

SECTION 3

GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL SERVICES

The Borough of Guildford covers 104 square miles and has an estimated population of 129,000.

Local government services in Guildford are mainly provided by Surrey County Council and Guildford Borough Council. Outside the Guildford urban area some services are provided by Parish Councils.

In 1999/2000 the amount spent on providing our own services was £72.3 million. Most of this cost (71%) was offset by income from fees, rents, charges and government grants specific to services. (Further details of income and expenditure are given in Section 11 of this document).

The spending of the Borough Council and Parishes was also supported by a Government grant of £6.8 million, made up of a £4.3 million share of the total Business Rates collected across the country and a general grant (the Revenue Support Grant) of £2.5 million to support local services.

The Council also collected £44.9 million in Business Rates in 1999/2000 which is paid over to the Government.

THE SERVICES PROVIDED

Residents of Guildford use services provided by the Borough Council, by Surrey County Council and, in the rural areas, by Parish Councils. This table highlights the principal services provided by each authority.

GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL	SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL	PARISH COUNCILS
<p>Leisure & Recreation <i>including</i> Parks and Open Spaces Sports Facilities and Sports Development Museum and Gallery Music Theatre and Arts Development</p> <p>Local Amenities <i>including</i> Cemeteries and Crematorium Refuse Collection Recycling Facilities Street Cleaning Car Parking Public Conveniences</p> <p>Housing <i>including</i> Housing Management Homelessness Services Housing Advice</p> <p>Community Services <i>including</i> Day Centres Community Transport</p> <p>Environmental Health <i>including</i> Food Safety Health & Safety at Work Environmental Control</p> <p>Planning Development & Building Control Enforcement Local Plan Environmental Improvements Local Agenda 21</p> <p>Other Public Services Housing & Council Tax Benefits Bus Passes Licensing of Public Entertainment & Taxis Tourist Information Centre Business Services Community Safety</p>	<p>Education Adult Education Youth Service Libraries County Information Centre Countryside Management Highways and Transport (including traffic management and street lighting) Waste Disposal Surrey Fire & Rescue Service Trading Standards Rent Officer Service Structure Plan Local Transport Plan Social Services Registration of Births, Deaths & Marriages Orange Badge Scheme Community Safety (in partnership with the Borough Council, Police, Probation & Health Authority)</p>	<p>Bus Shelters and Public Benches Footpaths Car parks Public Conveniences Recreation Arts Museums</p>