Dear resident

I realise no one ever looks forward to receiving a bill but by paying our council tax we are funding vital local services, such as street cleansing, care for children and adults, education, libraries and museums, leisure centres and public transport to name but a few. Council tax in the district is the lowest in West Yorkshire but I appreciate it is still a significant part of everyone’s household budget.

Government funding declining for councils
The contribution we all make through council tax has become more important than ever as central government has cut the funding it provides to councils over the last ten years. The Government is asking local taxpayers to shoulder more of the burden for funding local services, which is why the vast majority of councils in the UK are increasing their council tax this year. However even with this increase, the funds raised through council tax still fall well short of the gap left by the declining national Government funding. In the Bradford district we are working hard to protect our services and get the best possible value for us all as taxpayers. This year’s council tax increase of 1.99% plus a social care precept of 2% adds the equivalent of another £1.05 per week for a property in Band D. The funding generated from the social care precept is ringfenced to provide care and support for adults and older people.

The police and fire authorities set their own tax rates, which we then collect for them alongside council tax. That’s why police and fire services also appear on your bill.

Achieving your aspirations for the district
Despite the challenges, we have great ambitions for the place. This has now been recognised nationally with Bradford named by the Sunday Times as one of the top 20 places to do business; Barclays bank named Bradford as the best place in the UK to start a business; and PwC’s recent research concluded that Bradford is the most improved place in the UK to live and work.

We believe that the key investments we are making now in our children and young people, in tackling the climate emergency and in keeping our neighbourhoods clean, will reap long-term dividends for us all. We want a place to be proud of, where everyone has the opportunity to contribute and fulfil their potential.
What is Council Tax?

Council Tax helps to pay for Council services which are used by residents of the Bradford District, such as refuse collection, highways maintenance, child protection, social care and street cleaning. It helps us to pay for services which deliver the Council's priorities. These are:

- Better skills, more good jobs and a growing economy
- Decent homes that people can afford to live in
- A great start and good schools for all our children
- Better health, better lives
- Safe, clean and active communities
- A well-run council, using all our resources to deliver our priorities

All domestic properties, whether they are owned or rented, are usually subject to Council Tax. The amount of Council Tax charged will depend on the valuation band that the property falls into and the circumstances of the property and/or its occupants.

Your Council Tax bill also includes charges (called precepts) which we collect on behalf of West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue and West Yorkshire Police. The council does not set these amounts but collects them as part of your bill. We also collect money on behalf of West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the Environment Agency. Depending on where you live in the District, you may also be required to pay a Parish or Town council precept. This amount is set by your local Parish or Town council and collected by Bradford Council on their behalf.

How much is Council Tax this year?

This year Council Tax for Bradford Council will rise by a total of 3.99% compared to last year’s bill to support council services as a whole. Your Council Tax charge also includes a specific amount to support Adult Social Care, which is displayed separately on your bill.

Government regulations require us to show the total Adult Social Care precept separately from the remaining 2020-21 Council Tax charge attributable to Bradford Council and to display a “core” charge for 2020-21.

In relation to the year beginning in 2020 and any subsequent year, The Secretary of State made an offer to adult social care authorities. (“Adult social care authorities” are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014, namely county councils in England, district councils for an area in England for which there is no county council, London borough councils, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly).

The offer was the option of an adult social care authority being able to charge an additional “precept” on its council tax without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting its expenditure on adult social care from the financial year 2016-17. It was originally made in respect of the financial years up to and including 2019-20. If the Secretary of State chooses to renew this offer in respect of a particular financial year, this is subject to the approval of the House of Commons.

In relation to the financial year beginning in 2020 the Secretary of State has determined (and the House of Commons has approved) a referendum principle of 4% (comprising 2% for expenditure on adult social care and 2% for other expenditure), for adult social care authorities, where they did not accept the offer to bring forward the Adult Social Care Precept into the first two years. These authorities may therefore set Council Tax up to this percentage in 2020 without holding a referendum.

In Bradford the offer was brought forward and so the referendum principle is set at 4.00%
How is the valuation band decided?

The band for each property is set by the Valuation Office Agency (part of Her Majesty’s Revenue & Customs) according to what the value of the property would have been on the open market on 1 April 1991. The valuation band the property falls into is shown on your bill. If you disagree with the band that the property has been given and:

- you have been the Council Tax payer for less than six months
- the property has been demolished or split into separate units
- physical changes in the neighbourhood have reduced the value
- the valuation band of the property has changed in the last six months
- the valuation band of a similar property in your area has been changed in the last six months

You should contact the Valuation Office Agency at www.gov.uk/council-tax-appeals or telephone them on 03000 501501.

