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### Overview

Tandridge is a predominantly rural district covering approximately 110 square miles. It borders the Borough of Reigate and Banstead in the west, London Borough of Croydon in the north, Kent in the east and West Sussex to the south. Approximately 94% of the area is Green Belt land with only 12% of Tandridge developed. Just under a third is open space and over a half for agricultural use. It is a district of contrast with busy commuter towns and leafy villages. There are two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the Surrey Hills AONB in the north and the High Weald AONB in the south-east.

There are approx 4100 businesses. The proportion of the workforce who are either self employed or work for small employers is higher than in Surrey as a whole, the south-east or in England.  More residents (58%) commute outside the District to work than anywhere else in Surrey. Tandridge also has a high number of people who use the train to commute.

### Significant Demographic Information

* The district has a population of about 86,025 (2015 mid-year estimates) the third smallest in Surrey
* Tandridge has the second lowest population density with 3.4 persons per hectare, far below the county average of 6.99.
* Approximately 70% of the population live in the main northern residential areas of Caterham, Oxted, Warlingham and Whyteleafe, which cover about 9% of the district's geographical area.
* Overall, the district is a safe and healthy place to live.
* While there are small pockets of deprivation, and difficulties associated with the rural nature of the district, overall the district is one of the least deprived in England.
* The documents prepared for the Local Plan provide further useful information on the economy, population and landscape of the district: <https://www.tandridge.gov.uk/Planning-and-building/Planning-strategies-and-policies/Local-Plan-2033-emerging-planning-policies/Local-Plan-2033/Examination-library> .

### Current local issues

* On Friday 18 January 2019, the Council submitted ‘[Our Local Plan: 2033](https://www.tandridge.gov.uk/Portals/0/Documents/Planning%20and%20building/Planning%20strategies%20and%20policies/Local%20plan/Local%20plan%202033/Examination%20library/MAIN%20DOCUMENTS/MD1-Our-Local-Plan-2033-Submission-2019.pdf)’ to the Planning Inspectorate for examination. The most up to date information is available on the District Council website: [www.tandridge.gov.uk](http://www.tandridge.gov.uk)
* Tandridge District Council implemented the 'Community Infrastructure Levy' (CIL) from 1st December 2014. The Community Infrastructure Levy (called the levy or CIL) allows local planning authorities to raise funds from developers which carry out new building projects in their area. The funds raised go towards infrastructure which is needed to support the growth of the district, such as schools and transport improvements.

### The local political structure

Mr Sam Gyimah (Conservative) represents the East Surrey constituency, which comprises the district of Tandridge, as well as three wards within Reigate and Banstead - Horley East, Horley West and Horley Central.

### Surrey County Council

The political composition of the county council as at May 2019 is:

Conservative – 59

Surrey Opposition Forum - 10

Residents’ Association & Independent - 11

Other – 1

The leader is Mr Tim Oliver, a county councillor in Elmbridge.

More information about the county council is available online: [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

There are 6 county councillors representing the Tandridge district. They will work with both services and committees at a county level, but are also involved in the Local Committee. The Local Committee has a remit to take decisions on county functions at the district level, and aims to enable residents to engage with their local representatives on a regular basis.

The Local Committee Chairman for 2019/20 is Mr Cameron McIntosh (Oxted division) and the Vice-Chairman is Ms Rose Thorn (Godstone Division).

More information about Tandridge is available on the county council's website: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/get-involved/your-local-area/tandridge-local-area>

The county councillors for the Tandridge district are:

* Mr Cameron McIntosh- Chairman of the Local Committee (Oxted)Conservative
* Mrs Rose Thorn – Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee (Godstone) – Conservative
* Mr Chris Botten, (Caterham on the Hill) - Liberal Democrat
* Mr David Lee (Caterham Valley) - Liberal Democrat
* Mrs Becky Rush (Warlingham) - Conservative
* Mrs Lesley Steeds (Lingfield) - Conservative

Each year, the district council is invited to nominate 6 district councillors to sit on the local committee. These 6 members represent the political proportionality of the wider district council. For 2019/20, the co-opted members are 3 Conservative, 1 Liberal Democrat ,1 Oxted and Limpsfield Residents Group and 1 Independent; Michael Cooper (Con), Tony Elias (Con), Harry Fitzgerald (Con), Chris Langton (OLRG), Simon Morrow (Lib Dem), Sir Nicholas White (Ind).

