YOUR COUNCIL TAX 2019-20

Malvern Hills District Council

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MALVERN HILLS DISTRICT - PROUD OF OUR PLACE

YOUR **COUNCIL TAX** BILL

During 2019/20 we will spend about £8.2million providing services to you, the majority of which will come from Council Tax and Business Rates rather than the Government.

This is because our government funding is being cut and means we need to save £950,000 by 2024 including £320,000 by the end of March 2020.

To help us protect essential front line services we have increased our share of the Council Tax bill for the average Band D property to £157.60* a year. That's an increase of £5 a year or less than ten pence a week.

The good news is your Council Tax bill still remains amongst the lowest in the country.

The total increase in your Council Tax bill will be higher though as the overall bill is made up of up to five separate parts. As well as us, you also pay Council Tax to Worcestershire County Council, West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service and, if there is one in your area, a town or parish council. You pay different amounts of money to those organisations for the running of a wide range of services.

Each organisation works out how much they need to raise from Council Tax to run their services and can increase their share of the bill which affects the total amount you pay. We're then responsible for sending out bills to households and collecting the money.

Just nine pence in every pound you pay in Council Tax is kept by us, to run everything from rubbish collections to supporting the local economy.

The table on this page shows how an average Band D* Council Tax bill is split between the different organisations:

Worcestershire County Council	£1260.75
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner	£216.66
Malvern Hills District Council	£157.60
Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority	£84.34
Town/parish councils	£71.43

*Figures accurate at time of going to print. Based on a Band D property before special expenses.

A GREAT DEAL FOR YOUR MONEY

Below are just some of the ways we use your money to look after and improve the district*

MADE
1.8 MILLION
RUBBISH AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

MADE A DECISION
ON
630
PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SUPPORTED
A SCHEME TO BRING
SUPERFAST BROADBAND
TO 97% OF HOMES AND BUSINESSES

EMPTIED
MORE THAN
300
LITTER BINS
EVERY WEEK

INVESTIGATED
366
ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES
OF FLY-TIPPING, LITTERING AND DOG FOULING

PREVENTED 102 HOUSEHOLDS FROM BECOMING HOMELESS

£500,000
PLANNED
INVESTMENT
IN PRIORY PARK
PLAY AREA

WON
ONE PLATINUM, SIX GOLDS AND A SILVER
IN THE ANNUAL
LOO OF THE YEAR
AWARDS

SECURED
ALMOST
£1MILLION
fOR NEW OPEN SPACE/ COMMUNITY FACILITIES

HELPED PROVIDE OVER £512,000 WORTH OF FUNDING TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

SUPPORTING
£1M
REVAMP OF
MALVERN TOWN FC

INVESTED
AN EXTRA £15,000 IN
COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

* Figures where stated represent the period from 1 April 2018 to 31 December 2018 and were correct at time of print.

See our annual report later this year at www.malvernhills.gov.uk/annual-report for the full update.

DELIVERING ON **OUR FIVE YEAR PLAN**

Our Five Year Plan is our commitment to you. Launched in 2016 it sets out how we will continue to invest in, develop and improve the district despite the significant financial challenge we face. The plan is based upon three core priorities. They are to build stronger and healthier communities, drive economic growth and prosperity and make the most of the district's superb environment.

Here are just a few of our achievements so far:

Building stronger and healthier communities

- More than 300 affordable homes delivered and 198 empty homes brought back into use
- Developed a homelessness prevention plan
- More people with disabilities, children and young people using our leisure centres

Driving economic prosperity and growth

- Supported more than 305 businesses to grow and directly funded 37 apprenticeship placements
- Surveyed more than 1,200 young people and developed an action plan to support their needs
- Enabled provision of a 5G mast at Malvern Hills Science Park and completed initial testing to support the national trial of the next generation of communication technology

