201	334	104	112	2,631	4.3%
EHDC Council tax collection £000s	<b>51,407</b>	<b>69,423</b>	7,012	11,642	3,621	4,436	91,797	4.8%

The Petersfield precept of £888,054 compares to £735,270 in Alton and £484,730 in Whitehill. It is 8.6% of the total council tax bill. The East Hants parish average is 4.8% of the total council tax charge. Petersfield has the highest town/parish charge in East Hampshire

The bulk of the £91.7m paid by EHDC residents goes to HCC (£69.4m) followed by the Police (£11.6m), then EHDC (£7.012m) and the fire service (£3.621m). Petersfield residents spend more on the town precept than on the EHDC precept.

### Breakdown of HCC spending

- The total council tax paid to HCC by Petersfield residents is £7.8m. Of this, £1.1m goes to the Environment and Transport team. The biggest item is £461k for waste disposal/recycling, followed by £199k for highways maintenance and then £145k on concessionary bus fares -the cost of bus subsidies.
- A total of £4.5m is spent on adult social services, with the two largest items being adult care and help for those adults with learning disabilities. HCC's care homes cost another £488,000.
- 44% of Petersfield's council tax goes on adult social services.

	Petersfield £'000s
<b>HCC</b>	
Highways Maintenance	199
Street lighting	118
Winter road maintenance	64
Concessionary Fares	145
Other transport	93
Waste Disposal	461
Economic Development	11
Other ETE	54
<b>ETE</b>	<b>1,147</b>
Older Adults Community Services	1,379
Learning Disability Community Services	1,294
Physical Disability Community Services	357
Mental health Community Services	209
HCC Care	488
Public Health: drugs, alcohol, sexual health	196
Other adult public health	130
U18 Public Health	253
Other adult social care	225
<b>Adult Social Care</b>	<b>4,532</b>

- The school budget is another sizeable part of HCC's spend, although much of the cost is offset by a school grant from central government. It is worth putting in context that Petersfield residents effectively spend £7.2m on schools, with another £1.47m on "high needs" and £931,000 on early years.
- There is another £2.4m spent on children's services, including fostering, residential care, guardianship and safeguarding. The children's services budget is about 50% of the adult social care budget.

	Petersfield £'000s
Early Years	931
Individual School budget	7,118
High Needs Block Budget	399
High Needs Top up	1,074
SEN & Inclusion	92
Central school services	91
Other Schools grants	723
<b>Schools</b>	<b>10,428</b>

Home to school transport	364
SEN admin	39
Adoption	46
Asylum seekers	37
Fostering	495
Leaving Care support	100
Children's residential care	426
Special Guardianship & Other looked after	174
Family support	114
Safeguarding & Young People's Services	325
Management, Support & Other	256
<b>Children's services</b>	<b>2,377</b>

- The two other main costs for HCC are corporate services (£581,000), and culture and communities (£466,000). The latter includes libraries (£115,000) countryside, property management and is the smallest of HCC's main services.

	Petersfield £'000s
Finance	44
HR	33
IT	268
Legal	35
Governance	30
Members support	19
Procurement	19
Other Corporate services	134
<b>Corporate Services</b>	<b>581</b>

Library services	115
Countryside, incl Country Parks	22
Rights of Way	9
Arts & Museums	25
Property & Property Management	232
Other Communities, culture & Business serv.	63
<b>Culture &amp; Communities</b>	<b>466</b>

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	£'000s
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Children Services	2,377
Corporate Services	581
Culture & Communities	466
Environment & Transport	1,147
<b>Services</b>	<b>19,532</b>
Schools Grant	-9,712
Other Grants	-2,278
Contingency	<u>1,401</u>
	<b>8,943</b>
Rates/ Govt Grants	-1,350
Reserves	231
<b>HCC</b>	<b>7,823</b>

## EHDC

- EHDC costs the Petersfield Council tax payers £790,000. This is 10% of the HCC cost.
- The main costs are waste collection (filed under commissioning) costing £419,000, and IT/corporate services (called Programme Redesign) costing £322,000
- Planning and community engagement costs another £320,000
- The EHDC property income saves council tax payers £415,000 per year, shown in the budget below as a negative income.
- The combination of *Corporate services* and *Regeneration and planning* is a cost of £1.28m but the combination of government grants, new homes bonus, and allocation to reserves means that the overall cost of EHDC to the Petersfield council tax payers nets out at £790,000.

### Contribution to EHDC from Petersfield residents (£000s)

EHDC	
5 Councils staff	16
Executive office	47
Legal	98
Organisational Development	85
Programme Redesign	322
Customer Services	256
Commissioning (mainly waste)	419
Finance	121
Commercial Development	-4
<b>Corporate services</b>	<b>1,361</b>
Neighbourhood Support	-67
Housing	23
Planning	160
Community Engagement	158
Property	-415
Regenco	-32
Whitehill / Bordon	93
<b>Regeneration &amp; Planning</b>	<b>-81</b>
<b>Services</b>	<b>1,279</b>
Business rates	-269
Section 41 grant	-298
Levy payment	51
Business rates collection fund	-73
Collection Fund	-4
New Homes Bonus	-238
Other grants	-153
Contributions to reserves	495
<b>Financing</b>	<b>-489</b>
Precepts	790



## District Councillors report to Petersfield Town Council 18/03/2021

- Vital funding for community groups looking to run projects and schemes to help vulnerable local people can apply for their share of £1 million. EHDC have set aside the grant pot and it will be open to applications from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 21. Applications must demonstrate how they will help the council support the wellbeing of residents, improve lives and enhance access to support services for those who are vulnerable. Applications must support at least one of three community benefits

- Supporting positive mental health in residents, in particular young people
- Reducing social isolation in residents, in particular older residents
- Supporting the recovery of residents from the coronavirus pandemic

Applications must be received by the 31<sup>st</sup> May to be considered for the grant.

For further information and guidance please visit:

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/supporting-communities-fund>

- COVID business support – we urge all businesses in Petersfield and the district to visit the EHDC website to seek clarification on what help and support is available during the COVID/National restrictions. The information can be found at:

[WWW.easthants.gov.uk/buisness-support](http://WWW.easthants.gov.uk/buisness-support)

**\*\*Deadline warning\*\*** - Eligible businesses that have not yet applied for coronavirus-related business grants have until midnight on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 21 when all but one of the current schemes will close.

- Elections – Preparation's for the forthcoming Hampshire county Council and Police and crime Commissioner Elections in May 2021 are continuing. EHDC are trying to encourage the residents to use the postal voting method, this will reduce the risk of a large number of residents attending the polling station. The previous normal on conducting an overnight count will be replaced with daytime counts to minimise the risks associated with large gatherings.

- The East Hampshire community lottery is celebrating reaching 50 good causes. The lottery was launched by EHDC in April 2020. This provides vital support to local organisations, community groups and projects that benefit the districts residents. So far it has raised nearly £16000 and 60p of every £1 ticket goes directly to the good causes. A high portion of these are from Petersfield and the local area. For those wishing to sign up as a good cause or to purchase a ticket to support a good cause you can do at:

[www.easthantslottery.co.uk](http://www.easthantslottery.co.uk)

- Dates for future EHDC Meetings/events coming up:

- 25<sup>th</sup> March – Overview and Scrutiny
- 1<sup>st</sup> April – Planning Committee
- 8<sup>th</sup> April – Cabinet

- Just a reminder that everyone can sign up to receive EHDC email updates with the latest news at:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKEHDC/subscriber/new>

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