Even if you disagree with your band, you must pay your bill as it stands. Should your valuation band be changed at a later date then your bill will be amended and you will be refunded any excess credit.

Discounts and exemptions

Occupied properties

The full Council Tax bill is based on a property being occupied by two or more adults. If you are the only adult resident and you occupy the property as your main residence, you can qualify for a single person discount, which reduces your Council Tax charge by 25%.

Some adults qualify for an exemption or discount, such as full time students or the severely mentally impaired. If all but one adult qualifies for a Council Tax disregard, then the household will qualify for a discount of 25%. If all the adults in a property qualify to be disregarded, then either a 50% discount or a full Council Tax exemption may be granted. You can find out more about this on our website at www.bradford.gov.uk/counciltax.

Disabled Band Reduction

Where a member of the household is disabled (whether an adult or a child) and the property has an extra bathroom, an extra kitchen or other room set aside to accommodate the needs of their disability, or if that person uses a wheelchair indoors, your bill may be reduced. You can find out more at www.bradford.gov.uk/counciltax.

Council Tax Reduction scheme

The Council Tax Reduction scheme helps those people living on a low income to pay their bill. The scheme allows for a maximum reduction of 100% of the net Council Tax bill (after discounts) for persons of pension age. Working age recipients can receive a maximum reduction of 70% of the net Council Tax bill for a band A property.

If you disagree with the band that the property has been given and:

- you have been the Council Tax payer for less than six months
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Special Rules for Annexes

Where an annexe is used by the resident of the other part of the property as part of their home, or is occupied by a relative as their home then an additional 50% discount of the net bill may be applied to that part. An application for this discount is available at www.bradford.gov.uk/counciltax.

Care leavers

From 1st April 2018, young people who were being looked after by Bradford Council at the point they turned 18 and have now left care can be exempt from paying Council Tax up to the age of 21. This exemption applies up to the end of the financial year in which the care leaver reaches the age of 21. Further, care leavers are disregarded for the purpose of assessing the number of adult residents in a property for the calculation of Council Tax. This disregard applies up to the end of the financial year in which the care leaver reaches the age of 25. These exemptions can only be applied from 1st April 2018, any Council Tax owing from an earlier date would still be payable. You can find out further information from your Through Care Key Worker.
Empty Properties

Discounts
Properties that are vacant (unoccupied and unfurnished) and undergoing major repair or structural alteration qualify for a 100% discount for the first month.
A 50% discount applies to unoccupied caravans and houseboats.
A 50% discount may also apply where a person is responsible for two properties where one of those properties is job related.

Premiums
Properties that have been vacant, meaning both unoccupied and unfurnished, for two years or more are subject to an additional 100% premium on the Council Tax charge.
Properties that have been vacant five years or more will be subject to an additional 200% premium.

With effect from 1st April 2021 any properties that have been vacant for ten years or more will be subject to an additional 300% premium.

This measure has been introduced to discourage people from leaving properties unoccupied and unfurnished. You can find out more about how we are tackling empty homes in the district on our website at www.brADFORD.gov.uk/housing

Exceptions to this are:

- where the property is an annexe and the owner of the property occupies the remainder of the property
- where the property is left vacant by someone who is occupying a property provided by the Ministry of Defence.

You can find out more details at www.brADFORD.gov.uk/counciltax.

Appeals

You can appeal if you disagree with Bradford Council’s decision as to whether you should be liable to pay the Council Tax bill or with regard to any decisions that are made in relation to discounts, exemptions, premiums or penalties. You also have a right of appeal if you disagree with the way that any entitlement under the Council Tax Reduction scheme has been calculated.

To make an appeal you must give, in full, your reasons for disagreeing with your Council Tax bill. You can make an appeal online or in writing:

Online: go to www.brADFORD.gov.uk/counciltax > General Council Tax information > Making an appeal.

In writing: send your appeal letter to Council Tax, PO Box 1242, Bradford, BD1 9YN.

Even if you disagree with how your bill has been calculated you must pay your bill as it stands. If your bill is then changed at a later date you will be refunded any excess credit.

