Your Council Tax
2018/19

Peterborough City Council
Every year we face the unenviable challenge of managing increasing demands on our services with a reducing amount of money. This year has been no different.

Peterborough has seen an 80 per cent drop in its revenue support grant (from £55 million to £15 million) in just eight years.

Of course, all councils have seen levels of funding decrease. However, government calculations for revenue support grants are based on out of date population estimates. Peterborough is the fourth fastest growing city in the country with the fourth highest birth rate. We are also the 14th most deprived area in the UK.

All this leads to greater demand for services, especially Adult Social Care, combatting homelessness and providing additional school places.

I'm pleased to say that we have risen to the challenge and have delivered a balanced budget.

Indeed we are continuing to protect vital services such as winter gritting, libraries, trading standards, waste disposal and prevention and enforcement in the city. Unlike some local councils, we can safeguard these areas.

Furthermore, we are investing in the services which are most important to our residents and supporting the continued growth of the city.

We've been able to attract £31 million through section 106 investments from developers which have helped to improve the city’s infrastructure.

Regeneration projects such as Fletton Quays will only increase our city’s desirability further and you only have to take a walk past the development to see how much progress is being made - it truly is an exciting time for Peterborough.

Our overall council tax will increase by 5.99 per cent, which will mean that residents living in a Band D property will be paying approximately £1.42 extra per week.

This planned increase includes an Adult Social Care precept of three per cent, a special levy which applies to next year (2018/19) only and has to be spent on adult social care budgets.

We understand council tax rises are not popular and that is why we have worked hard to keep rates low over recent years and we remain the cheapest in the county.

Council tax bills have been kept low by our commitment to be an efficient and effective council. This has including sharing services, such as planning, with other local councils.

We generate income by selling services to other councils and make efficiencies through our innovative use of technology, which for example has enabled every single library in the city to remain open while reducing their overall cost. The Fletton Quays development will also see us generate new income streams by leasing out office space to businesses and our partners.

In addition, the growth of the city supports services through additional business rates and a government bonus that we receive for new homes that are built.

We hope residents understand why we have had to increase council tax this year, as the alternative is having to make even more savings which will inevitably lead to significant service reductions or some services being removed altogether.

People on low incomes remain protected with the only difference to our Council Tax Support Scheme being changes to mirror those in Housing Benefit rules.

Pensioners in receipt of council tax support will continue to be protected from any reductions applied to working age claims.

Peterborough continues to go from strength to strength. Last year alone 14 new businesses came to the city. Unemployment fell to 1.4 per cent, well below the national average and we’ve experienced a 40 per cent rise in overnight stays to the city over the last two years.

The city’s rate of building new homes is among the best in the country but we are determined to build more, partly through our new housing development company.

The financial challenge for all local authorities will continue in the years to come and therefore we are focussed on finding new ways to generate income in order to protect the wide range of services that we deliver for residents.
Total Cost of Services and Council Tax Requirement

The council sets its budget each year to establish how much it needs to spend in order to provide services to the community within the resources available. A significant proportion of the total expenditure is met from general and specific government grants including grants for schools, the council also retains a proportion of business rates and receives other income such as fees and charges, the remainder (17.7 per cent) is met from council tax.

The total amount the council needs to spend in 2018/19 is £418.7m including precepts from parish councils and levies from levying bodies. This is shown in the table below which compares this year’s figures to those of 2017/18.

To arrive at the amount of money the council needs to raise from council tax payers (£74m), income from government grants, business rates and other service income needs to be deducted.

The table shows an increase in the amount raised from council tax which is due a 2.99 per cent general increase in council tax and a three per cent Adult Social Care Precept (see below). However, Peterborough continues to have one of the lowest levels of council tax in the country.

For 2018/19 the council needs to make £26m of savings in order to deal with service pressures and remain within its funding levels. Further reductions in government grant are expected for 2018/19 onwards. The government is currently consulting on plans to implement a new Fairer Funding system and the Business Rates 75 per cent Retention scheme in 2020/21.

In deciding where the savings will be made the council has maintained its commitment to its priorities of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, improving educational attainment, promoting growth, regeneration and economic development, supporting culture and the environment, keeping our communities safe, cohesive and healthy and achieving the best health and wellbeing for the city.

Prior to the approval of the final budget on 7 March 2018, the budget proposals went through a period of public consultation.

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The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has made an offer to Adult Social Care authorities. (“Adult Social Care authorities” are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014, namely county councils in England, district councils for an area in England for which there is no county council, London borough councils, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.)

