

# Surrey County Council

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## What do councillors cost ratepayers per year?

DO we really need SCC? [Peter Ruck letter, March 2.]

During recent years local authorities have introduced restrictions or eliminated many of the services previously provided.

While I appreciate having to live within our means it is noticeable in the county of Surrey we have 81 county councillors and more than 430 borough or district councillors plus town and parish councillors. SCC employs thousands of people to govern the county.

Is it reasonable to ask why we have to bear the additional expense of so many councillors and why they seem immune to cuts?

Is the existing system sustainable? Is it there because historically it's there?

Should we be looking for a more efficient less politically biased system rather than continually increasing the rates for ever decreasing services?

Should the people we pay to run the county be allowed to do so?

From paper clips to their expenses what do councillors cost Surrey ratepayers per year?

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