

# Privacy Notice for Council Tax

## Service description

It is necessary for Dover District Council to collect and process personal information to collect and administer your Council Tax, including discounts and exemptions.

## Processing activity

In order to administer Council Tax, it is necessary for us to collect and hold personal information about you. The information collected and held will vary and depend on the nature of the service. We will process personal information relating to:

- Administration
- Billing
- Discounts
- Payment
- Recovery
- Exemptions

## Information requirements

This may include the following information from you and any other person in your household:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Email address
- Employer details
- Expenditure details
- Power of attorney details
- Address
- Telephone number
- Health information
- Income details
- Financial details

## Lawful basis

Our **lawful bases** for processing your personal information are:

- For the performance of a task carried out in the public interest (to accurately levy and collect council tax and the prevention and detection of fraud in relation to council tax lawfully due)
- That it is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the council is subject

We require the information in order to carry out our duties under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and associated Regulations including:

- Administration of Council Tax under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (and amendments)
- Administration of Council Tax under the Local Government Finance Act 2012 and associated Regulations
- Administration of Council Tax under the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1992 (and amendments)
- Administration of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme under S13A and Schedule 1a of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and associated Regulations
- The Serious Crime Act 2007 (where needed to disclose information to prevent fraud)

## Reasons for processing

Some of the information that is collected is classified as special category personal data or personal data consisting of criminal convictions and offences (including alleged offences). This is processed for exercising specific rights of the council. We have a data protection policy that sets out how this information will be handled.

## Data Processors

We have outsourced some of our services to either joint arrangements with other local authorities, arm's length partly owned companies, or private sector companies who provide services on our behalf. These organisations collect and use personal information on our behalf to provide services. We will need to supply your information to these organisations in order to supply a service to you. These are:

### EK Services

A joint administrative arrangement with Canterbury City Council and Thanet District Council which provides services relating to revenues and benefits, ICT and manages the council's contract with Civica UK Ltd.

### Civica UK Limited

A private sector company which provides benefit services, income collection services, council tax and business rates administration and collection services and customer contact services to the council.

## Data sharing

The law says that we must protect the public funds that we handle. In order to do this we will check some of the information with other sources (e.g. HM Revenue and Customs, credit reference agencies) to verify your identity and to ensure that the information you have provided is accurate.

We may also share your information internally with other council departments (where it is in your interests to do so) as well as under legal obligations with partner organisations that inspect or handle public funds, to prevent and detect fraud and error including:

- Other councils
- Government departments such as HM Revenue and Customs, Magistrates Court, the Department for Work and Pensions, and the Cabinet Office (as part of the National Fraud Initiative)
- National Audit Office
- East Kent Housing
- Police
- Enforcement agents
- Credit Reference Agencies - [TransUnion \(CallCredit\)](#), [Equifax](#), [LoCTA \(Magnet Solutions\)](#)
- Health and social care organisations

If you have given us your permission in writing some of your information may be shared with:

- A named friend or family member
- Support worker or other individual authorised by you to act on your behalf

We will not share your personal data with third parties for commercial purposes nor will we use your personal data for marketing products or services without your consent.

We may also rely on a number of **exemptions**, which allow us to share information without needing to identify a lawful basis for the sharing and without needing to provide you with information about the sharing. Please refer to the Kent & Medway Information Agreement for further details on our sharing arrangements

## Sharing of Council Tax Data to the Office for National Statistics

From the 13th August 2020 the Council will be sharing personal data with the Office for National Statistics on a monthly basis. Councils have been asked to participate in a data sharing arrangement initiated by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). The information we will share with them will include individual's personal data, special category and criminal offence which you have provided to us for the purposes of our Council Tax functions.

The legal power and lawful basis for processing this information is the Statistics and Registration Act 2007 s45(1) and Public Task (GDPR A6 (1)(e)) as supplemented by DPA2018 s8(c)

The lawful basis to processing special category data is GDPR A9(2)(g) as supplemented by DPA2018 s10(1)(b) and (3) and Schedule 1 Part 2 Para 6(2)(a). We also have an appropriate policy document which explains how this information is processed and how we comply with the data protection principles when processing special category data; this is appended to our Data Protection Policy which can be found here at [www.dover.gov.uk/Corporate-Information/PDF/Data-Protection-Policy.pdf](http://www.dover.gov.uk/Corporate-Information/PDF/Data-Protection-Policy.pdf)

To process criminal offence data under GDPR A10 as supplemented by DPA2018 s11(2). The lawful basis we rely on is GDPR A9(2)(g) as supplemented by DPA2018 s10(5) and Schedule 1 Part 2 Para 6(2)(a).

The Office for National Statistics will use your personal information for statistical purposes only, to fulfil its legal obligations. The Office for National Statistics' use of your personal information will be neither invasive nor detrimental to you. They will keep your personal information for the minimum period necessary. Information will be destroyed by them in line with HM Government security guidelines, General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

### **Automated decision making**

We may make automated decisions to end some time-limited discounts and exemptions, and to determine your eligibility for a Single Occupier discount following the result of a review undertaken by the council in order to protect the public funds that it handles. You have the same rights of appeal as when an officer makes a decision. The automated decision for a Single Occupier discount is related to information provided by a partner organisation (credit reference agency) to ensure that the number of people living in your household is correct.

Please refer to our Corporate Privacy Notice at [www.dover.gov.uk/privacy](http://www.dover.gov.uk/privacy) for further details of how we process your personal information and your rights. This is also available in other formats (e.g. print).