

Thinking about becoming a homeowner? Don't forget about your
COUNCIL TAX!!!

Congratulations! you are on the road to becoming a homeowner. It may appear that you already have lots to do when buying your home but please

DO NOT FORGET TO PAY ANY OUTSTANDING COUNCIL TAX

Buying your own home is one of the biggest decisions you will make and we wish you well with your application. We do not want you to become a homeowner worrying about debts, particularly Council Tax. The Council can take action in the County Court to place a charge on your property for Council Tax arrears. The Council can then ask the Court to force you to sell the property to pay the Council tax you owe. If you have Council Tax arrears please contact Customer Services now on **020 8690-9666** for advice or use one of the following methods of payment to bring your account up to date:

In Person - At the Town Hall; Catford SE6 from Monday to Friday 9am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm. Please use the payment slips in your payment book.

By phone (24 hour service) - pay with a credit or debit card by calling 020 8690 8707. Please have your Council Tax account number and card ready. This is an automated service.

By Phone between 9.00 am and 8.00pm - Pay with a credit or debit card by calling Customer Services on 020 8690 9666. Please have your Council Tax account number and card details ready.

Online - Pay with a debit or credit card by visiting our secure site at www.lewisham.gov.uk

By Post - to London Borough of Lewisham, Council Tax, PO Box 1221, London SE6 4RT. A payment slip is not necessary but you **MUST** remember to quote your Council Tax account number on the back of cheques and postal orders. Please do not send cash through the post.

DIRECT DEBIT

Direct Debit is a cheap, reliable and convenient way to pay your Council Tax. You can spread your instalments over 12 months instead of 10 and you have a choice of 3 payment dates.

All payments are protected by the Direct Debit guarantee and you can cancel at any time.

You can set up Direct Debit from the comfort of your own home by calling our free Direct Debit line on **0808 100 9010** or visit online at: www.lewisham.gov.uk