

Your 2019/20 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% which many neighbouring authorities have adopted. The increase equates to just **£4.27 extra per year, which is 8p per day** for a Band D South Ribble property.

71% 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 12.2p 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. Council Tax figures for 2019/20

Below are the Band D figures for all the preceptors for 2019/20, along with the percentage change when compared to 2018/19.

	2018/19	2019/20	Increase/Decrease
South Ribble Borough Council	£214.61	£218.88	1.99%
Lancashire County Council	£1,294.92	£1,346.59	3.99%
Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire	£177.45	£201.45	13.53%
Lancashire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	£67.46	£69.48	2.99%
Sub Total	£1,754.44	£1,836.40	4.67%
Town & Parish Council Average	£10.27	£11.10	8.10%
Total	£1,764.71	£1,847.50	4.69%

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Below is also a table detailing all the 2019/20 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	£1,238.78	£1,445.23	£1,651.71	£1,858.17	£2,271.11	£2,684.02	£3,096.95	£3,716.34
Hutton	£1,240.37	£1,447.08	£1,653.83	£1,860.55	£2,274.02	£2,687.45	£3,100.92	£3,721.10
Little Hoole	£1,242.84	£1,449.96	£1,657.12	£1,864.25	£2,278.54	£2,692.80	£3,107.09	£3,728.50
Longton	£1,249.06	£1,457.22	£1,665.41	£1,873.58	£2,289.94	£2,706.27	£3,122.64	£3,747.16
Much Hoole	£1,232.21	£1,437.56	£1,642.95	£1,848.31	£2,259.06	£2,669.77	£3,080.52	£3,696.62
Penwortham	£1,239.32	£1,445.85	£1,652.42	£1,858.97	£2,272.09	£2,685.17	£3,098.29	£3,717.94
Samlesbury & Cuerdale	£1,234.87	£1,440.67	£1,646.49	£1,852.30	£2,263.93	£2,675.54	£3,087.17	£3,704.60
All Other Areas	£1,224.27	£1,428.30	£1,632.36	£1,836.40	£2,244.50	£2,652.57	£3,060.67	£3,672.80

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 by up to an extra 2%. For the three years from 2017/18 to 2019/20, the government announced that councils would be allowed to increase this by up to 3% in any given year, but no more than 6% in total over those years.

Lancashire County Council (LCC) set its ASC precept at 2% in 2017/18, 3% and 2018/19 and 1% in 2019/20.

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.

4. Adult Social Care precept 2016/17 to 2018/19

- 2016/17 LCC increased their share of Council Tax by 2% for the ASC precept raising an additional income of £7.887 million;
- 2017/18 LCC's share of council tax was increased by a further 2% for the ASC precept raising an additional income of £8.353 million;
- 2018/19 they increased their share of council tax by a further 3% for the ASC precept raising an additional income of £13.251 million;
- The cumulative amount raised by the ASC precept for the years 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 was therefore £29.491 million.

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 2019/20:

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
General Precept	£833.93	£972.91	£1,111.90	£1,250.89	£1,528.87	£1,806.84	£2,084.82	£2,501.78
Adult Social Care Precept	£63.80	£74.43	£85.07	£95.70	£116.97	£138.23	£159.50	£191.40
Overall Council Tax	£897.73	£1,047.34	£1,196.97	£1,346.59	£1,645.84	£1,945.07	£2,244.32	£2,693.18

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

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
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
		£63.80	£74.43	£85.07	£95.70	£101.14	£119.53	£137.92	£165.50

5. Adult Social Care Charges 2019/20 Explained

For 2019/20, LCC have increased their **overall** council tax charge by 3.99%, 1% to fund Adult Social Care and 2.99% to fund General Expenditure.

To clarify, the Adult Social Care element has increased by 1% or £12.95 on the overall charge (for a Band D property).

This is calculated as follows:

£12.95 (the amount of Adult Social Care increase) divided by £1,294.92 (last year's overall Band D charge) multiplied by 100 (to give a percentage figure).

	2018/19 Charge	2019/20 Charge	Amount increase	Overall % increase
General Expenditure	£1,212.17	£1,250.89	£38.72	2.99%
Adult Social Care	£82.75	£95.70	£12.95	1.00%
Overall Charge	£1,294.92	£1,346.59	£51.67	3.99%

6. Useful contact details

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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.muchhoolepc.org.uk/>
Penwortham - <http://www.penworthamtowncouncil.gov.uk/>
Samlesbury & Cuerdale - <https://www.samlesbury.org.uk/>

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/