

Resources: GROUP FINANCE

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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your email dated 26 February 2019. Please accept our apologies for the delay in sending our response.

Our response to your request is as follows.

- 1) *Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide details of the total income generated by the Mayor of London's Council Tax Precept from each London borough in 2017/18, along with the Council Tax Base of each of those Boroughs?*

This information is provided below by billing authority. The taxbase figure is presented as a Band D equivalent figure. The Band D amount charged in each authority by the Mayor and the total amount precepted in respect of 2017-18 is set out in the last two columns.

Billing authority	Tax Base	Band D Amount	Council tax Precept
City of London	7,060.39	73.89	521,692.22
Camden	88,450.00	280.02	24,767,769.00
Greenwich	77,699.77	280.02	21,757,489.60
Hackney	68,399.00	280.02	19,153,087.98
Hammersmith & Fulham	75,938.00	280.02	21,264,158.76
Islington	77,209.50	280.02	21,620,204.19
Kensington and Chelsea	95,726.00	280.02	26,805,194.52
Lambeth	103,505.00	280.02	28,983,470.10
Lewisham	81,087.65	280.02	22,706,163.75
Southwark	95,941.00	280.02	26,865,398.82
Tower Hamlets	88,784.00	280.02	24,861,295.68
Wandsworth	128,303.00	280.02	35,927,406.06
Westminster	126,975.59	280.02	35,555,704.71
Sub-total inner London	1,115,078.90		310,789,035.39

Billing authority	Tax Base	Band D Amount	Council tax Precept
Barking and Dagenham	47,273.13	280.02	13,237,421.86
Barnet	139,049.00	280.02	38,936,500.98
Bexley	79,769.00	280.02	22,336,915.38
Brent	93,319.00	280.02	26,131,186.38
Bromley	128,523.00	280.02	35,989,010.46
Croydon	121,243.00	280.02	33,950,464.86
Ealing	111,132.37	280.02	31,119,286.25
Enfield	95,043.00	280.02	26,613,940.86
Haringey	75,365.00	280.02	21,103,707.30
Harrow	83,500.00	280.02	23,381,670.00
Havering	86,821.00	280.02	24,311,616.42
Hillingdon	97,220.00	280.02	27,223,544.40
Hounslow	82,599.33	280.02	23,129,464.39
Kingston	61,203.00	280.02	17,138,064.06
Merton	72,442.30	280.02	20,285,292.85
Newham	70,610.00	280.02	19,772,212.20
Redbridge	85,627.00	280.02	23,977,272.54
Richmond	88,162.10	280.02	24,687,151.24
Sutton	71,467.40	280.02	20,012,301.35
Waltham Forest	73,757.00	280.02	20,653,435.14
Sub-total outer London	1,764,125.63		493,990,458.91
Total	2,879,204.53		804,779,494.30

2) Please also state what "Minimum Payment" was required of Council Tax Support claimants in relation to the Mayor of London's Council Tax Precept in each London borough in 2017/18?

- The Greater London Authority is not responsible directly for council tax support schemes as they are determined by each billing authority individually. The Mayor has no discretion over these minimum contributions and cannot alter them.
- However, based on the information we hold our understanding of the minimum contributions to council tax applying for working age households in 2017-18 is set out in the table overleaf. These minimums may not apply to certain protected groups (e.g. the disabled, war widows etc) depending on the scheme determined by each billing authority.
- For further information on council tax, please visit website www.counciltaxsupport.org.

Council tax support

Estimated minimum contributions by non-protected working age households in 2017-18
(London billing authorities)

	Minimum contribution applied (Yes or No)	Minimum contribution as % of tax liability
Barking and Dagenham	Yes	25.0%
Barnet	Yes	20.0%
Bexley	Yes	20.0%
Brent	Yes	20.0%
Bromley	Yes	25.0%
Camden	No	0.0%
City of London	No	0.0%
Croydon	Yes	15.0%
Ealing	Yes	25.0%
Enfield	Yes	25.0%
Greenwich*	Yes	15.0%
Hackney	Yes	15.0%
Hammersmith and Fulham	No	0.0%
Haringey	Yes	19.8%
Harrow	Yes	30.0%
Havering	Yes	15.0%
Hillingdon	Yes	25.0%
Hounslow	Yes	8.5%
Islington	Yes	8.5%
Kensington and Chelsea	No	0.0%
Kingston upon Thames	No	0.0%
Lambeth	Yes	15.9%
Lewisham	Yes	33.0%
Merton	No	0.0%
Newham	Yes	20.0%
Redbridge	Yes	20.0%
Richmond upon Thames	Yes	15.0%
Southwark	Yes	15.0%
Sutton	Yes	17.5%
Tower Hamlets	No	0.0%
Waltham Forest	Yes	24.0%
Wandsworth	Yes	30.0%
Westminster	No	0.0%

3) *Finally, please clarify whether the Mayor of London has the legal power to set a different Minimum Payment on his Precept than is set by local councillors on the locally -retained element of Council Tax under their CTS scheme?*

- No. The Mayor has no discretion over these minimum contributions and cannot alter them as they are set legally by each of the 33 local billing authorities using their powers under the Local Government Act 1992 and Local Government Finance Act 2012.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me
[REDACTED], quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Thank you for contacting the GLA.

Yours sincerely

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