

# Your council tax

## Dear Sir or Madam

As you have just received your council tax bill, I wanted to explain about the contribution you make to Lancashire County Council and how the funding makes a difference to you and others.

You will see that your bill is broken down into three parts and the Lancashire County Council part is the largest amount. This helps to fund services that many of you will use such as our roads and their maintenance, street lights, schools, waste disposal and recycling, libraries, social care, registrar services plus many more.

Protecting the vulnerable is one of the most important jobs that we do and you will see that we are requesting you to pay a little bit more this year with a 1.99% increase to be used across all services plus a further 2% increase which the Government has allowed councils to direct to social care services. This 3.99% increase means about 90p a week more if you live in a band D property.

Increasing the council tax is not something we want to do, but as the numbers of adults and children relying on our care and the resources to provide that continue to grow, it is something that we have to do. Even with your increased contribution, the financial gap we face in the next few years will be significant.

Despite some big challenges ahead, we will continue to prioritise the most vulnerable people and use our funding to improve the lives of Lancashire residents. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

*Jennifer Mein*

**County Councillor Jennifer Mein**  
Leader of Lancashire County Council



# Our budget plans for 2017/18

	2016/17 Net budget £ million	2017/18 Total spending £ million	Less: 2017/18 Income & grants £ million	2017/18 Net budget £ million
Adult social care	342	557	-188	369
Children's services	118	1,106	-960	146
Community services	140	231	-89	142
Public health and wellbeing	31	111	-86	25
Other services	72	134	-71	63
Capital financing	33	41	-4	37
Use of reserves	-18	0	-57	-57
	<b>718</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>-1,455</b>	<b>725</b>
Less:				
Central government grant	<b>-125</b>			<b>-97</b>
Business rates	<b>-178</b>			<b>-181</b>
Capital receipts	<b>-5</b>			<b>-13</b>
Council tax requirement*	<b>410</b>			<b>434</b>
				8

\*includes the adult social care precept

The council's net budget is the amount funded by central government grant, business rates, capital receipts and council tax. In 2017/18, 60% of the net budget will be met through council tax payments.

## More information

You can call **0300 123 6701**, email [enquiries@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@lancashire.gov.uk), visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk), follow us on twitter [@lancashirecc](https://twitter.com/lancashirecc) or visit our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/lancashirecc](http://www.facebook.com/lancashirecc)

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<b>2016/17 Net budget</b>	<b>718</b>
Increased costs:	
Price	39
Demand	37
Savings	-38
Loss of specific grant	8
Use of reserves	-39
<b>2017/18 Net budget</b>	<b>725</b>

## Your council tax helps to fund services such as:

	2015/16	2016/17
<b>Adult social care</b>		
Home care packages	11,736	12,818
People supported in long term residential or nursing care	5,092	5,030
<b>Children's services</b>		
Children in care	1,691	1,816
<b>Community services</b>		
Potholes repaired	46,121	48,200
Tonnes of waste disposed/processed	290,637	360,676