The offer is the option of an Adult Social Care authority being able to charge an additional “precept” on its council tax for financial years from the financial year beginning in 2016 without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting expenditure on Adult Social Care. Subject to the annual approval of the House of Commons, the Secretary of State intends to offer the option of charging this “precept” at an appropriate level in each financial year up to and including the financial year 2019/20.

Peterborough’s population is projected to reach 216,420 by 2021, from 198,100 in 2016 equating to a nine per cent increase. Of which people aged 85 and over are expected to increase by 21 per cent and those aged 65 and over by 14 per cent.

As life expectancy increases, older people are living with multiple long-term conditions associated with ageing. For example, supporting people with dementia is a growing pressure on Adult Social Care budgets in the UK.

Like many other councils, Peterborough has experienced pressure on its Adult Social Care budgets due to a combination of the increasing cost of providing care, the rising demand for services, including those with more complex needs and also has had its grant funding cut. Therefore, the council has decided to levy the Adult Social Care precept to help protect services going forward.

Money raised from this precept will continue to be spent on Adult Social Care services. This includes managing increasing demand for mental health and physical disability referrals, and helping the growing numbers of older people and adults with learning disabilities, who require support as well as a number of their Adult Social Care services.
Balancing our books

The majority of the council’s funding (54 per cent) comes from the government and comprises the specific funding for schools, revenue support grant (RSG) and individual grants for specific purposes, such as housing benefits.

The council’s other main sources of income are the council tax and a proportion of the business rates collected.

Where does the £418.7m (£431.3m) come from?

An analysis of the gross income for 2018/19 is shown in the chart below.

![Income Chart]

- School’s Funding £109m (£132.8m)
- Council Tax £68.7m (£65m)
- Adult Social Care Precept £5.3m (£3.2m)
- Specific Grants £34.7m (£33.7m)
- Revenue Support Grant £15.1m (£19.8m)
- Housing Benefit Subsidy £66.4m (£66.7m)
- Locally Retained Business Rates £45.5m (£43.6m)
- Other Income £45.1m (£39.7m)
- Income From Fees & Charges £28.9m (£26.8m)

*Figures in brackets represent corresponding values for 2017/18.*

What will be provided for £418.7m (£431.3m)

An analysis of the gross expenditure for 2018/19 is shown in the chart below.

![Expenditure Chart]

- Chief Executive £1.7m (£1.8m)
- Public Health £10.9m (£11.5m)
- Governance £5.3m (£5m)
- Growth & Regeneration £38.1m (£37.6m)
- People & Communities £243.8m (£259.1m)
- Resources £48.9m (£46.3m)
- Business Rates Tariff £2.4m (£2.1m)
- Housing Benefit £66.4m (£66.7m)
- Locally Retained Business Rates £45.5m (£43.6m)
- Levies & Precepts £1.2m (£1.2m)

- The main expenditure is incurred in the People & Communities Directorate, which includes Children’s Services, Schools and Adult Social Care.
- Growth and Regeneration covers other major services including planning, transport, engineering, highways and the contract for waste management.
- Governance includes mainly legal services.
- Resources includes major external contracts for cultural services and support services and capital financing costs.
- Chief Executive includes some support and project costs.
Levies paid to other organisations by Peterborough City Council

Levies are statutory payments made to other organisations who are funded by local taxpayers. The total levy issued is shared in proportion to the taxbase of all contributing local authorities.

The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood and coastal erosion risk management for 2,292 kilometres of main river, and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the Anglian Northern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. Money is spent on the construction of new flood defence schemes, the maintenance of the river system and existing flood defences together with the operation of a flood warning system and management of the risk of coastal erosion.

The majority of the funding for flood defences comes from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). However, under the new Partnership Funding rule not all schemes will attract full central funding. To provide local funding for local priorities and contributions for partnership funding the Regional Flood and Coastal Committees recommend through the Environment Agency a local levy.

A change in the gross budgeted expenditure between years reflects the programme of works for both capital and revenue needed by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to which you contribute. The total local levy raised by this committee has increased by one per cent.

Internal drainage boards manage an extensive network of watercourses, embankments, pumping stations and other water control assets within the local area in order to maintain water levels and mitigate the risk of flooding. Under the Land Drainage Act 1991 the boards can raise income from the areas for which they provide water level management to maintain and improve their assets, and this is partly achieved by a levy on local authorities.

### Levying bodies

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### How much is council tax?

We set the council tax by adding together the amounts needed by Peterborough City Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority and your parish council (if you have one).

We collect the total tax on behalf of the other organisations. We set the charge for band D properties. We then set the charges for properties in other bands in proportion to this, as set by an Act of Parliament.

