

Your Business Rates 2023/24

Local businesses like yours are vital in helping our borough prosper. We are committed to making Dacorum the place to do business and we have a dedicated team offering skills training, free support, networking opportunities and advice.

Our continued investment programme of £42.07 million up to 2027/28 aims to regenerate the borough and boost our local economy.

Money from business rates, together with Council Tax, Government grants, charges and other income help pay for the services and support we provide in Dacorum. Central Government sets the business rates and receives most of the money you pay, but we are allowed to keep around £3.1 million.

This leaflet tells you more about where your money goes, and how we can support your business.

Councillor Andrew Williams, Leader of the Council

Your business rates help to fund a wide range of services

Here's what we are spending on your business services this year:

Regulatory services (including licensing, environmental health and food standards) **£0.789m**

Street cleansing and sweeping **£2.018m**

Planning, development and building control **£2.834m**

Economic development and business support **£0.420m**

Town centres **£0.621m**

Where our money comes from:

Housing rent (from council tenants) **£60.87m**

Fees, charges and contributions **£20.85m**

Investments (properties and interest) **£6.05m**

Government funding and grants **£2.92m**

Council Tax (including adjustments) **£13.34m**

Business rates **£4.39m**

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Questions about business rates

Email: business.rates@dacorum.gov.uk

Phone: business rates helpline 01442 228268

Direct Debit: The easiest way to pay. If you don't already pay your business rates by Direct Debit and want to sign up, visit: www.dacorum.gov.uk/businessrates

Working to support your business

Our Economic Development team is committed to ensuring all businesses in Dacorum have relevant and high-quality support available to make doing business in the borough as efficient as possible.

To find out more about any of the support services or activities listed on this page, please visit www.dacorum.gov.uk/business email business@dacorum.gov.uk or call 01442 531002.

Sign up to our Business Update for the latest information on business issues, news and support by email. www.dacorum.gov.uk/business-update

Business advice

We can provide:

- Personalised advice based on local knowledge and connections
- Referrals to specialist advice, on setting up your business, from practical to legal and financial information
- Introductions to local partnerships and networks
- One-to-one business advice.

Dacorum's Den

Dacorum's Den is our business grant scheme, based on the popular TV show, which gives budding local entrepreneurs the chance to apply for funding to grow and develop a business idea. Since it was launched in 2012, more than £90,000 has been invested in business growth to over 70 local organisations. Applications for Dacorum's Den 2023 will open soon.

www.dacorum.gov.uk/dacorumsden

Hemel Hempstead Business Ambassadors

The Hemel Hempstead Business Ambassadors (HHBA) promote Hemel Hempstead and the surrounding areas.

They strengthen the reputation of the location as the prime choice for business, helping encourage key people to work and live in the area, create new jobs, attract top talent and persuade investors and developers to see the area as the perfect place to invest.

For more information please contact Claire Furnell-Williams, Marketing and Development Manager at claire@hhba-dacorum.co.uk or call 07763 550620.

Maylands and Kylna Business Centres

Our business centres provide a supportive business environment to help companies thrive.

Maylands Business Centre has 13 serviced offices and 23

light industrial units. Our aim is to assist businesses to grow and develop so that they are ready to move into commercial properties within three years.

Kylna Business Centre, in the heart of Maylands Avenue, offers four to 12-person serviced offices.

For more information contact: maylands.reception@dacorum.gov.uk or call 01442 531002.

Flexidesx

Maylands Business Centre has a fully serviced workspace called Flexidesx, providing a number of desks that can be booked by the hour, day or week to suit your modern-day requirements.

For more information contact: maylands.reception@dacorum.gov.uk or call 01442 531002.

Filming and tourism

Dacorum has become increasingly popular for filming, with world-class film studios nearby and a wide range of filming locations from quaint villages to modern towns and business parks.

We welcome film and TV crews to the area and recognise the benefits that filming and film tourism can bring to the local economy. We also recognise that we have to balance this with the needs of our residents and local businesses and the use of our public resources.

Find out more: www.dacorum.gov.uk/filming

Cost of living support

We have brought together details of local, county and national resources to help support residents and businesses with the cost of living. Find more information on our website: www.dacorum.gov.uk/cost-of-living



The Electoral Commission

Find out more at

electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

No ID? You can apply for free voter ID

Local elections 4 May 2023

Visit www.dacorum.gov.uk/elections-2023

