Your guide to Council Tax 2018/19
Did you know that Hull City Council provides more than **400 different services** to you and your family?

- We provide care and support for more than 7,000 vulnerable adults and more than 5,000 children and their families.
- In 2017, 1.35 million visitors accessed our free Hull museums, the Ferens Art Gallery, and Hull History Centre.
- We maintain more than 448 miles of road.
- We look after 98 play areas and open spaces with 4 Victorian parks.
- In 2016, 5.3 million visitors boosted the economy by £285 million.
- Supporting more than 6,000 Jobs in the tourism industry.
- Together, we recycle more than 55,000 tonnes of waste.
- And much more.
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The changes

3% of the rise in Council Tax this year is a precept* for Adult Social Care and will be spent on supporting vulnerable adults.

1.99% will be used to help balance the Council’s budget for 2018/19

4.99% increase

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*Precept is an additional amount of money added to the overall bill to pay for something specific; such as Humberside Fire and Rescue, Humberside Police and now Adult Social Care.
Funding Adult Social Care

The government agreed to allow local councils to increase council tax by three per cent in 2017 and 2018 to enable them to cover the cost of supporting vulnerable adults.

Hull City Council is currently in the process of reshaping the way it delivers adult social care.

These plans will give service users more freedom and the opportunity. Allowing them to live independently and to access the support they need in a way that suits them. Hull has a higher than average number of people within its adult social care system.

The increase in council tax provided approximately £2.1m in 2017/18 and will provide approximately £2.3m in 2018/19.
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Reduced funding

Council Tax pays for the many valued services that the Council provides for the city. The Council also receives funding from Government and other sources. Hull City Council, along with other councils across the country is having to make some difficult decisions as we are now getting much less money from the Government.

Each year we publicise our annual statement of accounts. This will give you clear information about our finances. We remain committed to balancing the needs of the city and our most vulnerable residents whilst ensuring every pound is spent wisely.

Reduction in Government Funding since 2010

- **2018/19**: This year, the amount of funding received by the Council from Central Government will be £5.3 million less.
- **2010-19**: This means the Council has lost £126 million between 2010 and 2019 and has to regularly look at what it spends money on.
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How the Council is funded

19% of the Council is funded by your Council Tax.

81% of the funding comes from the Government and other sources.
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How we plan to spend your Council Tax

This is how Council Tax is split up to pay for your local services.

- Highways maintenance, transportation and waste services 15.7%
- Care and support of older and vulnerable people 37%
- Capital investment in new and improved facilities and transport infrastructure across the city 8.9%
- Keeping communities safe 4.2%
- Culture and leisure services 3.5%
- Customer services 3%
- The local economy and creating jobs 5.3%
- Improving the lives of children and young people 22.4%
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This is how the Council will spend the 81p a week increase.

Based on a Band A property for 2018/19

- Care and support of older and vulnerable people: 30p
- Keeping communities safe: 3p
- Culture and leisure services: 3p
- Customer services: 3p
- Capital investment in new and improved facilities and transport infrastructure across the city: 7p
- Highways maintenance, transportation and waste services: 13p
- The local economy and creating jobs: 4p
- Improving the lives of children and young people: 18p
- The local economy and creating jobs: 4p
- Highways maintenance, transportation and waste services: 13p
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Making your money go further

As an increasing number of families in Hull are finding it even more difficult to make ends meet, we are here to offer advice and give hints and tips on how to help you make your money go further.

There are ways you can help us, and we can help you:

- Pay your Council Tax by Direct debit
  - 53,000 people in Hull pay by direct debit

- Claim a Single Person Discount if you live alone in your home
  - Call 01482 300 300 to discuss

- For details about council tax exemptions and changes to local discounts
  - Visit www.hull.gov.uk/resident/council-tax

To sign up for any of the above visit www.hull.gov.uk and search for the relevant scheme.

Register for a Council myAccount

Not only can you save time, but you can request a range of services as well as tell us the self service tasks you would like to see online in the future.
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Have your say

We always encourage our residents to tell us what they think about the services we offer and deliver, to what they value the most in the city.

You can do this by –

1. Register to vote
   www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

2. Join the People’s Panel
   www.hullcc.gov.uk/peoplepanel

3. Vote in all elections
   www.hullcc.gov.uk/elections
Further information

For more details about any of the detail in this document you can either search our website www.hull.gov.uk or call 01482 300 300 and speak to one of our advisors. Alternatively you can call into a Customer Service Centre.