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### Where your money goes

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**Total**: £1,485.10 in 2017/18, £1,572.82 in 2018/19
Council tax discounts

If only one adult lives in a home, we reduce the bill by a quarter. In some cases, we do not count some groups of people when adding up how many adults live in a property.

These groups of people include students, apprentices, some student nurses, certain care workers and carers, youth trainees and people with severe learning disabilities.

You may also qualify for a reduction in your council tax if you have an annex occupied by a family member or as part of your main home.

You have to claim the single person’s discount as it is not automatic. So, if you think you should receive a discount please visit [www.peterborough.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/counciltax) where you can complete the relevant application form online.

If you already receive a discount, you must tell us within 21 days about changes to the people living in your home affecting your discount (for example, someone who lives with you becoming 18 or someone else coming to live in your home). If you do not tell us, you may have to pay a £70 fine.

Who pays council tax?

There is a council tax bill for all homes. The person who has to pay council tax is usually the adult householder. The amount of council tax you pay reflects the value of your home, so the more expensive your home the more council tax you have to pay.

The person who is highest in the box to the right is the person who has to pay. If there are two or more people at the same level for example - joint owners or joint tenants - they are all responsible for payment.

Responsibility for payment

This list helps us decide who is the liable person:

- the resident owner (freeholder)
- the resident leaseholder
- the resident tenant
- the resident licensee
- the resident

Where a couple is living together, both people are responsible for paying the bill. If nobody is living in a domestic property the owner has to pay, this includes periods between tenancies.

The owner also has to pay if the property is:

- a residential home
- lived in by religious communities (for example a monastery or convent)
- a house in multiple occupation – occupied by persons who do not constitute a single household
- the main home of someone employed by the owner in domestic service
- lived in by certain ministers of religion
- provided under Section 95, Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Council tax instalments are usually payable over 10 months.

You now have the right to request your instalments over 12 months and to do so you must apply by email to [local.taxation@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:local.taxation@peterborough.gov.uk) or by writing to the council by 6 April 2018.

Any written applications received after this date will be entitled to be spread over the number of full months remaining in the year.
**Council tax support**

If you are having difficulty paying your council tax you may be entitled to some help. Many people may be entitled to reduced council tax, for example those receiving Income Support, Jobseeker’s Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, Universal Credit or Pension Credit.

If you receive one of these benefits, or are on a low income, you can check your entitlement to support using the online calculator or make an online claim for council tax support on our website.

- you may qualify even if you are working
- people of state pension age can get up to 100 per cent reduction in their council tax. Those of working age can get up to 70 per cent reduction
- both tenants and owner-occupiers can apply
- if you pay for childcare we can disregard up to £175 (for one child) or up to £300 (for two or more children) from your earnings
- the amount of council tax support may be reduced if there are other adults living in your home.

**Hardship scheme**

We can also help with any other individual circumstances that may cause significant financial hardship.

For more information about this and to apply for support through a discretionary scheme, please contact the Citizens’ Advice Bureau on 0344 499 4120 or go to www.citapeterborough.org.uk

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**Council tax exemptions**

**Exempt homes**

Some homes are exempt from council tax, meaning that no one has to pay.

**This includes homes:**

- lived in only by students
- where all the residents are under 18 years old
- where all the residents have severe learning disabilities
- that are owned or leased by a diplomat or a member of visiting armed forces
- that are empty, including the following:
  - are owned by a charity (exempt for up to six months)
  - left empty by someone who has gone to prison, hospital or a nursing or residential home
  - left empty by someone who has died (exempt up to six months after grant of probate)
  - have been repossessed, or are the responsibility of a bankrupt person’s trustee
  - awaiting to be lived in by a minister of religion
  - empty caravan pitches or boat moorings.

The council no longer offers any discount for empty and unfurnished properties. You could also be charged additional council tax if you are the owner of a property that has been empty and unfurnished for more than two years.

**Help with council tax for disabled people**

We may be able to reduce your bill if you, or an adult or child who lives with you, has a room, an extra bathroom or kitchen or extra space in your property to allow the use of a wheelchair that is needed to meet the special needs of their disability. Please contact us for more information.

**Contact**

If you are unsure about whether you can get help, please visit www.peterborough.gov.uk/counciltax in the first instance for FAQs and online forms. If you still require assistance call 01733 452258 for further advice. The quicker you ask, the less you may have to pay.
Valuation bands

The government has put all homes in one of eight bands depending on their open-market value as at 1 April 1991.

