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Council Tax increase of £5 a year

At its budget meeting on 4 March 2019, East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) agreed to increase its share of Council Tax for 2019-20 which would add £5 per year to an average households' Council Tax bill. This will help protect vital services, keep ENC on a sound financial footing and contribute to the preparation work for the proposed North Northants unitary authority.

The council takes only around 8p in every pound of the total Council Tax collected, with the rest of the money going to Northamptonshire County Council, Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner and town and parish councils. Only 8% of what is collected goes to ENC to run the services for which they are responsible.

Cllr Steven North, Leader of ENC, said:

“East Northamptonshire Council is working hard to deliver good services for residents while keeping them affordable; our district council services cost households less than a cup of coffee per week.

“Through sensible financial planning and improving efficiency of our services and back-office teams, we have managed to avoid making cuts to services that our residents need and value.

“However, the financial climate in which local government operates continues to be challenging and because we want to continue to invest in our communities, we propose a very small increase, which for a Band D property works out over the year at £5; we think that represents good value for money.”

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