### Tandridge District Council Tandridge District Council was formed on the 1 April 1974, under the Local Government Act 1972, by the merger of Caterham and Warlingham urban district along with Godstone Rural District.

Tandridge District Council comprises of 42 elected Councillors, representing 20 wards across the District.

Following the district council elections in May 2019, the council is no overall control, and is being led by a Conservative minority administration.

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|  | Con | Ind | Lab | Lib Dem | Oxted and Limpsfield Residents Group Independents Alliance |
| May 2019 election results | 16 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 13 |
| Prior to May elections | 22 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 9 |

The Council retains a committee structure and has no executive. Mr Tony Elias (Conservative) is the Leader of the District Council.

### Parish Councils

The District has 21 civil parishes, making it the only fully parished area in the County.

Contact details for Parish Councils are available online: <https://www.tandridge.gov.uk/Your-council/Councillors-and-committees/Parish-or-village-councils>

### Local Services

#### Children and young people

There are two youth centres in the District – The Street, Caterham and Harry’s, Oxted and a mobile unit called the i-bus.

In January 2019, the county council agreed to change its approach to children’s centres. Instead of being open to all families with young children aged 0-5, the council will focus its resources on those families most in need, with children aged 0-11, with a focus on targeting those families and working with them in their homes. A core element will be supporting families at a much earlier point, in their homes and communities, preventing problems escalating into a crisis that might require a child being taken into care.

In Tandridge, the centre at Caterham will be retained as a family centre under this new approach, but the current children’s centres at Hamsey Green, Hurst Green and Holland, the Windmill, and St Piers, will cease to provide county council services.

#### Vulnerable Adults

The Adult Social Care locality teams are based in the Tandridge District Offices Centre alongside district council staff and the Neighbourhoods Police Team.

There are two Day Centres: Douglas Brunton Centre and Lingfield Centre.

#### Schools

Pressure on school places is a key issue especially in the south of Tandridge, with no secondary schools in Godstone or the Lingfield electoral divisions. Currently a large number of children have to travel into Redhill or East Grinstead to attend school.

* Infant Schools: 5 (3 voluntary aided)
* Junior Schools: 2 (one voluntary aided)
* Primary Schools: 17 (including two Foundation Schools- Godstone Village and Woodlea. Four voluntary aided – Nutfield C of E, St Francis Catholic School, St John’s C of E and St Stephen’s C of E. Four Academies- Hillcroft, Whyteleafe, Marden Lodge and Warlingham Village )
* Secondary Schools: 3 (including two Academies – Warlingham school and Oxted school and one Foundation – De Stafford)
* Sixth Form Colleges: 0
* Special Schools: 3

#### Libraries

There are 5 libraries in the district - Oxted, Caterham Valley, Caterham on the Hill, Warlingham and Lingfield.

Two of the libraries are 'community partnered libraries' and run by volunteers (Lingfield and Warlingham)

A consultation to review SCC library services ran from 30 October 2018- 4 January 2019. Further information is available on the county council’s website: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/have-your-say/consultations>

#### Fire Stations

There are 3 Fire Stations (two on-call stations and one whole time)

**Partnership Activity**

**East Surrey Community Safety Partnership: ‘’Working Together to Keep East Surrey Safe"**

The East Surrey Community Safety Partnership (ES CSP) covering Reigate and Banstead, Tandridge, and Mole Valley was established in 2014 to build on existing collaborative work and provide a more effective and productive method for joint working. Due to the success of this collaboration, and following formal agreement by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner the ES CSP was expanded in February 2017 to include Epsom & Ewell.

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