What if my household gets a Single Person Discount, Exemption or Disabled Relief and the household circumstances change?

If you know there has been a change which means you will no longer qualify for a discount, relief or exemption you must let us know immediately. You can do this online at www.brADFORD.gov.uk/counciltax, or by writing to:

Council Tax
PO Box 1242
Bradford
BD1 9YN

We have a duty to periodically review discounts for households where only one adult (a person over the age of 18) is resident or where a disabled relief or Council Tax disregard or exemption is being allowed. This would include written requests for information, telephone contact, visits to your home or data matching to check the information that you have provided remains correct.

If you do not respond to such a request or fail to supply accurate information, you could lose your discount. This will increase your bill. You could also face a penalty of £70 and prosecution.

What if I get a Council Tax Reduction and my circumstances change?

If you are getting a benefit or reduction and you have a change in your household’s circumstances, you must tell the Revenues and Benefits Service immediately. For more information on the types of change that need to be notified then visit www.brADFORD.gov.uk/benefits or telephone 01274 432772.

www.brADFORD.gov.uk/counciltax
Help us to combat fraud

The council has always been committed to taking action against those who commit fraud. Public sector fraud is estimated at £21 billion / year with £2.2 billion estimated in local government. This has huge implications for already strained council budgets.

The council’s Corporate Investigations team will make sure any fraud committed against the Council is investigated and appropriate action taken.

Examples of the types of fraud the Unit investigates are:

- Council Tax Discount Fraud – where a person gets a Council Tax Discount that they are not entitled to. For example:
- Getting Single Person Discount where there is more than 1 adult in the household.
- Getting a Student Exemption when at least 1 member of the household is no longer a full time student.
- Using a Blue Badge when the badge holder is not present, using a deceased persons, forged, altered or out of date badge.

- The council’s Corporate Investigations team also works with Public Sector Landlords to investigate and take appropriate action in relation to Tenancy Fraud which includes:
  - tenants letting out their home without their housing association’s permission,
  - getting a home by giving false information
  - moving out of the property without ending their tenancy

- Council Tax Reduction – this depends on the composition of the household. Changes in Circumstances must be reported as soon as possible as entitlement may be reduced.

To report any type of Fraud against the council please call freephone 01274 437511 or visit www.bradford.gov.uk/reportfraud.

To report Housing Benefit fraud please contact the Department for Work and Pensions on 0800 854 440.

You can do this anonymously. Be vigilant – report fraud!

Data protection

The council collects, uses and shares information about you where it is necessary and lawful to do so.

To learn more about out what we collect and how we use and share it, go to www.bradford.gov.uk/open-data/data-protection/revenues-and-benefits-privacy-notice/

How do I pay my bill?

Your annual Council Tax bill will normally be issued with 10 monthly instalments unless you pay by direct debit. You may request that your payment be extended over the additional two months of the year. To do this, you must contact the council before 1 April 2020. For our contact details, look at www.bradford.gov.uk/counciltax or use the address given under the appeals heading above.

The easiest way to pay your bill is by Direct Debit. You can:

- Spread the cost over 10 or 12 months
- Pay on either the 5th, 10th, 15th, or 28th of each month (whichever suits you best)
- No more bill reminders!

To do this, visit www.bradford.gov.uk/directdebit

For other ways to pay see the back of your bill.

Paperless bills

Join an increasing number of households who get their Council Tax bill by email:

- cuts out the clutter – less paperwork for you to store or shred
- available to all, no matter how you pay your bill
- better for the environment
- saves the council money, which can be spent on other essential services

Sign up at www.bradford.gov.uk/paperlessbills
Payment Difficulties

If you have genuine problems making your payments then you should contact us immediately on 01274 437792. Contacting us early means we can do our best to help you. If we do not receive your payment on time and you haven’t contacted us, we have to start recovery proceedings.

If payments remain outstanding you may receive a summons to appear at court and the costs (which can end up being considerable) will be added to your bill.

Parish & Town Councils

Parish and town councils are separate legal bodies, responsible for their own finances. They receive their funding by making an annual charge, called a precept. This means that Council Tax bills for residents who have a parish or town council in their area will include an amount for running them.

However, residents will not receive separate bills as Bradford Council collects the money on their behalf.

The 2020-21 approved Parish and Town council precept payable by local residents is shown in the table below.

