

# Council Tax in Weymouth and Portland 2018/19

## A guide to the 2018/19 Council Tax in Weymouth and Portland

Councillors have agreed Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's budget for 2018/19. The council is forecasting a balanced budget despite continuing financial challenges. Since 2015, the government grant for the council has reduced each year and there will be no government support grant in 2018/19.

For the coming financial year, the council is aiming to balance its budget against savings of £945,000. To do this, the council has agreed a 2% council tax rise. For the national average Band D property this works out as an increase of £5.96 a year.

For the Weymouth and Portland average, which is a Band B property, this works out as an increase of £4.64 a year, bringing the total to £234.17.

The budget has been set based on the council's aims to protect services and deliver further efficiencies. A balanced budget will also leave the council in a position of strength leading into the potential for a new unitary council to be set up in 2019.

## Weymouth and Portland Borough Council's spending plans

Net budget 2017/2018 (£000)	Where the money is spent	Expenditure budget 2018/19 (£000)	Income budget 2018/19 (£000)	Net budget 2018/19 (£000)	Per band B property (£)
2,148	Cultural and related services	3,999	-2,122	1,877	69.53
4,446	Environmental services	5,819	-1,481	4,338	160.7
1,264	Planning and development	1,883	-512	1,371	50.78
-1,041	Highways, roads and transport	2,639	-3,953	-1,314	-48.69
900	Housing services	32,021	-31,700	321	11.88
1,033	Corporate and democratic management (eg audit fees, councillors and committee support, mayoral services, corporate management)	1,972	-621	1,351	50.04
810	Non distributed costs	74	0	74	2.73
1,134	Central services to the public (eg electoral services, Council Tax collection, land charges)	2,638	-874	1,764	65.35
<b>10,694</b>	<b>Cost of providing services</b>	<b>51,045</b>	<b>-41,263</b>	<b>9,782</b>	<b>362.32</b>
0	Trading accounts	0	0	0	0
-2,420	Net capital charges	0	-1,037	-1,037	-38.42
-572	Interest and investment income	0	-728	-728	-26.97
525	Transfer to/from reserves	405	0	405	15
<b>8,227</b>	<b>Budget requirement</b>	<b>51,450</b>	<b>-43,028</b>	<b>8,422</b>	<b>311.93</b>
-203	Government Revenue Support Grant	-	-	0	0
-1,761	Redistributed non-domestic rates	-	-	-1,814	-67.2
-148	Collection fund surplus	-	-	-285	-10.56
<b>6,115</b>	<b>To be met by Council Tax payers</b>	-	-	<b>6,323</b>	<b>234.17</b>

## Budget Changes

This explains significant budget changes that the borough council is managing.

<b>Changes to the base budget</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Council Tax requirement 2017/18	6,115
Price inflation	130
Known commitments	690
Changes in government grants	150
Efficiency savings	-195
Additional income	-203
Contribution to balances	-364
<b>Council Tax requirement 2018/19</b>	<b>6,323</b>