This cannot take account of any changes in the price of property (either up or down) since April 1991.

The council tax is set at the level of Band D properties.

If you think that your valuation band is wrong, you must contact the listing officer.

The address is:

Valuation bands

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Other bands pay in proportions of ninths, are as shown below.

Council tax banding appeals

The listing officer of the Valuation Office Agency (part of HM Revenue and Customs) values a home for banding.

Council tax liability appeals

You can appeal if you think your bill is incorrect. For example, if you are not the resident, if you think you should have an exemption, or there is a mistake in working out your bill.

You may appeal in writing to us, giving your reasons so that we can look at your case again.

Please note: Making an appeal does not allow you to stop paying the council tax that is due.

If your appeal is successful, you will be entitled to a refund of any council tax you have overpaid.

If you would like more details of the appeals procedure (including the role of valuation tribunals), please visit www.peterborough.gov.uk/counciltax

If you still require assistance call us on 01733 452258.
Online Payments and Digital Services

Following the closure of our Cash Office, you will now be able to pay for many more council services through our website.

You will also be able to apply for additional council services online. What this means is that you can save time by going online, and have the convenience of paying your bills or applying for services, from your computer or smartphone, at any time of the day.

Here are some of the different ways that you can now pay for various council services.

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*You will be able to pay your Other Council Bills at Post Offices and Payzones, and at branches of your bank. However, you must take with you the bill we have issued, as the barcode will need to be scanned before payment can be accepted. †Automated phone payment service.

Our website is designed to be simple and easy to use. However, if you need help to access the internet and use our website, or would like advice on how to make the most of your digital devices, then you can take advantage of the many free training sessions that the council runs at different locations in the city. You can find out more at your local community centre, by calling 01733 452266 or www.peterborough.gov.uk.

Free internet access is available through our local libraries and at Peterborough’s community hubs, like the ones at Westwood, Herlington Centre and Gladstone Park.
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority is responsible for providing an efficient and effective fire and rescue service. This is achieved by responding to 999 emergencies along with balancing resources across fire safety in the home and at work.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service continues to be one of the lowest financing fire and rescue services in the country, yet continually strives to improve the service it provides to the public.

Background
The Fire Authority has continued to face significant financial challenges for the past few years. The grant funding received from the government was reduced by 46.6 per cent over the previous Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) (2013 / 2016) and will be further reduced for the current CSR by a further 24 per cent.

What does it mean?
The budget has been prepared for the next financial year after making a number of assumptions.

Which are:
- A 2.96 per cent increase in council tax for 2018/19
- Pay inflation of two per cent
- A reduction of £3.9 million in government funding over the four financial year period 2016/17 to 2019/20 (including inflationary pressures)

In summary, the Authority will receive revenue support and business rate contributions of £9.1 million.

This is a reduction of £1.6 million from the grant received in 2016/17, equivalent to 14.9 per cent.

Budget
The Fire Authority has approved a budget of £28.4 million for 2018/19. This is equivalent to a Band D council tax contribution of £68.76, which equates to £1.32 a week.

The Fire Authority will have estimated general reserves of £2.2 million at the end of 2017/18. This is to fund excessive operational costs that might arise.

For more information about your fire service visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk.
### What is the money spent on?

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Peterborough remains one of the fastest growing areas in the country and demand on policing continues to grow. There has been an increase in some crime types such as domestic abuse, violent crime and cyber-crime.

These crimes tend to happen behind closed doors and take a significant amount of time to investigate. At the same time, I know that what people want is increased police visibility.

By increasing the council tax by £1 per month per household (based on a band D property) and by the Chief Constable restructuring how local policing is delivered across the county, we are able to recruit a further 105 warranted officers in 2018.

These officers will be deployed where demand is greatest and this will include additional officers for Peterborough.

I am proud to say we have a skilled and dedicated police force and they will continue to serve the people of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, preventing crime, pursuing offenders and supporting those unfortunate enough to become victims of crime.

Jason Ablewhite
Police and Crime Commissioner
The budget

What the money is spent on?
The total NET budget requirement for 2018/19 is

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To receive regular local policing updates, sign up to the alert system at [www.ecops.org.uk](http://www.ecops.org.uk)

To receive the Commissioner’s monthly newsletter visit [www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/newsletter-signup/](http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/newsletter-signup/)

To contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary visit [www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk)
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In addition the railway station is home to a dedicated Bike Hub. You can safely and securely store your bike in the fully enclosed hub for just £10 annually. It has 24 hour access using a key fob and is CCTV monitored. Pop into the Travel Centre at the station to pick up your fob.

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