



# HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Your Council Tax 2018/19

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Hartlepool Borough Council has set a budget for 2018/19 of £87 million to help meet the cost of increasing pressures on Adult Social Care.

This will mean a **4.9% increase in Council Tax**, made up of two components. Firstly, a 2.9% general Council Tax rise, which includes 1% to ease pressure on Children's Social Care. Secondly, a 2% increase specifically for Adult Social Care, shifting the burden away from Central Government and on to council taxpayers.

**The overall increase is the equivalent of 97p a week for a Band A household, or £50.51 a year.**

The increase is designed to protect vital services following significant cuts in Government funding and an ongoing increase in demand for services as a result of Hartlepool's ageing population.

Since 2013, the Government has cut Hartlepool Council's annual grant by £20.9m, putting significant pressure on its budget.

**The amount of Council Tax payable for each property band for Hartlepool Council services in 2018/19 is shown in the table below.**

Nearly 70% of the council's budget (70p in every £1) goes on providing Social Care for Adult and Children's Services. The biggest demand is for adult social care services.

## Adult Care provides:



**Support to more than 2,000 carers across Hartlepool.**

**Adult Social Care support to almost 5,000 people across the town.**



**4,800 items of equipment have been provided in the last 12 months.**

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Properties in band	54.90%	16.90%	14.20%	7.50%	3.80%	1.60%	1.00%	0.10%
Hartlepool Borough Council precept	£1,012.34	£1,181.05	£1,349.78	£1,518.50	£1,855.95	£2,193.39	£2,530.84	£3,037.00
Adult Social Care levy	£69.01	£80.52	£92.02	£103.52	£126.52	£149.53	£172.53	£207.04
Total Council Tax for Hartlepool Council services	£1,081.35	£1,261.57	£1,441.80	£1,622.02	£1,982.47	£2,342.92	£2,703.37	£3,244.04

**NOTE: The Adult Social Care levy (£103.52) combines the amount charged in 2016/17 (£28.37), the 2017/18 levy (£44.22) and the 2018/19 levy (£30.93). The 2018/19 levy (2%) is based on the 2017/18 overall Council Tax precept (£1,546.23).**

# Where each £1 spent by the Council comes from

46p  
Council Tax

24p  
Government revenue  
support grant &  
business rates top-up

9p  
Other government  
grants

19p  
Local share of  
business rates

2p  
Reserves



# How each £1 of Council Tax is spent



Adult Social  
Services  
36p



Children's  
Services  
20p



Refuse collection  
and disposal  
5p



Loan  
repayments  
3p



Recreation, Libraries  
and Tourism  
4p



Other  
services  
16p



Police and Crime  
Commissioner  
12p



Cleveland Fire  
Authority  
4p

# Are you paying too much Council Tax?

You may be able to claim Local Council Tax Support if you, or another adult in your home, is on low income, either in or out of work. There are also Council Tax reductions available for special circumstances; for example if a member of your family is disabled or severely mentally impaired, or your partner now lives in a nursing home.

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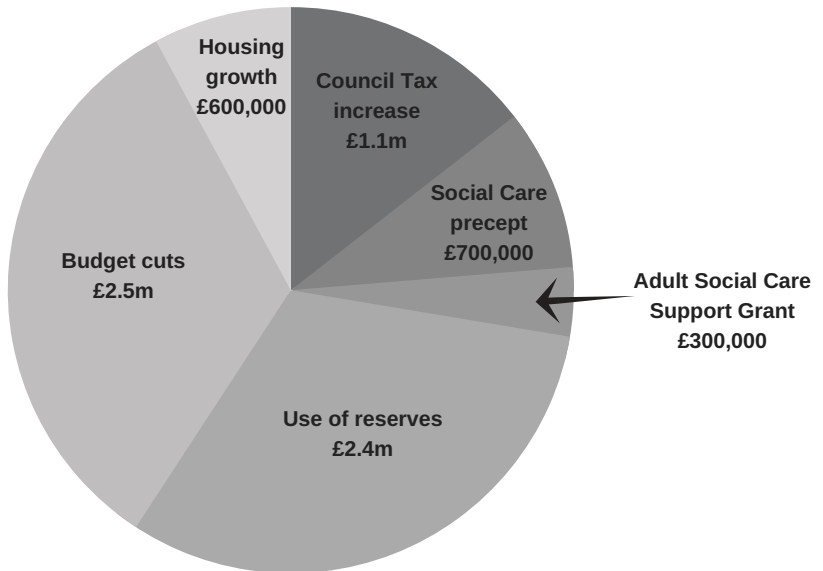


Since 2010, council services have been affected by a significant reduction in Government funding. The Government has confirmed that further funding reductions will be made in 2018/19 and 2019/20.

**Government funding**    2013/14    **→**    2019/20    **=**    Reduction of almost £500 for every household in the borough.

£46.4m                      £25.5m

## How we have addressed the 2018/19 budget deficit of £7.3m:



In 2016/17, the Government recognised the financial pressures on councils and implemented the Adult Social Care precept. This change enables councils to increase Council Tax to partly offset Government funding reductions and the increased cost of services.

There is, however, plenty of good news too and the Council has secured external funding to help pay for investment in the town. Work is well underway on £8m of projects to regenerate key parts of our town. Construction has started on a scheme to revitalise the Church Street and Church Square area and construction has also begun on a scheme to revitalise the Seaton Carew seafront.

We continue to strive to make Hartlepool a vibrant, welcoming and inspiring place to live, work, invest and grow up in.

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