



**DUNGANNON
& SOUTH TYRONE**

Borough Council

Understanding Your Rates 2007-2008



**The World's Most
Liveable Community**

What are rates?

Rates are a property-based tax designed to raise revenue to make a contribution towards the cost of services within Northern Ireland. They are based on the value of properties for households and businesses.

How is your rates bill made up?

A ratepayer's bill in Northern Ireland consists of two elements:- A District Rate (to fund Council services) and a Regional Rate (set to fund central government services e.g. sewage, roads etc).

The way rates are calculated has changed.

As opposed to previous years when your rate was determined by the rental values system, your rates are now set based on the capital value of your property - i.e. the value of your house on the open market in January 2005.

In comparison to other Council areas, Dungannon & South Tyrone has the 6th lowest rate in the province.

Further Information

If you have any further enquiries regarding the capital value of your property OR your home, please contact Valuations and Lands Agency on 028 8225 4888 or online at:
www.mycapitalvalueni.gov.uk

If you want more information about the changes to the rating system visit:
www.ratingreviewni.gov.uk

Information on the rental value of your non-domestic property can be found on:
www.vla.nics.gov.uk

Alternatively you can contact:
The Rates Collections Agency
South Western Office,
Boaz House, Scarffe's Entry,
Omagh
Tel: 028 8225 4777

For information on paying your rates or relief options available.

Customer Feedback

To find out more on how your rates are spent and to personally discuss this issue with your local Councillor and Council staff, please call at Council Offices on Wednesday 9th May from 2pm - 7pm when the Mayor will host an open day for ratepayers, residents and local businesses.

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How are my rates spent?

Below is a sample rates bill, based on the average 2007-08 rate for a household in Dungannon and South Tyrone with a capital value of £108,000

Total Rates Bill		£636
Central Government	56%	£359.12
Local Council	44%	£276.88

Dungannon & South Tyrone BC		£276.88
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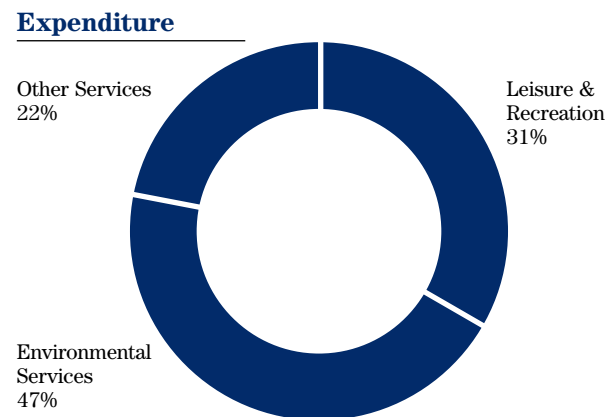
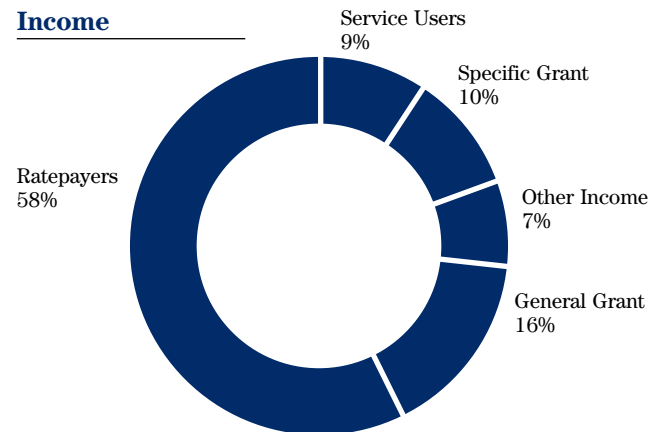
Leisure		
Tourism & Culture	5%	£14.35
Recreation & Sport	32%	£87.56
Community Services	3%	£7.99

Environmental Services		
Public Conveniences,		
Minor Works & Cemeteries	10%	£26.45
Cleaning	7%	£19.61
Waste Collection & Disposal	24%	£67.32
Building Control	1%	£3.29
Environmental Health	9%	£25.63

Corporate Management		
Inc Economic Development & Central Services to the Public	9%	£24.68

Total Estimated Net Expenditure	100%	£276.88
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The Council finances its services in the following ways:



Council rates 2007-08

Domestic - 0.2284p

Non-Domestic - 18.70p

Both rates are set at a rise of only 6.45% on last year's figures.

Major capital projects include:

A major initiative to re-open the historical site of Castle Hill to public access after hundreds of years. Plans are underway to create a heritage based public park and the refurbishment of Ranfurly House (Bank Buildings) to improve facilities for community use to compliment the newly opened visitor centre. Hopefully, additional funding from the National Lottery will ensure that Castle Hill Park becomes one of the town's signature projects with an educational and cultural edge, as well as becoming a tourist attraction and a facility for reconciliation, regeneration and partnership.

Dungannon Leisure Centre users will see major improvements to changing facilities and the fitness suite. Council's commitment to improving the health and well being of its residents will ensure that such facilities are modernised to meet the needs of today's society.

Other projects planned include the completion of the road naming scheme and further development of play park facilities in the Borough.