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The money raised from precepts will be used to run the parish or town council and to enhance services to local communities. To find out more about your local Parish council, visit www.bradford.gov.uk/parish
Where will the money come from in 2020-21 to pay for Bradford Council services?

In 2020-21 the Council intends to spend £378.1m on the various services that it provides.

There are large elements of the gross budget which are provided by the Government for specific purposes and over which the Council has no control, for example money for schools. The gross budget also includes spending on services that recover their costs by charging customers.

When Councils calculate what money they need to deliver services in the next financial year, they exclude fees and charges and the income over which they have no control. The remaining income is known as the Council’s net budget and this is used as the starting point for working out the budget and Council Tax for the next year.

Bradford Council’s net budget for 2020-21 is £378.1 million. It is funded through income provided by the Government, Council Tax and Business Rates.

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<td><strong>TOTAL COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</strong></td>
<td><strong>197.5</strong></td>
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What did we spend in 2019-20?

The base budget for 2019-120 was £359.9 million.
To this figure provision for the following has been added:
- £28.7m for cost pressures and inflation
- £1.6m for demographic pressures in Adults Services
- £13.6 m to cover demographic pressures in Children’s Services
- £6.5m in respect of the ending of prior years one-off funding provisions

What else has changed for 2020-21?

- We have identified £17.9 million in service and Council-wide savings.
- £6.3m has been removed in respect of net non-recurring investment made in 2019-20
- £8.0m net reduction in other funding grants receivable

This means that the total cost of providing services in 2020-21 is £378.1 million.

Environment Agency

The Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2011


The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood and coastal erosion risk management for 2292 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. Money is spent on the construction of new flood defence schemes, the maintenance of the river system and existing flood defences together with the operation of a flood warning system and management of the risk of coastal erosion. The financial details are:

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<td>Gross Expenditure</td>
<td>£94,611</td>
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<td>Levies Raised</td>
<td>£2,529</td>
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<td>Total Council Tax Base</td>
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The majority of funding for flood defence comes directly from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). However, under the new Partnership Funding rule not all schemes will attract full central funding. To provide local funding for local priorities and contributions for partnership funding the Regional Flood and Coastal Committees recommend through the Environment Agency a local levy.

A change in the gross budgeted expenditure between years reflects the programme of works for both capital and revenue needed by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to which you contribute. The total Local Levy raised by this committee has increased by 2.5%

The total Local Levy raised has increased from £2,529,312 in 2019/2020 to £2,592,545 for 2020/2021.
West Yorkshire Police Council Tax Information 2020-21

Keeping our communities safe and feeling safe

As your Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) I want to continue to put resources into West Yorkshire to increase frontline visible policing to make sure our communities are safe and feel safe.

79% of respondents to my survey on the precept supported the 4.99% increase proposed which equates to no more than an extra £7.26 a year for most households in West Yorkshire.

This will allow PCSO numbers to be maintained, and an overall additional 311 Police Officer recruits as well as Police Staff recruitment in excess of 100. This means key areas of investment can be supported, such as specialist investigators using new digital and forensic techniques to improve criminal justice outcomes for victims and witnesses.

Mark Burns-Williamson OBE
West Yorkshire’s Police and Crime Commissioner

Where the money came from 2020-21

- Government Grant 58.0%
- Precept (Police Council Tax) 22.1%
- Income 19.3%
- Other 0.6%

Budget

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<th>2019-20 £m</th>
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What the money is spent on 2020-21

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<td>Police Officers</td>
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<td>PCSOs 3.6%</td>
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<td>Police staff 22.9%</td>
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<td>Borrowing 0.9%</td>
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<td>Running Costs eg Premises, vehicles, regional working) 23.4%</td>
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The 4.99% increase equates to no more than £7.26 a year for most households in West Yorkshire

79% of those surveyed supported the increase

Mark Burns-Williamson, West Yorkshire’s Police and Crime Commissioner delivering for communities across West Yorkshire by:

- Recruiting more police officers, protecting PCSO numbers and strengthening frontline and neighbourhood policing.
- Improving services for victims and witnesses, including launching the first ever Victims Strategy for West Yorkshire and working with partners to create a new purpose built Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) facility.
- Awarding over £2.96m of recovered Proceeds of Crime money to community groups and organisations working to keep communities safe through my Safer Communities Fund.
- Working to tackle violent crime including successfully securing funding to create a West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit.
- Working with key partners to co-ordinate resources to tackle the priorities in the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan such as road safety, cyber-crime, child sex exploitation and domestic abuse.

