

East Dorset District Council agrees its council tax for 2018/19

There will be an increase of around 12 pence per week (£6.34 for the full year) in East Dorset District Council's portion of the council tax for a Band D household for 2018/19.

The increase means a Band D household will pay £218.66 council tax for the district council's portion of the annual council tax bill. The remaining amount is made up of charges for Dorset County Council, the Dorset Police & Crime Panel, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority plus any town or parish charge (which vary according to location).

Cllr Spencer Flower, Leader of the Council, East Dorset District Council, said: "This council has responded well to the financial challenges it has faced. Service delivery has been maintained and we can be proud that a balanced budget has been set each year.

"For some years we have adopted a policy of modest increases in Council Tax year on year. As we await the final decision of the Secretary of State, if the budget we have set for 2018/19 proves to be our final budget for East Dorset District Council I believe we can move forward inspired by the change ahead of us and knowing we have done, and continue to do, the best for the residents of East Dorset."

Councillors voted 26 for, 0 against and one abstention in favour of the increase.

The total annual charge for a Band D household in East Dorset will be £1,904.28, plus any town or parish charge. Aside from the £218.66 district council precept, the council tax bill is made up of £1406.34 towards Dorset County Council services, £206.58 to Dorset Police and £72.70 to Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority.