

## 2019/20 COUNCIL TAX INCREASE

The overall Council Tax charge that appears on your bill is made up of a number of elements. These include a *Council only* charge, a charge for the *Adult Social Care Precept*, a charge for *South Yorkshire Police* and a charge for *South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority*. Depending where you live, it may also include a charge for Bradfield Parish Council, Ecclesfield Parish Council or Stocksbridge Town Council. Your bill will also show any discounts that you are entitled to, including Council Tax Support.

The Government has allowed us to increase Council Tax in 2019/20 by up to 3%. The way councils have to calculate this increase is complicated, however, we have tried to summarise how we have applied the increase below:

The increase is made up of 2 parts:

1. a) An increase of 2.99% of last year's *Council only part* of the charge and last year's *Adult Social Care precept*.  
b) This increase is added to last year's Council only charge and included in the *Council only part* of this year's bill.

The table below shows how this works for a 2.99% increase on a Band A Property:

	Council only charge 2018/19	£936.06
	ASC 2018/19	£73.22
	<i>Total</i> 2018/19	£1009.28
	<b>2.99% increase of Total</b>	<b>£30.18</b>

This gives a *Council only* charge for 2019/20 of £966.24

2. a) An increase of 0% of last year's *Council only part* of the charge and last year's *Adult Social Care precept*.  
b) This increase is added to last year's ASC precept and the total amount is shown separately on your bill.

The table below shows how this works for a Band A Property:

a)	Council only charge 2017/18	£936.06
	ASC 2017/18	£73.22
	<i>Total</i> 2017/18	£1009.28
	<b>0% increase of Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

This gives an *Adult Social Care precept* charge for 2019/20 of £73.22

3. To show that the council has not increased council tax by more than the 3% allowed by the government the following calculation has to be followed:
- The council only charge for 2019/20 is added to the ACS charge shown on the 2019/20 bill to give a total for 2019/20.
  - The 2018/19 council tax only charge is added to the ASC charge for 2018/19 to give a total for 2018/19.
  - The total for 2018/19 is deducted from the total for 2019/20 to give the increase.

The table below shows how this works for a Band A Property:

a)	Council only charge 2019/20	£966.24
	ASC charge shown on your 2019/20 bill	£73.22
	<b>Total 2019/20</b>	<b>£1,039.46</b>

b)	Council only charge 2018/19	£936.06
	ASC 2018/19	£73.22
	<b>Total 2018/19</b>	<b>£1009.28</b>

c)	Total 2019/20	£1039.46
	minus Total 2018/19	£1009.28
	<b>Increase</b>	<b>£30.18</b>
	<b>% Increase</b>	<b>2.99</b>

4. However, confusingly, our council tax bills do not show the 2.99% increase illustrated above. Instead, they state the '*overall percentage increase this year is 4.1%*'. This is because it has been calculated to include the charges for the Police & Crime Commissioner and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue. This increase is calculated as follows:

- The council tax charge for 2018/19 including charges for Police and Fire is deducted from the council tax charge for 2019/20 including charges for police and fire.

The table below shows how this works for a Band A Property:

a)	Charge 2019/20	£1,217.65
	minus Charge 2018/19	£1,170.06
	<b>Increase</b>	<b>£47.59</b>
	<b>% increase</b>	<b>4.07</b> (rounded to 4.1% on the bill)

NB. The charge for Police, Fire and Rescue is not subject to the 3% cap, neither is the charge set by a parish council if you live in one of those areas.