- PCSO numbers will be maintained.
- There will be 311 additional Police Officer recruits.
- More than of 100 police staff will be recruited.

Summary: There will be a 4.99% increase to the annual police council tax.

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West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority 2020-21

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (WYFRA) today agreed a minor precept increase of 1.99%. This equates to an increase in council tax of 2.4 pence per week for a Band ‘D’ property.

The Fire Authority has been prudent over a long period of time and is therefore pleased to be able to keep this increase extremely low, whilst still providing a first class fire and rescue service to the people of West Yorkshire.

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) will maintain a balanced budget this year with no reductions to services.

In the coming year, WYFRS has plans to increase investment in its Fire Protection department, which oversees building inspections, legislations and regulation. This will enable greater capacity following recommendations from the Grenfell Inquiry report. There will also be extra funding for more on-call firefighters, allowing the Service to continue to provide a good level of fire cover across West Yorkshire.

Chief Fire Officer for WYFRS John Roberts said: “We were delighted to receive a rating of ‘good’ in all areas of our service from Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS), and this precept rise allows us to continue to provide a high level of service.

“We will be investing in our Fire Protection department and looking to increase the number on-call firefighters to maintain and improve on the ‘good’ level of cover.

“Despite the small precept increase we are still one of the lowest costing fire and rescue services-per-head-of-population in the country, so we hope the people of West Yorkshire agree that they receive good value for money for the service we provide.”

Chair of WYFRA, Councillor Darren O’Donovan added: “Our grant from Central Government has been reduced by around £26m since 2010 so the small precept rise enables us to continue to do some of the things that government do not provide direct funding for.

“This includes responding to things like the increased risk of moorland fires and flooding.

“We are committed to continuing to provide the public of West Yorkshire with the high level of service they currently receive.”

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<td>Income</td>
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West Yorkshire Combined Authority

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority comprises of political leaders from the five West Yorkshire local authorities which are supported by officers. We work in partnership with local councils and businesses to ensure that everyone in our region benefits from a strong, successful economy and a modern, accessible transport network. We work with the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to help businesses in our region grow and become more productive. We also manage and run the Metro-branded network of bus stations, travel centres and public transport information across West Yorkshire. Our funding comes from Government, transport services income and a small amount of council tax.

In 2020-21 we are committed to...

Boosting Productivity by:
- Using our £1 billion Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Growth Deal funding to drive growth and job creation
- Creating 1700 jobs by attracting 30 new investors to the region
- Helping 1000 people to upskill and re-train in skills shortage areas
- Assisting 350 businesses to increase overseas trade

Delivering 21st Century Transport by:
- Delivering £106 million of transport infrastructure projects that include road and rail improvements
- Supporting 20 million passenger bus journeys by subsidising services
- Managing over one million MCard sales and launching a mobile app
- Transforming passenger information and modernising travel centres

Enabling Inclusive Growth by:
- Connecting 44,000 homes and businesses with superfast broadband
- Providing free or discounted public transport to young, older and disabled people
- Engaging 800 businesses with skills initiatives
- Supporting small and medium sized enterprises to create more apprenticeship opportunities

Tackling the Climate Emergency by:
- Making progress towards reaching our 2038 zero-carbon target
- Supporting 150 businesses to reduce energy, waste and water
- Installing 88 electric vehicle charging points
- Delivering eight low carbon projects through the Energy Accelerator

Revenue income and expenditure of West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership

2019-20 Gross Expenditure - £135 million

2020-21 Gross Expenditure - £133 million

Our income comes from a variety of sources, including successful, multi-million pound bids to central Government for funding. The largest portion of our annual revenue income (the income that covers our core running costs) comes from the transport levy, which our partner councils in West Yorkshire collect through Council Tax. This funds discounted travel and subsidised bus services for children, young people, older people and communities. The amount we receive through the transport levy is decreasing by £1 million. To offset this reduction, we are making savings across all our service areas. Small increases in discounted travel and bus station costs have been offset by making savings on subsidised bus services. We are also making savings to take into account unavoidable increases in our running costs due to rising inflation, business rates and energy costs for example. More information is available on our website: westyorks-ca.gov.uk or by calling 0113 251 7222. All information and/or documents will be provided in braille, large type or another language on request.
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