



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Council Tax and Community Councils

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The Law

The law relating to the issue of Precepts by Town, Parish and Community Councils is covered by the Local Government Finance Act 1992 Section 41(4).

Calculation of Council Tax

All Council Tax is calculated in "Band D equivalents" because Band D is considered the average. Cardiff Council, therefore, count the number of properties in R&M and assess the banding :

Number of properties in R&M per Band

Band	9/2010	12/2011	12/2012	01/2014	01/2015
A	0	0	0	0	0
B	8	8	8	8	8
C	93	92	92	92	92
D	327	334	333	335	339
E	416	433	448	451	449
F	764	838	823	819	820
G	683	696	709	745	759
H	186	191	188	186	188
I	84	84	85	87	86
Total	2,561	2,676	2,686	2,723	2,741

Cardiff Council then calculates the number of Band D equivalents and bases their Council Tax calculations on that number. Counting and equivalencies are calculated at October 31st for the next year's tax.

Calculating equivalents:

- Band A = 6/9ths of Band D
- Band D = 1
- Band H = 18/9ths of Band D : ie 1 Band H house = 2 Band D equivalents

For R&M in recent years the number of Band D equivalents has been:

Year	Band D equivalents in R&M
2004-05	2,530
2006-07	2,972
2007-08	3,178
2008-09	3,301
2009-10	3,286
2010-11	3,389
2011-12	3,530
2012-13	3,525
2013-14	3,552
2014-15	3,588
2015-16	3,635

- The change in equivalents generally arises from both increases in numbers of properties and the number in higher bands.
- Between 2004-05 and 2015-16, the number of Band D equivalents rose by 43.6%.

Calculating Council Tax contributions to the Precept

To calculate how much Council Tax contributes to the Precept :

$$\frac{\text{Precept } \pounds}{\text{Band D equivalents}} = \text{the Band D Council Tax contribution per year}$$

Year	Band D equivalents in R&M	R&MCC Precept £ per year	Band D contribution to R&MCC £ per year
2004-05	2,530	54,000	21.34
2006-07	2,972	56,000	18.84
2007-08	3,178	58,000	18.25
2008-09	3,301	62,000	18.78
2009-10	3,286	60,000	18.26
2010-11	3,389	65,000	19.18
2011-12	3,530	75,000	21.25
2012-13	3,525	79,000	22.41
2013-14	3,552	79,000	22.24
2014-15	3,588	79,000	22.02
2015-16	3,635	108,000	29.71

Between 2004-05 and 2015-16:

- the Precept doubled.
- the annual amount paid by households hardly changed as Band D equivalents increased until 2015-16. The larger increase this year is due to the need to prepare for possible closure of Radyr Library and Radyr Youth Club.
- Inflation since 2004 means that the amount paid has declined.

How much does a rise in the R&MCC Precept affect Band D contributions?

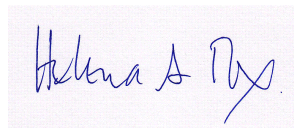
In 2014-15, the Precept was set at £79,000 and it was raised to £108,000 in 2015-16. This rise increased the Band D contribution by £7.69 a year.

Demographics

The number of dwellings in R&M has increased by 47% since 2001, mainly with the building of three new housing developments. In 1981 the population was 4,408 and in the 2001 Census the total population of R&M was 4,658 in 1,847 households. By 2008, the population had reached 5,749. The 2011 Census showed 6,417 people in 2,552 households. Today, we have some 6,750 people, of whom about 5,250 are electors, in 2,741 households. The Boundary Commission estimated that the number of electors would reach 4,829 by 2014 but it had exceeded that in October 2011's Polling Station Review.

<u>Polling Station/Ward</u>	<u>Number of electors</u>			
	<u>10/2011</u>	<u>12/2012</u>	<u>12/2013</u>	<u>06/2015</u>
Guide Hall (Morganstown)	761	775	776	787
MVH (Morganstown)	1,053	1,081	1,103	1,102
OCR (Radyr North)	1,199	1,203	1,203	1,206
Methodist Church (R South)	1,910	2,077	2,114	2,155
Total :	4,923	5,136	5,196	5,250

The Welsh Assembly Government has strengthened the role of community councils in Wales, including enabling them to deliver a wider range of services and actions locally as well as to increase the effectiveness of their representational role and their ability to work in partnership with other bodies. (*Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011*). Further expansion of the role of community councils is being considered within the Welsh Government's Future Generations Bill, Local Government (Democracy)(Wales) Act 2013 and Planning Bills.



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