



HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

Your Council Tax 2019/20

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Your Council Tax explained



2019/20 will be the ninth year of Government funding reductions faced by Hartlepool Borough Council. This means our Government funding will be approximately £25.5m, compared to £46.4m in 2013/14 – a reduction of 45%.

Hartlepool Borough Council also faces significant budget pressures in 2019/20 in relation to Looked after Children and Adult Social Care - particularly in respect of the frail, elderly and vulnerable.

As a result, Hartlepool Borough Council faces a 2019/20 budget deficit of **£8.4m**, making this the most difficult year the Council has ever faced.

However, this deficit can be reduced to **£3.8m** by implementing the proposed core Council Tax increase, Adult Social Care precept, achieving forecast housing growth, budget savings and the use of forecast additional Social Care funding.

To support the process to achieve further efficiencies, a comprehensive review of reserves has been completed. On this basis it is proposed that the 2019/20 budget can be balanced by using **£3.8m** of reserves.

We believe the Government's current Council Tax policy is simply shifting the burden of paying for vital services - including Social Care, Police and Fire - from Central Government to local taxpayers in Hartlepool.

For Hartlepool Borough Council services, this will mean a 3.9% increase in Council Tax.

This isn't fair and means Councils are being left with the difficult choice of either increasing Council Tax or making even greater cuts in services.

The amount of Council Tax payable for each property band in 2019/20 is shown in the table below.

	Increase	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Hartlepool Council	2.9%	£1,043.69	£1,217.65	£1,391.59	£1,565.54	£1,913.43	£2,261.34	£2,609.23	£3,131.08
Adult Social Care levy	1.0%	£79.83	£93.13	£106.44	£119.74	£146.35	£172.96	£199.57	£239.48
Police and Crime Commissioner	10.6%	£167.03	£194.86	£222.70	£250.54	£306.22	£361.89	£417.57	£501.08
Cleveland Fire Authority	2.9%	£51.57	£60.17	£68.76	£77.36	£94.55	£111.74	£128.93	£154.72
Total	4.7%	£1,342.12	£1,565.81	£1,789.49	£2,013.18	£2,460.55	£2,907.93	£3,355.30	£4,026.36

NOTE: The Adult Social Care levy was first introduced in 2016/17 and has increased each year. In 2019/20, it will be £119.74 for a Band D property.

Where each £1 spent by the Council comes from

47p
Council Tax

21p
Government Revenue
Support Grant &
Business Rates top-up

11p
Other Government
grants

17p
Local share of
Business Rates

4p
Reserves



How each £1 of Council Tax is spent



Adult Social
Services
36p



Children's
Services
21p



Refuse collection
and disposal
5p



Loan
repayments
3p



Recreation, Libraries
and Tourism
4p



Other
services
15p



Police
12p



Cleveland Fire
Authority
4p

Other elements of your Council Tax

The Council Tax for Police is set by the Police and Crime Commissioner who decided to set the maximum increase allowed by the Government of 10.6%, which for a Band A household is £167.03 for the year, or £3.21 a week. Cleveland Fire Authority approved an increase of 2.9%, which for a Band A household is £51.57 for the year, or 99p a week.

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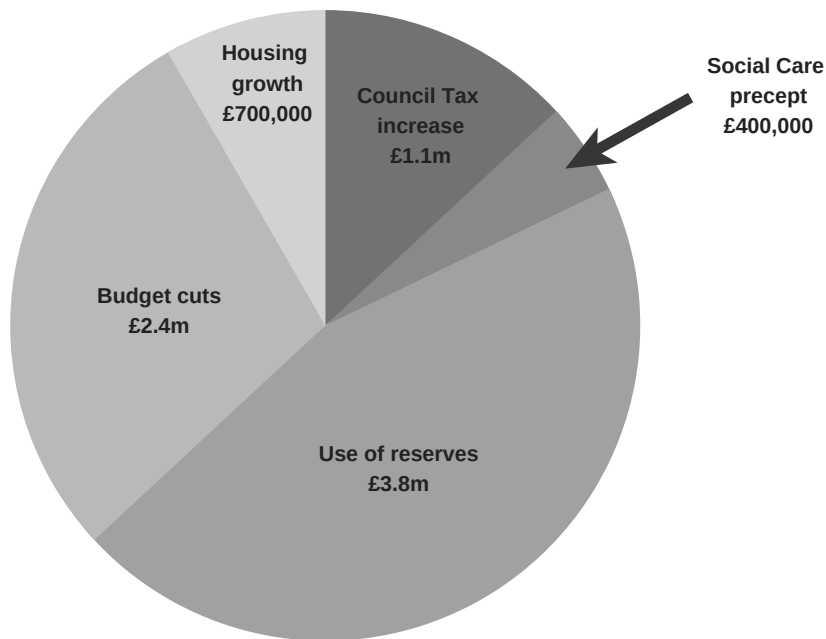
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Since 2010, Council services have been affected by a significant reduction in Government funding. The Government has confirmed that further funding reductions will be made in 2019/20.

Government funding 2013/14 £46.4m → 2019/20 £25.5m = Reduction of almost £500 for every household.

How we have addressed the 2019/20 budget deficit of £8.4m:



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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