



Your Council Tax bill explained

Breakdown of a typical Council Tax bill for 2018/19

The front of your Council Tax bill shows a list of all the charges included in your total Council Tax. The actual charges will vary depending on which band your property is in, and where you live (your town or parish), but it will look similar to the example below:

Council Tax for Property Valuation Band D

		Percentage change from last year
Central Bedfordshire Council	£1,376.15	1.5%
Central Bedfordshire Council (adult social care)	£109.63	3.0% §
Police and Crime Commissioners	£178.09	7.2%
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service	£95.59	3.0%
Local Parish Council (e.g. Ampthill Town Council)	£191.97	1.9%
Annual Charge for above Property	£1,951.43	4.5%

§ The Council Tax attributable to Central Bedfordshire Council includes a precept to fund adult social care. For the 2018/19 financial year the overall increase for Central Bedfordshire Council is 4.49%, with 3.00% ring-fenced for adult social care and the remaining 1.49% for other services. Full details can be found at: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/counciltax

These two charges both pay for services provided by Central Bedfordshire Council. They are listed separately because some of your Council Tax is 'ringfenced' (kept separate) to fund adult social care (ASC).

The amount which is used to fund adult social care has increased each year since the introduction of a separate ring-fenced ASC charge in 2016. The increase each year is based on the **total** charge for Central Bedfordshire Council, not just the previous year's ASC charge.

In 2018/19, Central Bedfordshire Council have increased your Council Tax by a total of 4.494%, and 3% of this increase is to fund adult social care. This means that we work out 3% of your total charge for 2017/18, and add this to the amount we had already ringfenced to fund ASC from previous years.

For a Band D property, the adult social care charge works out as follows:

Financial Year	Increase for ASC (percent)	Increase for ASC (amount)	Total ringfenced for ASC (amount)
2016/17	2%	+ £26.17	£26.17
2017/18	3%	+ £40.80	£66.97
2018/19	3%	+ £42.66	£109.63

The remaining 1.494% increase helps fund the rest of the services we provide.

These charges are collected by Central Bedfordshire Council on behalf of the organisations shown. We pass your Council Tax on to the police and fire services and your local town or parish council, to fund the services they provide. Each organisation decides its own increases and charges – we do not have any control over how much they charge for their services.