

Your 2020/21 Council Tax Bill

This year, South Ribble Council has raised its Council Tax by 1.99%.

This increase is lower than the maximum allowed under current funding restrictions of 2.99%. The increase equates to just **£4.36 extra per year, which is less than 1.2p per day** for a Band D South Ribble property.

72% of our properties are Band C or below so will see a smaller increase.

1. What does South Ribble Borough Council do with your money?

Although we collect your Council Tax, we only keep around 12p in every pound collected.

We hand over the remaining money to Lancashire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and Lancashire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority.

We use our portion of your Council Tax Bill to continue to fund our excellent services which our residents value highly including:

- Refuse Collection Services
- Street sweeping and grounds maintenance Services
- Leisure and sports pitches
- Culture and Related Services
- Planning Services
- Housing Services
- Environmental Health Services

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2. 2020/21 Council Tax figures

Below are the Band D figures for all the preceptors for 2020/21, along with the percentage change when compared to 2019/20.

	2019/20	2020/21	Increase/ Decrease
South Ribble Borough Council	£ 218.88	£ 223.24	1.99%
Lancashire County Council	£ 1,346.59	£ 1,400.32	3.99%
Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire	£ 201.45	£ 211.45	4.97%
Lancashire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	£ 69.48	£ 70.86	1.99%
Sub Total	£ 1,836.40	£ 1,905.87	3.78%
Town & Parish Council Average	£ 11.10	£ 11.98	7.93%
Total	£ 1,847.50	£ 1,917.85	3.81%

Below is also a table detailing all the 2020/21 Banding charges in the various parishes:

Parish or Area	Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Range of Values	Up to & INCLUDING £40,000	£40,001 to £52,000	£52,001 to £68,000	£68,001 to £88,000	£88,001 to £120,000	£120,001 to £160,000	£160,001 to £320,000	More Than £320,001
Proportion of Band D Council Tax	6\9	7\9	8\9	9\9	11\9	13\9	15\9	18\9
Farington	£1,286.45	£1,500.84	£1,715.27	£1,929.66	£2,358.48	£2,787.28	£3,216.11	£3,859.32
Hutton	£1,286.53	£1,500.94	£1,715.37	£1,929.78	£2,358.62	£2,787.46	£3,216.31	£3,859.56
Little Hoole	£1,288.89	£1,503.69	£1,718.52	£1,933.32	£2,362.95	£2,792.57	£3,222.21	£3,866.64
Longton	£1,295.32	£1,511.19	£1,727.09	£1,942.96	£2,374.73	£2,806.49	£3,238.28	£3,885.92
Much Hoole	£1,304.37	£1,521.75	£1,739.16	£1,956.54	£2,391.33	£2,826.11	£3,260.91	£3,913.08
Penwortham	£1,285.61	£1,499.86	£1,714.15	£1,928.40	£2,356.94	£2,785.46	£3,214.01	£3,856.80
Samlesbury & Cuerdale	£1,281.26	£1,494.78	£1,708.34	£1,921.87	£2,348.96	£2,776.03	£3,203.13	£3,843.74
All Other Areas	£1,270.59	£1,482.34	£1,694.12	£1,905.87	£2,329.40	£2,752.92	£3,176.46	£3,811.74

3. Adult Social Care Precept

The Adult Social Care (ASC) precept was introduced by the government in 2016/17 allowing those councils which provide social care to adults to increase their share of council tax.

Adult Social Care services support some of the most vulnerable members of our communities, largely supporting those in old age and adults with disabilities. Due to an ageing population demand on adult services has significantly increased pressure on the council's budget. The extra council tax income raised by the ASC precept therefore helps to reduce this financial pressure.

LCC has increased their share of council tax for the ASC precept each year as follows:

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
% increase	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%
Raising additional income	£7.887m	£8.353m	£13.251m	£4.750m	£9.993m

4. Adult Social Care precept 2016/17 to 2020/21

The ASC precept figure for 2020/21 combines the amounts charged in 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and the increase for 2020/21.

Each property band's amount can be broken down as follows:

	ASC Precept Increase	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
2016/17	2%	£15.06	£17.58	£20.09	£22.60	£27.62	£32.64	£37.66	£45.20
2017/18	2%	£15.66	£18.28	£20.89	£23.50	£28.72	£33.94	£39.16	£47.00
2018/19	3%	£24.45	£28.50	£32.58	£36.65	£44.80	£52.95	£61.10	£73.30
2019/20	1%	£8.63	£10.07	£11.51	£12.95	£15.83	£18.71	£21.58	£25.90
2020/21	2%	£17.95	£20.95	£23.93	£26.93	£32.91	£38.90	£44.88	£53.86
		£81.75	£95.38	£109.00	£122.63	£149.88	£177.13	£204.38	£245.26

The table below shows the total amount of ASC precept compared to the general council tax precept, for each property band, for LCC services in 2020/21:

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
General Precept	£851.80	£993.76	£1,135.73	£1,277.69	£1,561.62	£1,845.55	£2,129.49	£2,555.38
Adult Social Care Precept	£81.75	£95.38	£109.00	£122.63	£149.88	£177.13	£204.38	£245.26
Overall Council Tax	£933.55	£1,089.14	£1,244.73	£1,400.32	£1,711.50	£2,022.68	£2,333.87	£2,800.64

When you receive your council tax bill you will notice the following sentence at the bottom:

'The council tax attributable to Lancashire County Council includes a precept to fund adult social care.'

This is a statutory sentence prescribed by Government legislation and refers to the separate line on your bill relating to the Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care precept. The other line relating to Lancashire County Council does not include the Adult Social Care precept; they are two distinct charges.

Please note: The government has said that the ASC precept must be shown as a separate charge on all council tax bills. The way that we work out this increase and show it on our council tax bills is prescribed by The Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017.

By law any increases on your council tax bill must be shown to the nearest decimal point – which means that the 1.99% general expenditure increase must be shown as 2%.

5. Adult Social Care Charges 2020/21 Explained

For 2020/21, LCC have increased their **overall** council tax charge by 3.99%, 2% to fund Adult Social Care and 1.99% to fund General Expenditure.

To clarify, the Adult Social Care element has increased by 2% or £26.93 on the overall charge (for a Band D property).

This is calculated as follows:

£26.93 (the amount of Adult Social Care increase) divided by £1,346.59 (last year's overall Band D charge) multiplied by 100 (to give a percentage figure).

	2019/20 Charge	2020/21 Charge	Amount increase	Overall % increase
General Expenditure	£1,250.89	£1,277.69	£26.80	1.99%
Adult Social Care	£95.70	£122.63	£26.93	2.00%
Overall Charge	£1,346.59	£1,400.32	£53.73	3.99%

6. Useful contact details

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South Ribble Borough Council and other major precepts

South Ribble Borough Council - <https://www.southribble.gov.uk/content/council-tax-1>

Lancashire County Council - www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/finance/

Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner - www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/our-money/

Lancashire Fire & Rescue Authority - www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/about-us/how-we-are-funded/

Parish Councils

Farington - <http://www.faringtonparishcouncil.co.uk/>

Hutton - <http://www.huttonparishcouncil.co.uk/>

Little Hoole - <http://www.littlehooleparishcouncil.org.uk/Home.html>

Longton - <http://www.longtonparishcouncil.org/>

Much Hoole - <https://www.muchandrewhoolepc.org.uk/>

Penwortham - <http://www.penworthamtowncouncil.gov.uk/>

Salmesbury & Cuerdale - <https://www.samlesbury.org.uk/>