Making the most of our superb environment

- Introduced Alternate Weekly Collections with a significant reduction in household waste and increase in household recycling
- Successfully completed the Great Malvern: Route to the Hills scheme
- Increased visitors to our tourism website and more than 16,000 downloads of the district's walking app

YEAR PLAN

As well as our existing actions we have also made some new commitments for 2019/20 including to:

- Work with community transport providers and Worcestershire County Council to support local bus services and transport needs
- Work with further education colleges and training providers to ensure local business training needs are met
- Address environmental crime
- Work with partners to ensure appropriate mental health and other services are accessed by those in need of homelessness support, particularly those at risk of rough sleeping

You can find out more about our five year plan, and our progress, by visiting **www.malvernhills.gov.uk/five-year-plan**

Worcestershire County Council Budget 2019/20

Council income for 2019/2020

- Council Tax **£266.2m**
- Business Rates **£64.2m**

Total: £330.4m

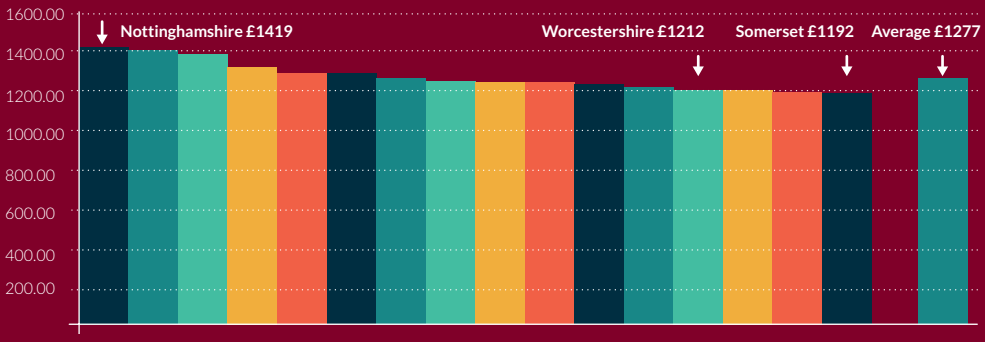
2019/2020 expenditure

- Adult Social Care and Health **£139.0m**
- Supporting vulnerable children, education, libraries, museums and community services **£108.7m**
- Highways, planning, transport and household waste disposal **£55.3m**
- Support services, debt financing and pensions including a withdrawal of £2.2m from the 75% Business Rates Pilot Gain / Reserves **£27.4m**

Total: £330.4m

Worcestershire County Council's Council Tax is less than the average of comparable counties.

2018/19 Council Tax for Counties without Fire



This year the County Council's income is increasing due to Worcestershire's growing economy. Growth in the local economy generates more income from business rates. The building of more homes in the county has led to an increase in council tax revenue.

Supporting vulnerable adults and children accounts for more than 70% of council expenditure with adult social care and health receiving £139m of the council income and support for children and community services getting £108.7m.

£55.3m of the council income will be spent on highways, planning, transport and household waste disposal.

The remaining £27.4m of the expenditure goes onto support services and debt repayment.

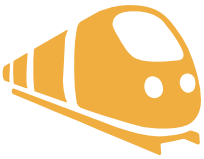
This year's council tax will be increased by 3.99%, with 2.99% to support the general budget and 1% ring-fenced for Adult Social Care. The increase is equivalent to 93p per week extra on a Band D property.

The additional investments in this year's budget include:

- **£14.1m for Adult Social Care**
- **£7.8m for children's social care**
- **£3m to support economic development**

Capital Investments for regeneration and infrastructure

Tackling Congestion **£5m**



Railway Station Upgrades **£5m**

New Employment Sites **£4m**

Walking and Cycling Bridges **£4m**

Members' Highways Fund **£2.5m**

Town Centre Improvements **£2.5m**

Total: £23m

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WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CALENDAR 2019

Green recycling bin / cherry sack | Black waste bin / sack | Christmas collection schedule

JANUARY

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