

Your Council Tax bill explained 2019

The Adult Social Care precept

Within England, the Police Commissioner and both County and District Councils are only permitted to increase the amount they charge each year by 2.99% or £5.00 whichever is the largest.

For the four financial years starting with 2016/17, the Government has allowed any Council which provides adult social care to increase their charge by an additional amount, limited to 9% over the four years, but the increased amount must be spent on Adult Social Care. The Government has also required that the amounts and increases are shown separately on the bill to the other charges made by the Council.

Within Lincolnshire, Adult Social Care is provided by Lincolnshire County Council.

Between 2016/17 and 2018/19, Lincolnshire County Council increased their share of the Council Tax by 13%. Of this 6% was for Adult Social Care as allowed by the Government. In 2019/20 they have increased the Council Tax by 4.9% with 2% of the increase being for Adult Social Care and 2.95% for other expenditure.

The increases in the County Council Precept are shown below:

Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Band D Amount	£1,085.94	£1,128.83	£1,173.42	£1,231.47	£1,292.40
%ge increase		3.9%	3.9%	4.9%	4.9%
Cash increase		£42.89	£44.59	£58.05	£60.93

The charges include the increase for adult social care.

The regulations dictate that the Adult Social Care element of the precept has to be shown separately on the Council Tax demand notice, showing the cumulative amount collected, plus the percentage increase taken in the year.

So the increases taken for Adult Social Care in the four years are:

	Amount £	Calculation
2016/17	£21.72	2% of £1,085.94
2017/18	£22.58	2% of £1,128.83
2018/19	£23.47	2% of £1,173.42
2019/20	£24.63	2% of £1,231.47
Total	£92.40	

The amount required to be shown on the Council Tax demand for a Band D property for 2018/19 is the cumulative amount of £67.77 and the 2% increase that has resulted in this figure.

The Lincolnshire County Council precepts for a Band D property, therefore show on the bill as:

	2016/17		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20	
	% incr	Amount	% incr	Amount	% incr	Amount	% incr	Amount
Lincolnshire CC	1.9%	£1,107.11	1.9%	£1,129.12	2.9%	£1,163.70	2.9%	£1,200.00
Adult Social Care	2.0%	£21.72	2.0%	£44.30	2.0%	£67.77	2.0%	£92.40
Total (not shown on the bill)	3.9%	£1,128.83	3.9%	£1,173.42	4.9%	£1,231.47	4.9%	£1,292.40

A more detailed explanation from the County Council can be found by [clicking here](#)