

Your Council Tax



Dear Resident,

The last year has presented great challenges to Lambeth as we've continued to grapple with the Covid-19 pandemic which has changed so much of our daily lives.

Lambeth Council has been on your side throughout the pandemic – from providing food parcels for families who needed it to helping thousands of businesses to keep going through the tough economic challenges. And we've seen the best of Lambeth through the pandemic – from residents volunteering for the vaccine roll-out to people checking on their vulnerable neighbours and everyone working together to keep each other safe.

But despite the hope that the worst of the pandemic may be over, we know that enormous challenges remain. Unemployment is rising and residents are struggling with the cost of living and government cuts to universal credit.

As your local council, we want to put the same effort into tackling these challenges as was put into tackling Covid-19. From reducing food and fuel poverty to tackling the unequal outcomes in employment and opportunities which our Black and minority communities face, Lambeth Council will continue to be on your side.

That's why Lambeth Council has significantly increased the support we are providing to families on low incomes – exempting over 7,000 more families from paying council tax and increasing the emergency support funds that help families through crises.

We're building a new generation of council homes in Lambeth, making record investments in our award winning parks and open spaces, reducing air pollution and investing in free school meals and holiday programmes for children to reduce the levels of poverty in our borough.

And as the first London borough to declare a climate emergency, we're already acting to cut carbon emissions and make our streets and local neighbourhoods healthier and more sustainable.

Despite twelve years of government cuts to council funding, Lambeth Council is still investing in our communities and protecting the frontline services that our residents rely on. We've been able to do this, unlike many councils across the country who are in financial difficulty, because of good financial management and reducing waste and inefficiency.

To continue to ensure we can invest in the priorities of Lambeth residents, we are increasing council tax this year by 1.99% alongside the 1% increase recommended by the government for the adult social care precept. This means an increase of around 71p more per week on a Band D property. This isn't an easy choice, but without government funding it is the only way to protect frontline services. Lambeth's council tax will remain one of the lowest in London and the UK.

By taking this decision, we can continue to invest in the services that Lambeth residents rely on, helping to build a fair recovery for all from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Claire Holland
Leader of Lambeth Council



What we delivered for you in 2021/22



26,067
people who
accessed household
support fund



17,851
Covid-19 related
grants paid out by
the council to help
businesses



1,460
apprenticeships
started in Lambeth



120,619
housing repairs



31,869
school places
provided in the
borough



19
Green flag awards
in Lambeth parks



10,373
children who took
part in holiday food
and fun programmes



350,985
book loans from
Lambeth libraries



26,316
people who
received council
tax support